

PART IV

(To be filled by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of Head of Forest Department).


17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.

Manipur University of Culture (MUC) was established by an Act of State Assembly of Manipur. The main objectives of the University are to safeguard the rich cultural heritage of the state; undertake research on the various aspects of culture thriving in the state, develop and safeguard it. It offers Graduate courses Music, Dance, Sanskritana, Visual Arts, Tribal Studies and various forms of traditional Martial Arts. At present the University is functioning from temporary rented accommodation at Palace Compound, Imphal.

The project is for establishment MUC with adequate infrastructure over 38.081 ha within Nongmaiching RF in Imphal East district. The required extent of land is not available in the valley districts of the state. The University is also required to be centrally located at a site which is accessible to all communities. Hence, the present site was proposed. The undersigned also inspected the site. It has sparse young vegetation growth with no big trees. The UA was asked to reduce the area which they complied. Now, it is the bare minimum.

Considering the importance of MUC to the people of the state and priority accorded by the state government, diversion of 38.081 ha of RF is recommended.

Dated Imphal
The 5th November 2018


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