SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF DFO CHAMPHAI FOR THE MONTH JUNE, 2022

Date of Inspection	Observation and directions
13.6.2022	I was accompanied by RO Ngopa, Shri Sreekanth Reddy (Project Manager, BR Goyal Company), Thirumalesh (Deputy Project Manager), DD Bhutt (Team Leader), Mohd Arif Ahmed (Resident Engineer) and Kenny (PRO). It was observed that Tuivai Riverine Reserve Forest (RRF) area was not included in the proposal for forest clearance and extent of forest land is also not assessed. As stated by them, the construction company i.e BR Goyal Infrastructure is unaware that the land from Tuivai river up to 800 metres towards Khawkawn is falling under notified forest. Road widening had been initiated at some points and spoils are also dumped inside forest land.
	The Team also inspected Government plantation situated between N.E Khawdungsei and Khawkawn where road widening had been commenced and formation cutting almost completed. Mucks were also disposed off in the plantation area. All the trees in the road alignment had been felled and removed.
	We also inspected how mucks are dumped. Sites for disposal of mucks were identified by District Administration, Saitual District and Village Council concerned.
	The other side of Tuivai River is Manipur. Tuivai bridge is to be constructed by the Company presently developing roads on Manipur side. It is found that they will also require forest clearance to use Tuivai RRF area on Mizoram side.
	Based on field observations, the following directions were given: 1) No Non-forest activity should be continued on forest land 2) Forest clearance proposal must be modified so as to include Tuivai RRF area in the total land proposed for diversion 3) No more dumping of soils on forest land is allowed. To arrest further movement of spoils already dumped in RRF areas and plantation areas,
	vegetative cover must be provided immediately and mechanical structures such as gabion wall must be provided. In all other mucks deposal sites also, further siltation and pollution of rivers should be checked by agronomic and engineering measures where there are risk of pollution and siltation in the down stream.
	 4) The user agency must compensate the loss of trees and other vegetations destroyed in the plantation areas and make payment for compensatory planting of ten times the number of trees damaged. 5) NHIDCL, BR Goyal Construction Company and department Officials may,
	as earliest possible carry out join survey in Tuivai RRF area to assess the area of forest land area required for diversion and to enumerate the number of trees required to be felled.
	6) RO has to collect detail address of the company selected to construct bridge over River Tuivawl.

24.6.2022

I was accompanied by RO Kawlkulh, Ravi Prakash Rawat (Engineer) and Dharm Datt Phatt (Team leader & Authority Engineer) and Gungeet Das, DPM (M/S Dhariwal Construction Pvt. Ltd). We visited Tuivawl RRF area falling on the alignment of NH-102B. It was found that no work has been carried out so far inside Tuivawl RRF of Champhai Forest Division. Project Officials and Range Officer concerned were requested to complete tree enumeration and assessment of forest land required for diversion inside Tuivawl RRF at the earliest. It was also clarified that the original proposal submitted by NHIDCL needs to be modified to add Tuivawl RFF area in the proposal.

As the road alignment is also passing through road side and other plantations raised by Saichal, Hliappui and Pawlrang VFDCs, we also visited the plantation sites in presence of VFDC representatives. NHIDCL Officials were informed to make funds available for compensatory planting by VFDCs in lieu of plantations to be destroyed by widening and improvement of road.

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- 5) Shri Gungeet Das, DPM M/S Dhariwal Construction Pvt. Ltd. for information.
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