

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

Name of the Project: Construction of Suspension Footbridge

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.

The proposed suspension footbridge will improve connectivity to the Chisobibra Forest Village and other revenue villages such as Gitokgre, Merongre, Ronmegre, Chongigre, Jongmagre and Ganangre on the other side of the river as the present makeshift bamboo bridge cannot be used during the raised water level in the R.Simsang. Thus, it will provide Chisobibra forest village and other revenue villages with the minimal of footpath connectivity throughout the year, providing them access to the Williamnagar – Tura Road and Market to sell their agricultural produce and access to Secondary schools and Secondary health care facilities.

The Footbridge will be used by the staff of Forest & Environment Department to access the other side of the River Simsang which also falls under the Rongrenggre Reserve Forest during the Monsoon season. Since there are no Sub Beats & Beats functioning from the other side of the River Simsang, the proposed footbridge will greatly improve the connectivity for the staff involved in protection and conservation works.

Thus, considering the above benefits of the project, the proposed suspension footbridge involving diversion of 0.17 Ha of Forest Land and felling of 1 (One) no of *Ficus bengalensis* tree is Recommended.


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