

#### PART - IV

(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department).

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.


(While giving opinion the advance comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

The proposal concerns diversion of forest land at a site which is part of Upper Shillong Protected Forest. Though the land is blank it falls within the area proposed for realigned four lane road of the National Highway passing through that area. It is therefore not feasible to simultaneously entertain the current request of the applicant for diversion of forest land. Further, the diversion if allowed could also set precedent for similar demand for diversion of forest land at other sites in the fringes of PFs in and around Shillong which would lead to gradual reduction in forest area and loss of green cover in Shillong. I therefore concur with the views of the Conservator of Forest (Territorial) in this regard who has declined recommendation.

Hence, the proposal is **not recommended**.

Date : 23rd October, 2017.

Place : Shillong.

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HOFF  
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