SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF D.F.O CHAMPHAI

The undersigned inspected the forest land of 6.7289 Ha. proposed for diversion for widening and improvement of Seling – Dulte (NH-6 road) falling within Champhai Forest Division on 11.1.2021.Brief site inspection report is as follows:

1. Rare/endangered /Unique species of flora and fauna are not found

2. There is no protected archaeological/Heritage site/Defence establishment or any other important monument located in the area

3. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project

4. There is work in violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 in small area as road widening work has been initiated. Even before a joint site inspection was conducted, it was observed that violation of the Act has taken place and NHIDCL officials had been requested not to continue any non-forest activity on forest/forest land unless formal approval of competent authority is accorded under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide letter No. D.11012/1/2008-FDC/399 dt. 18.11.2020.

The forest is tropical deciduous forest falling under eco class-I with native trees, herbs, shrubs and bamboos. As a whole, it may be taken as open forest.

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Divisional Forest Officer Champhai Forest Division Champhai: Mizoram

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF DFO CHAMPHAI FOR 24.06.2022

I was accompanied by RO Kawlkulh, Shri PV Rama Kumar General Manager, Anusha Project (P) Ltd. and representatives of Dulte Village Forest Development Committee. The team visited road side and other plantation areas raised by VFDC and later damaged by the road widening project of NHIDCL.

It was found that formation cutting had been almost completed inside RRF area. We also inspected how mucks are dumped inside Tuivawl Riverine Reserve Forest. Spoils are dumped in forest areas and immediate action is required to prevent further pollution, siltation and disturbances of natural ecosystems. There is a newly constructed approach road and dumping site on the bank of River Tuivawl. Dumping of excavated earth had been done by the construction company. When enquired, it was said that pu Tlangdingliana s/o PC Rothuama of Dulte Village claims ownership of the land and mutual agreement was made between him and the Anusha Project (P) Ltd to use the land for muck dumping. The forest is tropical deciduous forest falling under eco class-I with native trees, herbs, shrubs and bamboos. As a whole, it may be taken as open forest for which amount payable by the user agency towards net present value of forest as prescribed by the Ministry is Rs. 11,16,900/- per hectare. Thus total amount of NPV payable by the user agency for an area of 6.7289 hectare is Rs. 75,15,508/-

Based on field observations, the following directions were given:

- 1) No non-forest activity should be continued on forest land
- 2) 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 downstream.
- 3) The NHIDCL must compensate the loss of trees and other vegetations destroyed in the plantation areas and make payment for compensatory planting as already intimated by DFO Champhai in writing.
- 4) Damage of the access to the VFDC plantation may be repaired by NHIDCL in consultation with Dulte VFDC
- 5) Illegal dumping site on Tuivawl bank must be abandoned at once and approach must be blocked. Show Cause Notice must be served to Tlangdingliana s/o PC Rothuama of Dulte for his illegal activities.

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Champhai : Mizoram
Dated Champhai,the 1st July,2022

Memo No.D.11012/1/2008-FDC/

Copy to :-

- 1) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Mizoram for favour of information.
- 2) Conservator of Forest, Central Circle, Aizawl for favour of information
- 3) The General Manager (Projects), National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd, PMU-Seling, Mizoram. Email- pmu.seling@nhidcl.com.
- 4) Shri PV Rama Kumar, General Manager, Anusha Project (P) Ltd.
- 5) Range Officer, Kawlkulh for information and monitoring of all activities.

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