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.

The existing National Highway from Imphal-Kohima is the most important lifeline for the State. However, the road was small and the road remains in a deplorable condition though it was blacktopped recently. The smallness of the road width and sharp bents restricts vehicular traffic and often roads are blocked due to vehicular breakdowns. The road needs widening/expansion and without which the perpetual poor road communication cannot be improved. Therefore, in the interest of the state this important lifeline need widening/expansion. Forest clearance at an early date is essential since the pre-monsoon rains starts by April month itself and works are likely to be hampered. This is in public interest and it is recommended.

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