Site Inspection Report of Divisional Forest Officer, Nagaon South Division, Hojai:

Dated: - 23/03/2020

1. <u>Clarification the date of inspection report:</u>

(For proposed Drinking water supply Scheme)

A Proposal (Proposal No. FP/AS/WATER/41419/2019) has been received for Diversion of forest land 0.31 Hect. for non-forestry purpose under FC Act. The proposal has been received from the Executive Engineer (PHE), Hojai Division, Hojai by the Nagaon South Division, Hojai. The area was jointly verified with the officer of PHE Department, Hojai, on 23/03/2020 and found that, the proposed 0.31 Hect. forest land is required by the User Agency for laying raw water pumping main upto the length of the pipe line is 6083 mtrs. passing inside Lumding RF. The total length of the pipe lines inside RF area is 6.8 KM (area covered for the purpose is 6.8 x 1000 x 0.45 ÷ 10000 = 0.31 Hect. approx..). Since the area is elephant movement area therefore pipe line should be lay out underground.

Necessary of PHE scheme is highly essential for local society. Moreover, no tree is to be felled for laying out drinking water supply pipe line (underground) passing through the Lumding RF.

Specific recommendation for acceptance of the Proposal:

The construction of Drinking water Scheme is a Govt. of Assam project having public interest. It will improve drinking water system without causing major damage to the forest land, provided mitigated measures are implemented by the user agency for forest and environment as per guideline. Therefore, the permission for diversion of forest land is recommended for the aforesaid purpose.

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