

Recommendation of the Divisional Forest Officer/Wildlife Division, Manipur

Name of the Project : Construction of Moreh Bypass from NH-102 near Indo- Myanmar Border to Land Custom Port of India to Bypass Moreh Town, Manipur (Area : 6.552 ha.)

1. The Proposed Project is a public utility service for transportation of the public commuter. The Project will be able to provide some leeway to the already congested transport system of the rapidly developing Moreh Town of Manipur. The Project will provide improvement to the existing transport system of the Area and will provide overall improvement in the standard of living of the people.
2. The construction of Moreh Bypass will not be possible without crossing Yangoupokpi Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary. As there are already human habitations in the area and also an existing road, taking up of the Project Work will not add more disturbance to the Sanctuary.
3. There is no better alternative alignment for the proposed Bypass and the 6.552 ha of land to be affected is unavoidable and is the barest minimum.
4. If the mitigation measures proposed are taken up, the negative impact on Wildlife and the Habitat of the Sanctuary can be reduced to a minimum level.
5. Hence, the diversion of 6.552 Ha of Forest Land inside Yangoupokpi Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary is recommended with the following conditions:
 - i) Compensatory Afforestation of 14 ha. is proposed at K. Zalenmuol Village which is the nearest available place suitable for the CA works inside the Sanctuary.
 - ii) To mitigate Project impacts, an impact Assessment and Wildlife Action Plan is proposed at a cost of of Rs. 59.48 lakhs (@2% of the Project Cost) in addition to the Compensatory Afforestation.
 - iii) A list of species to be planted is enclosed along with other necessary attachments.
 - iv) Departmental extraction of timber and short transportation of the felled trees to be funded by the User Agency is also enclosed. The felled trees shall be disposed of by the User Agency in consultation with the State Forest Department and in the manner provided u/s 29 of the Wildlife(Protection) Act,1972.
 - v) Net Present Value for diversion of the 6.552 ha of the Forest Land for construction of the Bypass is also worked out for payment by the User Agency.
 - vi) User Agency shall not take up any activity in contravention of the Wildlife(Protection) Act,1972 and the rules made therein.
 - vii) Heavy machines and explosives shall not be used except under unavoidable circumstances and with the prior permission of the State Forest Department.
 - VIII) The User Agency shall pay the amount of NPV, CA, Impact Mitigation and Wildlife Action Plan, Extraction Cost of Timber and firewood.

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