

Site Inspection Report of the Divisional Forest Officer, Central Forest Division, Manipur for the project "Diversion of 2.82 Ha forest land at Heingang Reserved Forests for development of Integrated Mega Tourist Circuit for Marjing-polo-Kaina-Khebaching : Construction of Ibudhou Marjing Polo Complex in Heingang RF" by the Tourism Department, Manipur:

I, along with the representatives of Tourism, Revenue, Environment, PWD, Manipur and RFO, Sadar East Range inspected the proposed site of 2.82 Ha for construction Ibudhou Marjing Polo Complex at Heingang RF on the 15th May, 2015. Further, I visited the site with the Range Forest Officer, Sadar East Range on 17th May, 2015 and inspected the site and also the proposed site for Compensatory Afforestation.

2. The proposed site is located in Compartment No.1 and 3 of Khabam Forest Block of Heingang Reserved Forest under the Sadar East Range. The break-up of 2.82 Ha forest land proposed for diversion is as follows:

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| a) Improvement/ construction of approach road from (i) Tonel Lok to pedestal (1,830 m x 8.5 m) and (ii) pedestal to Garden (80.0m x 8.5m) | : 1.62 Ha. |
| b) Construction of two vehicle parking (2 x 60m x 25m) | : 0.30 Ha |
| c) Construction of pedestal for Manipur Pony statue at Keithelmanbi Hill Top | : 0.18 Ha |
| d) Construction of one Garden at Keithelmanbi Hill Top | : 0.72 Ha |

3. The proposed site is an open forest of 20% average density and main species to be affected is Pine (*Pinus khasiana*) in 30-40 cm diameter class. Forest type is Sub-Tropical Pine Forests which is classified as Eco-Class 5 in the order dated 28/3/2008 of the Hon'ble Supreme passed in WP(C) No 202/1995.

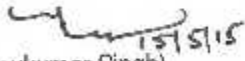
4. The site does not form any part of Protected Area i.e. National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary Conservation Reserve and Community Reserve. Indian Rock Python, Pangolin, Barking deer etc are reported from the Heingang Reserved Forests. As the proposed site is located at the southern fringe of the Heingang Reserved Forests, movement of the animals will be not be restricted by the project.

5. The Heingang Hill, also known as Marjing hill, is considered to be the abode of the Lord Ibudhou Marjing and the mythological horse "Samadon Ayanngba" was tamed for the first time to be used for Sagol kangjei (Polo). Considering its historical significance and immense scenic beauty, the site has been selected for development as tourism spot.

6. The area is moderately prone to erosion as the proposed area is hilly terrain with moderate slope. Soil conservation measures such as construction of retaining walls at vulnerable points particularly at steep slope areas shall be required to prevent soil erosion and land slide.

7. As on date, no act for violation of Acts has been done by the User Agency.

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