SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, AIE VALLEY DIVISION, BONGAIGAON

I, Divisional Forest Officer, Aie Valley Division, Bongaigaon have inspected the proposed area of 3.086 hectare of forest land against forest diversion proposal namely Upgradation of existing Jogighopa to SwahidBedi (near Bongaigaon) road (Proposal no. FP/AS/ROAD/46680/2020) at Bhairab RF under Abhayapuri Range, Aie Valley Division, Bongaigaonon dated 17/12/2022 applied by the ASSAM PWRD accompanied by User Agency and Officials of Range Forest Office, Abhayapuri Range.

The proposed area identified for road alignment is consist of dense forest cover area and 303numbers of trees mainly Teak, Gmari, Sal, etc. to be felled in the proposed road alignment.

Further during site inspection, it has come to our knowledge that the Bhairab RF is one of the highest potential habitat of the endangered Golden langur (*Trachyoithecusgeei*) and hold highest number of individuals (more than 150) in Bongaigaon district, Assam and are in an increasing trend. The Golden langur is Schedule I species (WPA, 1972) and endangered species according to IUCN, RED LIST 2020. Moreover, during site inspection it is observed that the User Agency proposed the peripheral area of the reserve forest for the expansion of the existing road and the 303 numbers of enumerated trees to be felled adjacent to the peripheral of the reserve forest area.

The proposed site is not part of any protected area and not included in archaeological/
heritage site. During my inspection, I found rare or endangered, or unique species of fauna
(Golden langur) in the proposed area.

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