

#### PART - IV

(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department).

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.

(While giving opinion the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

The diversion proposal concerns an area of 0.12 Ha which falls under the Upper Shillong Protected Forest in Compartment NO. 8. Diversion of forest land is sought by the applicant for construction of counseling centre by the Secretary of Church of God at 4<sup>th</sup> Mile upper Shillong. The Conservator of forest is of the opinion that diversion of forest land in the instant case may be declined since the request of similar applicants for construction of facilities for public purpose on forest land have been declined earlier in so far as Protected Forests of Shillong are concerned. The reason cited by the Conservator for such refusal is that diversions of this nature would encourage others, apart from encouraging earlier rejected applicants to demand diversion of forest land which would eventually lead to shrinking of the Protected Forests in Shillong which act as green lungs and Catchment in the City. The undersigned is also of a similar view in the interest of protection of the Protected Forests within the city. Loss of forest cover may also lead to soil erosion and possible landslides since Shillong city comprises mostly of undulating terrain. Therefore, the undersigned concurs with the view of the Conservator.

In the instant case, the diversion of forest land is **not recommended**.

Date : 29th August, 2018.

Place : Shillong.



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