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To

The Divisional Forest Officer (Central)
Mantripukhri, Manipur

Subject: - Inquiry against Md. Gafar s/o. Late Md. Amu, Special Contractor, and his younger brother Md. Nasir also special contractor for their illegal encroachment by excavating and removing soft soil from the Heingang Reserved Forest.

Sir,

The state Government specially concerning Forest Department already knows the significance and importance of the Hanjing (Hanjing Ching) which has been now situated within the range of Heingang Reserved Forest under the D.F.O. Mantripukhri Circle, Imphal East. The place was known for performing the first ceremonial crown of Nongda Lairen Pakhangba and He ruled over at Heingang as the first capital (palace) or Kangla within the period from 33 A.D to 154 A.D. It has also popularly known old Kangla, the historical heritage site of native Meiteis and there have been at least nine Holy Places within the premises of Hanjing being the absolute properties of indigenous faiths of this state.

In the said historical Holy Sites of Hanjing the two Muslim brothers of Kairang Muslim Village namely **Md. Gafar**, aged about 72 years S/o. late Md. Amu and his brother **Md. Nasir** aged about 68 years, both are special contractors excavated/removed top soil by uprooting trees from Hanjing at the Holy site of Ema Laisna khubham by using their own bulldozer, excavator, JCB and loaded carrier vehicle and the same unloaded at their contract work sites, at their home and their brickfield. The said earth excavation activity has been carried out for the last two/three weeks at the heritage site of Hanjing.

It is submitted that some other organizations had made so many writings complain and verbally meeting in the earlier for removing stacking or heaping combustible articles like straw at the foothill. It also made serious complain to

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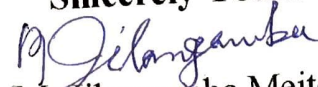
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stop the new construction of Madrasa near Forest Beat Office, at Hanjing but your staffers are reluctant and always trying to avoid from discharging their duties or even visiting at the spot. Your office or staff never tried to arrest any culprit even you have full knowledge or identified person/persons who actually involved in the event of wild fire, extracting soft soil, poaching and hunting, uprooting and felling trees from this Holy place of Hanjing.

It further, stated that one of cultural organization of Manipur which was formed apex body called **Hanjing Marjingkol Pakhangba Laisana Kanba Lup (HAMPAK LAIKAN LUP)** had been engaged your office many times in the earlier since the happening desecration and dismantling throne of the Lord Nongda Lairen Pakhangba inside the Temple of Hanjing on 9th May, 2009. The **Apex body HAMPAK LAIKAN LUP** made pursuing many times to your authority and Government of Manipur by submitting various memorandum, representation along with oral submission and suggestions regarding protection, prevention and preservation of the said Holy Sites at Hanjing as the said historical heritage place has been under the custody of Reserved Forest. However, no authority concerned has been paid heed for arrest or taking appropriate action even furnishing name/names of the culprit/culprits. Now, the culprits are not scared of any authority's action or arrest on their open act illegally and encroached thereupon.

You are therefore, requested that the matter is very much serious and you and yours staff have to discharge full duty immediate enquiry against the above contractors so as to enable taking action as per law and in the mean time your department should not giving any clearance for any development in the said Holy heritage site as the said place has become very much important for indigenous faiths of Manipur.

Sincerely Yours


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