

Recommendations of the DFO in respect of the 4.65 Ha. Forest land proposed to be diverted for the construction of Water Treatment Plant at Chingkheiching Reserved Forest in favour of the Public Health Engineering Department, Manipur

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The site was found to be suitable and barest minimum for the proposal in respect of the 4.65 Ha. Forest land proposed to be diverted for the construction of Water Treatment Plant at Chingkheiching Reserved Forest in favour of the Public Health Engineering Department, Manipur.

Considering the importance of the project and the humanitarian perspective it acquires in the context of rising water scarcity in the city of Imphal, the project is recommended for implementation by utilizing the forest area applied for diversion subject to the fulfilment of the following recommendations:

1. The area diverted should be properly fenced to avoid any encroachment and from security point of view.
2. The approach road to the campus should be under lock and key by providing a gate and should be open to forest officials at any point of time.
3. Retaining walls should be constructed at place where steep slopes are to be worked to prevent land slide and erosion.
4. The campus should be planted up wherever possible with indigenous tree species to provide green cover.
5. The earth removed out of construction of the treatment centre has to be transported out of the site and should not be heaped on roadside.
6. The required royalty for the earth should be paid to the Forest Department, Manipur and trucks carrying the same should be marked with on Government duty for PHED and should have obtained the necessary transit pass well in advance.
7. The trees felled on course of construction should be done in presence and according to directions of forest officials and should be transported to the stocking place informed by the Forest Department, Manipur. The cost of felling, conversion and transportation (including loading and unloading) should be borne by the User agency.

The diversion of 4.65 Ha. Of forest land at Chingkheiching Reserved Forest is recommended in favour of PHED, Manipur for the construction of Water Treatment Plant.



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