

**INSPECTION NOTE ON DIVERSION OF 0.12 HA OF FOREST LAND AT UPPER SHILLONG PROTECTED FOREST AREA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COUNSELLING CENTRE BY THE COMMITTEE, CHURCH OF GOD, 4<sup>TH</sup> MILE, UPPER SHILLONG.**

The inspection was carried out in the field on **Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2018**, along with the Assistant Conservator of Forests, i/c Southern Range (T), Shillong.

The proposed area 0.12 ha. falls under the Upper Shillong Protected Forest Compartment No.8. There are 9 Nos. of trees to be felled.

It may be mentioned that demand for utilization of forest land in and around Shillong city for public utility by localities and public organisations has increased day by day. Therefore recommendation for diversion of forest land will set precedent to other communities residing around the Protected & Reserve Forest in Shillong. This will encourage others and the earlier rejected applicants to come forward for more diversion of forest land with litigation. This will in turn leads to reduction of forest land and loss of greenery of Shillong as a whole.

Therefore, the diversion of the forest land is '**not recommended**'.



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