Specific Recommendations of District Forest Officer

The proposal No.FP/TR/ROAD/143781/2021 for diversion of 30.4665ha of forest land for widening/improvement of road from Lalcherra to Kanchanpur section (Package-2) of NH-44A to lanning with paved shoulder under Dhalai District. Recommended with the following conditions:-

- 1. The damage to the forest during construction activities should be minimal and also without affecting the adjacent patches of plantation/Forests.
- 2. The user agency should provide income Generation Activities for livelihood of nearby villagers.
- 3. Major part of the area proposed for diversion are prone to soil erosion, so, the User Agency should bear the expenditure incurred for soil stabilization measures and also to avoid the soil erosion and landslides during construction.
- 4. There is significant and endangered species of wildlife like Leopard Cat, Slow Loris, Indian Python, Jungle cat, Himalayan Masked Palm Civet, Large Indian Civet, Small Indian Civet, Common Palm Civet, Himalayan yellow throated Marten, Indian Porcupine, Red Jungle fowl, wild pig etc. and also different bird and butterfly species present in the area. The area has richness of NTFP, orchids and medicinal plants. So, the User Agency should give focus on conserving the wildlife and medicinal plants present in this area.
- 5. Therefore, I recommended that User Agency should contribute Rs. 40.0 lakh for purchase of fully customised animal rescue van, Rs. 8.0 lakh for procurement of wildlife monitoring equipments, Rs. 25.0 lakh for ex-situ conservation of NTFP and local endangered medicinal plants.
- 6. The proposed area is having an older plantation area including naturally grown tree species and will be involved lot of extraction of timber departmentally, so the user agency should contribute Rs. 40 lakh for establishment of permanent Depot for keeping the timber so that timber cannot get decay immediately.
- 7. The area is very much vulnerable to illegal felling of valuable timber and prone to encroachment, so for strengthening of protection measure User Agency should contribute Rs.15 lakh for purchasing one patrolling vehicle.

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