

RECOMMENDATION OF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS

{Diversion of 3.436 ha of forest land under Central Forest Division for improvement and upgradation of Road Section of NH-39 from Kuraopokpi to Nilakuthi (308.729 Km) into 4-lane by the NHIDCL }

The proposed area for diversion is the barest minimum and there is no alternate site/alignment. Considering the importance of the NH-39 as lifeline of the State and need for improvement and upgradation of Road Section of NH-39 from **Kuraopokpi (287.00) to Nilakuthi (308.729 Km)** into 4-lane **which** will enhance road connectivity between Imphal and Kohima, the State capitals of Manipur and Nagaland, the proposal for diversion of 3.436 Hectare reserved forest land is recommended strictly subject to the following condition:

- i) The area of the State Orchidarium at Khonghampat and State Arboratum should not be affected or altered under any circumstance.
- ii) No open tunneling in the road portions passing through the reserved forests areas.
- iii) *Adequate protection measures such as protection/retaining wall should be constructed along the RF boundaries to check landslides and also to consolidate the hill slopes as well as RF boundaries.*

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