

INSPECTION NOTE OF LALTLANHLUA ZATHANG IFS, CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, SOUTHERN CIRCLE FOR TLAWNG HNAR RECHARGING DAM

The proposal for diversion of forest into non forest purpose for **Tlawng hnar recharging dam for Aug Imp. of Zobawk WSS** was forwarded to undersigned by DFO Lunglei. The concerned DFO had visited the proposed site five times during June 2022 to March 2023 and after thorough inspection he have not recommended the project.

I visited the proposed site of diversion of forest area into non forestry purpose on 18.4.2023 where the proponents – EE, SDO & JE and concerned DFO were present. During this inspection the river course was devoid of water and the river channel was totally dry. It was reported that there was another impounding dam 300.72mt away from the present proposed site in the upstream. DFO in his inspection note stated that since the other dam was already constructed a few hundred metres away and the present proposed dam if constructed will make the river drier down the stream. It is also agreed with the view made by DFO after many visits of the site and it is apprehended that there shall not be sufficient water in few hundreds metres away since the other dam has already captured the available water.

The proposed area for diversion of forest as mentioned in the proposal is 0.1088Ha but the degradation it will be causing to the pristine forest and beyond the project sites and also the disturbance to the wild life habitat to be much more. It was also learnt that the site was visited during last year by a Committee and recommended to find alternative site other than this. From the scrutiny of the secondary information and present inspection; considering to the destruction of forest it will be causing and the expected result for benefit of community (cost – benefit) which can be overseen from the present situation of availability of water in the river channel the project is Not Recommended.

Place: Lunglei
Date : 21.4.2023


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