

Site Inspection Report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests (Col II, Pat II, Form-A, FCA, 1980)

The forest land of an area 48.288 ha under Tengnoupal Forest Division that would be affected by the proposed Widening and improvement of main alignment of NH 39 (Imphal - Moreh) of 29.516 km from Khongkhang to Moreh was inspected by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tengnoupal Forest Division on 5th December 2018. The widening and improvement of the Highway would pass through villages such as Khongkhang, Lokchao, Khudengthabi, T.M. Zomunnum, K. Zalenmol, H. Mongjang, L. Phaimol, Jangnomphai, New Mongjang, Chikim.

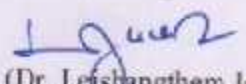
The forest area to be diverted by the project is as follows:

Sl No.	Alignment	Class	Length of alignment (km)	Area in Ha
1.	Khongkhang to Moreh	Khongkhang to Lokchao (ESZ)	8.450	14.188
		Lokchao to Khudengthabi (1/2) (ESZ)	7.628	8.8165
		Lokchao to Khudengthabi (1/2) (YLWLS)	7.628	8.8165
		Khudengthabi to Moreh (YLWLS)	13.438	16.467
	Total		29.516	48.288

Most of the forest areas are covered with heavy growths of coppices and other shrubs. Trees attaining exploitable sizes for timber are considerably less with sizeable number of plants belonging to the girth class of 30-60 cm. The forest under consideration for diversion belongs to the Tropical Forests. Since the project is for widening and improvement of existing road and of a new construction of road, cutting of trees/ plants might be minimal.

No Protected archaeological/ heritage site or other defence establishment or any other important monuments were not found in the area to be diverted.

There is no sign of commencement of work in the area on the day of inspection and so the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are not involved.


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