

Site Inspection Report of the Divisional Forest Officer, Central Forest Division, Manipur for the project "Diversion of 0.1318 Ha forest land in respect of the construction of RCC tunnel for conveyance of water along the right main canal of Dolaithabi Project, Manipur" by the IFCD, Manipur:

The proposed site for construction RCC tunnel for conveyance of water along the right main canal of Dolaithabi Project, Manipur passing through the Sambei Purum Reserved Forests has been inspected by me along with the Range Forest Officer, Nongmaiching and staffs on the 6th June, 2015.

2. The proposed site is located in Compartment No.7 of Sambei Block in Sambei Purum Reserved Forests under Nongmaiching Range of Central Forest Division. The said Compartment No.7 comes under the Plantation Working Circle and Fuel and Fodder Working Circle of the approved Working Plan of Central Forest Division.

3. The area proposed is open forest of about 20% average density and main species found in the area are *Quercus serrata* (Kuhl) and *Cedrela toona* (Toon) of post and pole size. Forest type is Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests. Felling of trees will not be required as the work is construction of underground tunnel for conveyance of water for irrigation from the right main canal of Dolaithabi Project, Manipur.

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 Reserved Forests. The aerial distance of the project site passing through Sambei Purum RF from the nearest Protected Area -Keibul Lamjao National Park is about 49.00 Km. Indian Rock python, Pangolin, Barking deer etc are reported from the Reserved Forests. However, movement of wild animals will not be restricted by the project as the construction is underground tunnel passing through the Reserved Forests.

5. The project site has been selected to reduce the length of the tunnel as well as to enhance the Culturable Command Area (CCA) of the irrigation project. The proposed forest area of 0.1318 Ha is the barest minimum required and unavoidable.

6. The area is moderately prone to erosion as the proposed area is hilly terrain and moderately steep. The forest ecosystem of the area will not be affected by the project as there will be no felling of trees.

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

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