

Government of Meghalaya
Forests and Environment Department
Office of the Conservator of Forest (WL & T), Garo Hills Circle, Tura
SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Proposal No: FP/ML/ROAD/44645/2020

Name of the Project: Construction of Suspension Footbridge

Date of Inspection: 23/06/2020

The Block Development Officer, Samanda Block, East Garo Hills, Meghalaya have proposed for construction of the Suspension Footbridge across River Simsang inside the Rongrenggre Reserve Forest vide FCA Proposal mentioned above. Since, both the Banks of the R.Simsang is located inside the Reserve Forest the entire suspension footbridge will be located inside Rongrenggre Reserve Forest. The Area of 0.17 Ha proposed for the Suspension Footbridge includes the area to be utilized for Pillars on both the banks and the hanging part across the River Simsang.

1 (One) no of *Ficus bengalensis* tree need to be felled for the purpose of construction of the proposed footbridge along with the trimming of branches of 3 (Three) no of *Shorea robusta* trees and 1(One) no of *Bombax ceiba* Tree, and the number of tree to be felled for the purpose of this proposal is minimal and necessary.

Also, it is to mention that, there was suspension footbridge earlier at the same location which is damaged during the floods and the approach roads used by the earlier suspension bridge will be used by the proposed suspension footbridge as well, thus there is no necessity for diversion of forest land for the purpose of approach road to the footbridge.

The proposed suspension footbridge at Chisobibra connects the Chisobibra Forest Village and other revenue villages such as Gitokgre, Merongre, Ronmegre, Chongigre, Jongmagre and Ganangre on the other side of the river to the Williamnagar- Tura Highway and to the Chisobibra Market, Secondary School and Secondary Health Care facilities during the monsoon season, as the present makeshift bamboo bridge cannot be used during the raised water level in the R.Simsang.

The proposed suspension footbridge will not have a significant negative effect on the Biodiversity of Flora & Fauna of the region and no significant impact will be there in terms of soil erosion as it only involves diversion 0.17 Ha of forest land and felling of only 1 (One) no of tree.


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