

Site Inspection report of the Conservator of Forests, Central Forest Circle, Manipur for the project proposal for diversion of 0.99 ha of forest land at the set aside deemed forest land adjoining to Nongmaiching Reserved Forest for construction of 50-bedded AYUSH Hospital and Homeopathy Medical College by the Directorate of AYUSH, Manipur.

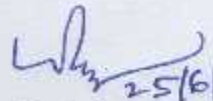
I, along with the Divisional Forest Officer, Central Forest Division had inspected the proposed site for construction of **50-bedded AYUSH Hospital and Homeopathy Medical College** at Nongmaiching Hill which is a part of set aside area from constitution of Nongmaiching Reserved on the 10th December, 2019 and 12th February, 2020.

The Forest type of the proposed area is Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests which is classified as Eco-class 1 in the order dated 28/3/2008 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, passed in the WP (C) No. 202/1995. The main species occurring in the forest area are *Quercus serrata*, *Schima wallichii*, *Pinus khasiana* etc in the GBH class 30-150cm. User Agency has started construction upto some extent thinking that no forest clearance would be required as the site is private forest land i.e set aside area from Nongmaiching RF. The proposed site is a deemed forests at Nongmaiching Hill range which was set aside in favour of one individual during the constitution of Nongmaiching RF. Prior to the construction, the area was having moderately dense forest of density of about 60%. At present, as the trees have felled and excavations had taken place, the average density of vegetative cover has reduced to about 5%. The area has gentle to moderate slope and cut surfaces is likely to prone to soil erosion.

The site does not form part of any protected area i.e. National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Conservation Reserve and Community Reserve. The nearest protected area, viz, Keibul Lamjao National Park is at an aerial distance of about 27.2 Km from the proposed diversion area. Barking deer are reported from the area. There is no protected archeological heritage site, defence establishment or any important monument in the area.

The User Agency has not violated any provision of the FCA, 1980 and Manipur Forest Rules, 1971.

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