

**Site Inspection report of the Conservator of Forests, Central Forest Circle, Manipur for the project proposal for diversion of 38.081 ha of forest land in Nongmaiching Reserved Forest for construction of Manipur University of Culture.**

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I, along with the Divisional Forest Officer, Central Forest Division & the Range Forest Officer, Nongmaiching Range had inspected the proposed site for construction of Manipur University of Culture inside the Nongmaiching Reserved Forest on the **1<sup>st</sup> November 2018**. The proposed site of 38.01 Ha is located in Compartment No. 16 of Iril Block inside the Nongmaiching Reserve Forest under Nongmaiching Range.

The Forest type of the proposed area is Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests which is classified as Eco-class 1 in the order dated 28/3/2008 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, passed in the WP (C) No. 202/1995. The main species occurring in the forest area are *Quercus delbata*, *Pinus khasiana* etc. Most of the trees growing inside the proposed site are of post and pole size in 10-30 cm girth class. The average density of the vegetation in the proposed area is about 50%. The area has very gentle to moderate slope with adequate vegetative cover and not prone to erosion.

The site does not form part of any protected area i.e. National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Conservation Reserve and Community Reserve. The nearest protected area, viz, Keibul Lamjao National Park is at an aerial distance of about 32.5 Km from the proposed diversion area. Barking deer, Indian rock python etc. are reported from the area. There is no protected archeological heritage site, defence establishment or any important monument in the area.

As on the date of site inspection, the User Agency has not violated any provision of the FCA, 1980.

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