Scheme for Compensatory Afforestation forThe Construction of Greater Imphal Ring Road,Manipur

The Construction of Greater Imphal Ring Road, Manipur requires diversion of 12.9746 Ha of forest land within Langol Reserved Forest ,Heingang Reserved Forest, Langjing Hills and Heibokching Hills under Central Forest Division, Manipur. To compensate the loss in forest area due to the diversion, the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and its relevant rules require Compensatory plantation over an equal area in a non-forest land or over double the area in a degraded forest land. As non-forest/waste land are not available in Imphal West district and Imphal East District, Manipur,the required Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up on a degraded forest land twice in extent of forest area to be diverted. Area for compensatory Afforestation for this Project has been identified at two location, one at Mana Ingkhol, Compartment No.5 of Lamdeng Block, Langol Ext. Reserve Forest (12.9746 Ha) and the other at Heingang, compartment no.2 of Khabam Block, Heingang Reserved Forest (12.9746 Ha)

The Compensatory afforestation is to be carried out over an area of 25.9492 Ha area. The delineations of the proposed sites of Compensatory Afforestation in the form of maps along with the corresponding shape files and geo-coordinates have been enclosed here along with this proposal.

Forest Department, Government of Manipur would be the agency responsible for executing the said Compensatory Afforestation Scheme. Species preferable for the area include *Schima wallichi*, *Gmelina arborea*, *Quercus spp.*, *Alnus nepalensis*, *Terminlia spp. etc* as these species are locally available in the area. The detailed work schedule has also been enclosed here along with the cost structure of the said plantation. Advance work and nursery preparations would be carried out in the first year which would be followed by creation of plantation in the second year. Maintenance would spread over seven years starting from the year following the year of creation.

Monitoring of works under Compensatory Afforestation for the said project shall be taken up by the Department on a regular basis.

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