

**PART- III**  
**(To be filled by the concerned Conservator of Forests)**

14. Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection & observations made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.
- ◊ Yes, on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018. The area proposed for construction of Counselling Centre by Church of God is at 4<sup>th</sup> Mile, Upper Shillong under Upper Shillong PF Compartment No-8. (Inspection note enclosed).
15. Whether the concerned Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part- II and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.
- ◊ No.
16. Specific recommendations of concerned Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.

**In the previous cases, diversion of forest land in and around Shillong city has not been recommended, based on the following observations;**

1. In an area of about 314 km<sup>2</sup> of Shillong and the adjoining areas as per radius of 10kms of the Meghalaya Tree Preservation Act, the area of Protected Forests and green block of forest department is only around 5.7%. These forest lands act as green lungs and catchment to the expanding Shillong city.
2. The Working Plan duly approved by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GoI had clearly mentioned that some area should be utilized for research purposes. The outcome of different research projects by the Silviculture Division should always be put on field trials. This particular area and the adjoining forest land with a proper fencing, could be utilized as the research plot for different plant species which are being conducted by the Silviculture Division as the area is near the Tissue Culture Lab, this will ensure the proper monitoring of the different plant species, and thus will meet the prescription of the approved working plan.
3. The 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 diversion of this forest land is “Not Recommended”.

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

Place: - Shillong.

  
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