PART-IV

(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks:

The proposed road will cover one of the most unreachable parts of the State inhabited by native tribes. Due to lack of proper roads, crucial development works including health infrastructures could not be properly established or accessed.

The road will open up the remote areas of Tamenglong and Jiribam districts so that the people of these districts will have easier access to basic necessities of life and facilitate a wider variety of livelihood activities.

This road will be directly connecting the under developed western part of Manipur State with its relatively more developed neighbouring State, Assam and it is expected that the improved connectivity between the two States will open up additional development avenues, particularly for economic activities by the local populace.

Once completed the whole stretch of Imphal – Jiribam road will be an important lifeline for the State of Manipur.

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