

## GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (T) :: CENTRAL ASSAM CIRCLE BASISTHA ; GUWAHATI-29

## <u>Specific Recommendation of the CCF for acceptance or otherwise of the Proposal</u> with reason.

The proposed 27.054 hectares area of forest land for Widening/Up-gradation of NH-37 from Bilasipara-Chapar-Tulungia-Jogighopa-Gendera-Paikan-Dudhnoi-Guwahati Road (Length 225.000 Km) in the State of Assam under Braratmala Parijojana (LOT-1-PACKAGE-1A) fall under Goalpara Forest Division (T), Goalpara. The proposed diversion proposal will pass through 15 nos of Reserved Forests and 5 nos of Proposed Reserved Forests. These Reserved Forests and Proposed Reserved Forests mostly dominated by secondary Sal Forest and are rich in Coppice Regeneration. The site was inspected on 1st October and 2nd October, 2021 by the undersigned accompanied by the DFO, Goalpara Division, the Range Forest Officer, Goalpara Sadar Rawnge, Goalpara; Range Forest Officer, Krishnai Range and Range Forest Officer, Rongjuli Range alongwith local Staff. The total 15477 (Fifteen Thousand four hundred Seventy seven) nos of standing trees has been surveyed for felling.

The user agency which has submitted the diversion proposal has not violated the provisions of the Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 as they have not intiated any work on the proposed site. As the alignment of the proposed widening of the National Highway is the same existing highway only, it is not known whether any alternatives routes was suggested to avoid the felling of such huge nos of trees i.e 15477 (Fifteen thousand four hundred seventy seven) nos. The User Agency may be requested to once again search for an alternative alignment so that felling of trees can be minimized.

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