## INSPECTION NOTE ON PROPOSAL FOR DIVERSION OF 0.044 HA OF FOREST LAND AT UPPER SHILLONG PROTECTED FOREST AREA, NEAR SANGMEIN FOR MAKING OF BASKETBALL GROUND BY STATE SPORTS COUNCILS, SHILLONG, MEGHALAYA

The inspection was carried out in the field on **Tuesday** the **3<sup>rd</sup> November**, **2015** along with The Range Forest Officer, Southern Range (T), Shillong.

The area is located at 5<sup>th</sup> Mile Upper Shillong under Protected Forest C/7. The area falls under Protected Forests Area C/7 and is a barren land and preliminary construction of the Basketball court has already been started, but the work has been stopped by the Department. It was observed from the map of the proposed site submitted, that 4733 sq.ft. falls under the area of Upper Shillong Protected Forest, and 667 sq.ft. belonged to the land of Hima Mylliem.

As per the site inspection, it was noticed that there is sufficient flat land which belongs to Hima Mylliem as indicated in the Photographs (uploaded). It can be clearly seen that the area outside the Protected Forests under Hima Mylliem can be utilized for the construction of the Basketball Court by State Sports Council.

Hence, the User Agency is advised that the land of Hima Mylliem may be utilised for the said purpose, as 667 sq.ft has already been marked to be utilized from the Hima Mylliem land.

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