13. Specific recommendations of the DCF paceptance or otherwise of the proposal With reasons.

As the forest area proposed to be diverted is the barest minimum and also as the National Highway proposed to be widened is a life line for the state of Manipur, the proposed diversion of a small portion of the Langol RF and Un-class forest is recommended on the following conditions.

- 1. That, no open tunneling should form any part of the project.
- 2. That, only at the blind corners should the hill earth be removed.
- 3. That, hill earth shall be removed only on the basis of the proposed disposal plan.
- 4. That, proper retaining wall should be constructed all along the highway to consolidate the Reserved Forest Boundary and also to stabilize the hill slope.
- 5. That, the boundary of the State Orchidarium and State Arboretum shall not be altered or affected by the project.

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