

Site inspection report of the Divisional Forest Officer, Central Forest Division, Imphal on 07.01.2021 in connection with diversion of forest land for "Improvement and Upgradation of existing road to 4 land with paved shoulders of Imphal-Kohima section of NH-39 (New-NH-02) from Kuraopokpi (Km 287.00) to Nilakuthi (Km 308.460).

The site for diversion of forest land for Improvement and Up gradation of existing road to 4 lane with paved shoulders of Kohima section of NH-39 (New NH-02) from Kuraopokpi (Km 287.00) to Nilakuthi (Km 308.46) was again visited along with the Officials of NHIDCL on 07.01.2021. Earlier, the site was visited on 26.10.2020.

The average width of the road after widening would be 24 meters and at Compartment No. 6, Lamdeng Block, Sadar West of the Langol Extension RF, there shall be a tunnel. It was discussed that the tunnel shall not be an open cut one and the there shall be minimum damage to the forest above.

The state arboretum and the state orchidarium, unlike in the earlier proposal, shall not be affected as per the new alignment and width of the road proposed. However, at few blind corners, the protruding hill mounts shall be smoothened to facilitate commuters to maintain the minimum speed on a National Highway and also to avoid road mishaps.

No historical or archeological sites shall be affected by the proposed widening of the National Highway.

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