Inspection note of Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Assam Circle of proposed Gopeshwar Stone Mahal No.4 in North Kamrup Division.

On 10.3.2017, inspected the proposed Gopeshwar Stone Mahal No.4 in North Kamrup Division along with Divisional Forest Officer; Forest Ranger, Sila Range and field staff of North Kamrup Division. The proposed stone quarry is located in Gopeshwar RF of Sila Range of North Kamrup Division, Assam.

The proposed quarry is located in a rocky hilly area. The vegetation in the proposed area consists mostly of shrubby vegetation with sparse tree growth on the top of the hillock. The area has been exploited for extraction of stone in the past and further extraction of stone is not likely to cause any damage to the local bio-diversity of the area. As there is adequate quantity of stone in the proposed area for extraction, the proposed area may be considered for stone quarrying to meet the developmental needs of the state of Assam.

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