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. (While giving opinion the adverse comments made by the concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

The proposal pertains to diversion of forest land for an area of 0.2 ha. of protected forest at Upper Shillong, for the purpose of Skill Development and Capacity Buildling of Traditional Healers in Meghalaya. The instant project would necessitate felling of 55 nos. of trees, 4 nos of which having girth below 60 cm and 51 nos. with girth above 60 cm.

Perused the views of the Conservator of Forests (Khasi & Jaintia Hills) Territorial in Part-III. The diversion of forest land is required for setting up of the Bio resources Development Centre for the purpose of conserving and promoting the traditional practices in the State. Further, the proposed Common Facilitating Centre (CFC) will also serve as the training centre for apprenticeship programmes and facilitating branding of herbal medicines / products in the centre. However, the number of trees to be removed shall be kept at barest minimum during the execution of the project.

Hence, the proposal is recommended

Date: 17.05.2022 Place: Shillong,

B. K. Lyngwa, IFS)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF Meghalaya, Shillong.