

Site inspection report of the Conservator of Forests, Central Forest Circle, Imphal to the proposed diversion of 20.8609 Hectare forest under Central Forest Division and Thoubal Forest Division to be affected by a portion of widening and improvement of NH-202: Yaingangpokpi to Nagaland Road Section by NHIDCL BO Imphal.

I, along with the DFO/Central Forest Division, the DFO/Thoubal and concerned ACFs and ROs had inspected the section of the road falling under Central Forest Division and Thoubal Forest Division proposed for widening and improvement by NHIDCL BO Imphal on the **20th May 2022**. The total forest area proposed for diversion is 20.8609 hectare out of which 12.6907 ha falls in Comp. No.1, Yaingangpokpi Block, **Yaingangpokpi Reserved Forest** and Comp. No.10 and 11, Khamenlok Block, **Khamenlok Gwaltrabi Reserved Forest** under Central Forest Division and 8.1702 Ha land comes under Comp. No.1, Maphou Block, **Yaingangpokpi Unclassed Forest** under Thoubal Forest Division, Thoubal.

The Forest type of the proposed area is Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests which is classified as Eco-class-I in the order dated 28/3/2008 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, passed in the WP (C) No. 202/1995. The main species occurring in the forest area are *Gmelina arborea*, *Albizia lebbek*, *Castanopsis hystrix*, *Pinus khasiana*, *Quercus spp.*, *Ficus cunia*, *Schima wallichii*, *Terminalia myriocarpa*, *Erythrina suberosa* etc in 0-60 cm diameter class. The average density of the vegetation in the proposed area is about 10% to 20%. Higher density is seen in forest areas under Thoubal Forest Division. As the area is hilly and has moderate to steep slope, the exposed sides after hill cutting shall be prone to erosion and land slide during rainy season.

The site does not form part of any protected area. The nearest protected area, namely the Keibul Lamjao National Park is at an average aerial distance of about 51.00 Km from the proposed diversion area. No rare and endangered species has been reported from the area. There is no protected archaeological heritage site, defence establishment or any important monument in the area.

As on the date of site inspection, the User Agency has not violated any provision of the FCA, 1980.

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