Site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forest. (Col 11, Part II, Form-A, FCA, 1980)

The portion of forest land under Jiribam Forest Division that would be affected by the proposed Widening and Improvement of package-VII of Imphal Jiribam Road section of NH-37 was inspected by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Jiribam Forest Division on 28th March, 2022. The construction would affect forest area of about 95.128 ha and tree felling may be involved. However, clear felling of coppice and other shrubby growths on the right of way might be required.

Most of the forests areas are covered with heavy growths of coppices and other shrubs. There are trees in the proposed diversion site that have attained the exploitable diameter as per the working plan in practice. The coppice, herbs and shrubs makes the area an area of rich biodiversity. The forests under consideration for diversion belong to the Tropical Moist-Deciduous type. The Widening and Improvement of package- VII of Imphal Jiribam Road section of NH-37 is not likely to displace any village settlement.

No protected archaeological/heritage site or other defence establishment or any other important monuments were found in the area to be diverted.

There were no sign of commencement of work in the area on the day of inspection and so the provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 are not violated.

Dated, the 5^{th} August 2022

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