

ANNEXURE-V

Site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forest. (Col 11, Part II, Form-A, FCA, 1980)

The portion of forest land under Central Forest Division that would be affected by the proposed "Widening and Improvement of existing Yangangpokpi-Nagaland border road section of NH-202 into 2-laning with paved shoulders in EPC mode in the state of Manipur" was inspected by the Divisional Forest Officer/Deputy Conservator of Forests, Central Forest Division on 7th August, 2019. The proposed alignment of road is not in consonance with the existing road which separates the Yaingangpokpi RF and the Khamelok Gwaltabi RF. The new alignment, as proposed by the user agency and which appears to be scientific and justifiable, falls within a small part of Compartment No 1 of the Yaingangpokpi Reserve Forest and mostly within Compartment No. 10 and 11 of the Khamelok Gwaltabi Reserved Forest. The proposed road widening would affect forest area of about 12.6907 ha.

The forests area proposed for diversion had shrubs/under growths covering the forest floor with fewer number of tree species growing sparsely. Most of the tree species growing along the proposed right of way of the road fall within the diameter class of 40-60 cm and density ranges from 5 to 10%. The forests under consideration for diversion belong to the Tropical Moist-Deciduous type which has been classified as Eco-Class-I as per Order dated 28.03.2018 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (C) No. 202/1995. Species encountered during the site inspection include *Gmelina arborea*, *Albizia lebbeck*, *Pinus kesiya*, *Quercus sp.*, *Ficus cunia*, *Schima wallichii* etc.

The proposed road widening is not likely to displace any legitimate village settlement.

No protected archaeological/heritage site or other defence establishment or any other important monuments were found in the area to be diverted.

There were no sign of commencement of work in the area on the day of inspection and so the provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 are not violated.

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