

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.

NH-37 (erstwhile NH-53) is the 2<sup>nd</sup> lifeline of the state. Due to weak bridge over Irang River, essential commodities could not be transported on many occasions. The project, construction of Pucca bridge to be constructed by NHIDCL once completed will enable heavy vehicles to ferry essential commodities smoothly. Requirement of forest land is the bare minimum of 1.113 ha un-classed forest.

Considering the importance of the bridge to the state as a whole, the proposal for diversion of 1.113 ha of forest land for construction of the bridge over Irang River is recommended in public interest.

Dated Imphal  
The 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019

  
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