

Site Inspection report of the Conservator of Forests, Northern Forest Circle, Manipur for the project proposal for diversion of 0.37 ha of forest land at Mongjam in Hararou Protected Forest under Kangpokpi Forest Division for removal of blind corner of straightening of approach road

I, along with the Divisional Forest Officer, Kangpokpi Forest Division had inspected the proposed site for for removal of blind corner and straightening of approach road at Mongjam passing through Hararou Protected Forest on the 1st August, 2021.

The proposed area falls in Compartment No.5 of Sadang Block of Hararou Protected Forest. The Forest type is Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests which is classified as Eco-class-VI as per Order dated 28/3/2008 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, passed in the WP (C) No. 202/1995. The main species occurring in the forest area are Quercus spp, Zanthoxylum myriacanthum, Litsea poynta etc with an average density of 60%.

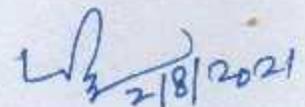
The area is hilly terrain with moderate slope and therefore, exposed surface after removal of the blind corner for straightening of the approach road shall be prone to land slip. Protection measures such as protection/retaining wall shall be required to be constructed to check land slips during rainy season.

The requirement of forest land is barest minimum and unavoidable. As the proposed improvement of the road is at the southern fringe of the protected forest, movement of wild animals will not be restricted.

The site does not form part of any protected area i.e. National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Conservation Reserve and Community Reserve and does not fall within Eco-sensitive zone. The nearest protected area namely Bunning Wildlife Sanctuary in Tamenglong District is at an aerial distance of 38 Km from the proposed diversion area. No Schedule-I animal has been reported from the area. There is no protected archeological heritage site, defence establishment or any important monument in the area.

The User Agency has not violated provisions of FCA, 1980.

Imphal, the 2nd August 2021



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