

SITE INSPECTION REPORT


I have visited the proposed site on 1.06.2022, 18.07.2022, 20.01.2023, 27.02.2023 and 20.03.2023. The site where the dam is proposed to be constructed is near the point of origin of River Tlawng, which is inside Tlawng Hnar Reserved Forest. River Tlawng at this point is in its nascent stage which is very delicate and sensitive to various disturbances. The catchment is covered with a good forest.

Another dam was constructed along the same river (300.72 m upstream from the proposed site) way back in 2005 by PHE Department, Mizoram which has been utilized for supplying water to Zobawk Village. During lean / dry season (January – March), Tlawng river, beyond this dam, used to get dry as most of the water gets collected in the dam and there is very little or no water to flow down stream beyond this dam upto a certain extent (including the site where this dam is proposed to be constructed). If the present proposed dam is constructed which is only 300.72 m downstream from the previous dam constructed in 2005, then it will make the river still drier downstream. Moreover, some of the areas will be submerged which may lead to change in vegetation and environment which may be detrimental for the river and its catchment areas.

So if the dam is constructed as proposed, then the impact on the river, which is at its very nascent stage, is like to be undesirable. It is the best to leave the river undisturbed at this stage with the surrounding forests intact.

Therefore, I find the project unsuitable for the proposed site and some other alternate site may be identified by the User Agency. Considering all the above facts, the proposal is not recommended.

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