

Site Inspection report of the Conservator of Forests, Northern Forest Circle, Manipur for the project proposal for diversion of 31.489 ha of forest land for widening and improvement of Akhegwo-Jessami Road Section of NH-202 (Package-II) into two laning of existing Km 326.018 (Akash Bridge) to Km 340.843 (Jessami) under Ukhrul Forest Division by NHIDCL

I, along with the Divisional Forest Officer, Ukhrul Forest Division has inspected the proposed site for for diversion of 31.489 ha of forest land (including 5.932 Ha for muck disposal) in Ukhrul Forest Division for widening and improvement of Akhegwo-Jessami Road Section of NH-202 (Package-II) into two laning of existing Km 326.018 (Akash Bridge) to Km 340.843 (Jessami) under Ukhrul Forest Division by NHIDCL on the **5th February 2022**.

The proposed area is Unclassed Forest and falls in Comp. No. 8, 9, 10 and 14 of Jessami Block, Ukhrul Forest Division. Forest type is Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests which is classified as Eco-class-I as per Order dated 28/3/2008 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, passed in the WP (C) No. 202/1995. The main species occurring in the forest area are Quercus species, Castanopsis spp, Gmelina arborea, Alnus nepalensis, Schima wallichii, bamboo etc with an average density of about 40%. The proposed alignment is hilly terrain prone to soil erosion. Protection measures such as protection/retaining wall and soil and moisture conservation works shall be required at vulnerable points to avoid land slips during rainy season.

The site does not form part of any Protected Area. The nearest protected area, viz, Shiroi National Park is at an aerial average distance of about 50.00 Km from the nearest point of the proposed diversion area. No rare or Schedule-I species is reported from the area. There is no protected archeological heritage site, defence establishment or any important monument in the area.

The User Agency has not violated provisions of FCA, 1980 as on the date of inspection of the site.

Imphal, the 14th February 2022



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