Site Inspection Report of the Conservator of Forests: Western Forest Circle, Manipur

Site inspection has been carried out by the undersigned along with the Divisional Forest Officer/ Jiribam and Range Forest Officers of the Division on 17th August 2022.

The proposed diversion of Forest Land measuring an area of 95.128 ha for "Widening and improvement of Package VII of Imphal - Jiribam road section of NH 37 (old NH 53) into two laning of existing Ch. 175+105 km from Nungkao village of Tamenglong District to Ch. 214 + 289 km near Jiribam village of Jiribam district in the State of Manipur by NHIDCL.

The forest type of the proposed diversion area is Sub-Tropical Semi-Evergreen Forests which is classified as Eco-class-I. The main species found around the area are *Tectona grandis*, *Dalbergia latifolia*, *Gmelia arborea*, *Michelia champaca*, *Cedrella toona*, *Parkia roxburghii*, *etc.* ranging from 0-30 cm to 150 cm GBH. The presence of rare/endangered species of flora and fauna are not reported in the area.

The density of the vegetation along the proposed road is 30-40%. The area has gentle to moderate slope. Vulnerability to soil erosion is moderate.

The proposed diversion is not part of any protected area i.e. National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Community reserve or any other protected area. There is no protected archaeological/heritage site, defence or any other important monument in the area.

Imphal, the 19th August 2021

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