

Annexure-I

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, CENTRAL FOREST CIRCLE, MANIPUR OF THE PROJECT AREA WHERE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MANIPUR PONY STATUE ON THE TOP OF MARJING HILL IN ADDITION TO IMPROVING ROAD LEADING TO THE SITE INSIDE THE HEINGANG RF TO BE TAKEN UP AS A PART OF THE "DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED MEGA TOURISM CIRCUIT FOR MARJING POLO-KAINA-KHEBACHING IN MANIPUR" MADE ON 20TH MAY 2015:

The project site where the Tourism Department, Government of Manipur plans to erect a grand Manipuri Pony statue in addition to improving the road leading to the site is a part of the project "Development of Integrated Tourism circuit for Marjing hill Kaina-Khebaching in Manipur" on the Marjing hill which is a part of Heingang Reserved Forests was inspected by me on 20th May, 2015 at around 8.30 am along with the Divisional Forest Officer, Central Forest Division, Manipur and his subordinate staffs.

The proposed site is located in Compartment No. 1 and 3 of Khabam Forest Block of the Heingang Reserved Forests which lies under the jurisdiction of the Sadar East Range of Central Forest Division, Manipur. It was observed during the field visit that the area proposed by the User Agency is the barest minimum required for the project considering all the technical aspects of the project. The site does not form any part of the National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve or part of any protected area. Indian Rock python, Pangolin and Barking deer etc are reported to occur in the area. No protected archeological/ heritage site/defense establishment is located in the area.

During the inspection it was noticed that the area proposed for diversion is open forest having average density of 20%. The vegetation includes mostly of Pine (*Pinus kesiya*) in the diameter class of 30-40 cm and the Forest type of the area is Sub-Tropical Pine Forests. The area is moderately prone to erosion as the area is hilly terrain and there is less of ground vegetation.

No record of violation of the Act committed by the User Agency has been detected till date.

20th May, 2015
Place: Imphal


(Th. M.P. Singh)
Conservator of Forests, Central Circle
Government of Manipur

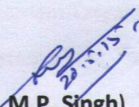
Annexure-II

RECOMNDATION OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, CENTRAL FOREST CIRCLE, MANIPUR OF THE PROJECT AREA WHERE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MANIPUR PONY STATUE ON THE TOP OF MARJING HILL IN ADDITION TO IMPROVING ROAD LEADING TO THE SITE INSIDE THE HEINGANG RF TO BE TAKEN UP AS A PART OF THE "DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED MEGA TOURISM CIRCUIT FOR MARJING POLO-KAINA-KHEBACHING IN MANIPUR" MADE ON 20TH MAY 2015:

Recommended, as the project is for the purpose of development of spiritual and eco-tourism in the state by preserving the sanctity of the place which is associated with the Lord Marjing and origin of Manipuri Pony. The area proposed by the Tourism Department for the project is the barest minimum required and no other suitable non forest land is available in the vicinity. The proposal, therefore, is recommended and may be accepted for according approval.

20th May, 2015

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