

Site Inspection report of the Conservator of Forests, Central Forest Circle, Manipur for the project proposal for diversion of 12.9746 ha of forest land for construction of Imphal Ring Road by the Public Works Department, Manipur.

1. Inspected the proposed sites for the construction of Imphal Ring Road by the Public Works Department, Manipur with the DFO, Central on 6th March, 2022 and 7th May 2022. The alignment of the Ring Road has been revised to reduce reserved forest land to be affected at the barest minimum. The proposal requires diversion of 12.9746 hectare forest land at Heingang RF (2.5369 ha), Langol RF (8.0524 ha), Langjing Hill Unclassed Forests (0.7440 ha) and Heibokching Unclassed Forests (1.6413 ha) all under the Central Forest Division.
2. The Forest type of the proposed area is Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests which is classified as Eco-class 1 in the order dated 28/3/2008 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, passed in the WP (C) No. 202/1995. Most of the trees growing inside the proposed site are of post and pole size. The average density of the vegetation in the proposed area is about 45%.
3. The site does not form part of any protected area i.e. National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Conservation Reserve and Community Reserve. The nearest protected area, viz, Keibul Lamjao National Park is at an aerial distance of about 40.00 Km from the proposed diversion area. No rare and endangered species are reported from the area. There is no protected archeological heritage site, defence establishment or any important monument in the area.
4. The proposed forest area of 14.9361 hectare is unavoidable and barest minimum.
5. User Agency has not violated the provisions of the FCA, 1980 and other relevant Acts as on the date of inspection.

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