

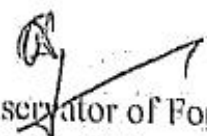
**SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST
LOWER ASSAM SOCIAL FORESTRY CIRCLE, BONGAIGAON**

I, Conservator of Forest, Lower Assam Social Forestry Circle, Bongaigaon have inspected the proposed area of 3.086 hectare of forest land against forest diversion proposal namely **Up-gradation of existing Jogighopa to Swahid Bedi (near Bongaigaon) road (Proposal no. FP/AS/ROAD/46680/2020)** at Bhairab RF under Abhayapuri Range, Aie Valley Division, Bongaigaon on dated 23rd December, 2022 as 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 consisted of dense forest cover area and 303 numbers of trees mainly Teak, Gamari, Sal, etc. enumerated for felling in the proposed road alignment.

Further during inspection, the proposed site is found inside the Bhairab RF which is a highly potential habitat for the endangered species namely Golden langur (*Trachypithecus geei*) with a high number of individuals (more than 150) in Bongaigaon district, Assam and the encouraging fact is that population is 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 lies all along the periphery of the reserve forest only.

The proposed site is not part of any protected area and not included in archaeological/heritage site. During my inspection, I have found some endangered species of fauna including Golden langur in the proposed site of diversion.


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