

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).

This project involves diversion of 27.606 Ha of Baghmara Reserve Forest Land for up-gradation to 2-lane of State Highway (SH-04) stretch from Panda to Baghmara (from Existing km 119.800 to 139.00) under SARDP-NE Phase "A" in the State of Meghalaya. The proposed project is important to the State as it improves the connectivity leading towards overall socio-economic development in the state. In addition, this project is important in terms of national security as this road traverse the international border areas there by benefiting the armed forces who are guarding the border.

However, the project involves diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose in the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Balpakram National Park as per the reports of DFO in Form A Part II Point 8. In this regard, the proposal is **recommended subject** to fulfilment of mitigative measures like construction of over paths / elephant crossing points as directed by Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wild Life) in a separate letter to the User Agency.

Date: 11/05/2021

Place: Shillong

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