Item No. 6.

Opinion of the Elivisional Forest Officer In Charge of the NP/ WLS:

The project area for improvement/ up-gradation of existing Hukanjuri-Khonsa Road 0.00 km to 10.611 km to HN Double lane specification by PWD (Highway), Arunachal Pradesh is not a part of any National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary but falls in elephant bearing/corridor area. There is no such report of sighting of any endangered, threatened wild animal in the said area. The implementation of the project will not have any significant impact on the wildlife and eco-system of the area.

The project is having strategic importance from defence point of view as well as the project will provide better land transport connectivity to the boarding area of Arunachal Pradesh with rest of the country part. Since, the alignment is the best viable option and feasible, the SBWL and NBWL may like to consider the proposal for Wildlife clearance. Any alternate alignment to this road will have more adverse effect.

Therefore, the proposed double laning may be allowed subject to fulfillment of wildlife mitigation and animal passage plan.