

## **RECOMMENDATION OF PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**

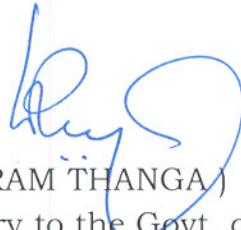
The National Highway, NH-54 which runs across the whole length of Mizoram from the northern tip at Vairengte up to Tuipang in the extreme southern end of the State near Indo-Myanmar border is the lifeline for the people of Mizoram. The NH-54 from the northern tip of Mizoram up to the State capital has been widened and upgraded to 2-Lane and the remaining stretch of 372 Km distance from Aizawl to Tuipang still requires widening and improvement to 2-Lane standard for the economic upliftment of the local people which is proposed under the project, **“widening and upgradation of NH-54 to 2-Lane with paved shoulder and geometric improvements from Km 8.00 to Km 380.00 in the State of Mizoram (JICA funded)”** in three packages.

The total forest land required to be diverted due to widening of the existing highway over the stretch of 130 Km in Package-3 of the project is only 11.18 Ha and that too scattered here and there along the existing highway. Only few planted trees of Teak, Michelia and Gomari and other miscellaneous local tree species, shrubs and bushes are required to be felled and removed. Hence there would hardly be any adverse effect on the environment.

In view of the benefit that would accrue to the people of Mizoram due to widening and upgradation of the existing NH-54, the project is recommended for approval.

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Place : Aizawl



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