Scheme for Compensatory Afforestation for Construction of 33/11KV Sub-Station at Leimaching, Imphal East District, Manipur.

The Construction of 33/11KV Sub-Station requires diversion of 0.283 ha of forest land within Nongmaiching Reserved Forest in 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 East district, Manipur,the required Compensatory afforestation shall to be taken up on degraded forest land twice in extent of forest area to be diverted. Area for compensatory Afforestation for this Project has been identified at Compartment No. 27 of Iril Block at Huikap, Nongmaiching RF Central Forest Division. The area has been specifically chosen with an aim to improve the catchment area of the historically important Chingoi river.

The Compensatory afforestation is to be carried out over an area of 0.566 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 sp,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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