

RECOMMENDATION

The project, “**widening and upgradation of NH-54 to 2-Lane with paved shoulder and geometric improvements from Km 8.00 to Km 380.00 in the State of Mizoram (JICA funded), Km 250.00 to Km 380.00 (Package 3)**” passes through portions of forest lands here and there along the existing highway under Lai Autonomous District Council in Lawngtlai District and Mara Autonomous District Council in Saiha District. The road is the lifeline for the people of Lawngtlai and Saiha districts as it is the only highway that links the two district with other districts of the State. The project includes widening of the existing road of single lane to 2-lane NH standard.

There is no better and alternative option to connect the two districts with Lunglei, Serchhip and Aizawl districts other than the existing road which requires widening and upgradadction.

Out of the total road length of 130 Km in package 3 (Lawngtlai and Saiha Districts) of the project, only 11.18 Ha of forest land is to be diverted under Lawngtlai and Saiha districts. There is no rare and endangered species of fauna, no archaeological/ heritage site, defence establishment or important monument in the area proposed to be diverted.

Hence, in view of the above and after carrying out the site inspection, the project is recommended for approval by the competent authority.



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