

Site Inspection Report of the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, Manipur for the project "Diversion of 0.99 Ha. forest land at Chingkheiching Reserved Forest for Construction of a Residential School under SSA (CSS)" by the Education(School) Department, Manipur.

I along with the Divisional Forest Officer, Central Forest Division and RFO, Sawombung Range inspected the proposed site for construction of a Residential School under SSA (CSS) by the Education(School) Department, Manipur at Chingkheiching RF at 4.00pm of **9th February, 2016**. The proposed site is located inside the Compartment No. 4 of Lamlong Forest Block of Chingkheiching Reserved Forest under the Sawombung Forest Range.

2. The proposed site is an open forest having 20% average density and main species found to be grown in the area are - *Castanopsis hystrix*, *Schima wallicchii* and *Emblica officinalis* etc in 5-10 cm. diameter class. The Forest type of the area is Tropical Moist Deciduous Forest which is classified as Eco-Class-I in the order dated 28/3/2008 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed in WP(C) No. 202/1995.

3. The proposed area is not part of any Protected Area i.e. National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Conservation Reserved and Community Reserve. Common animals such as Indian Rock Python, Pangolin, Barking deer etc. are reported from the Chingkheiching Reserved Forests.


4. The area is moderately prone to erosion as the proposed area is hilly terrain with moderate slope. In order to check erosion of the hill slopes which is moderately sloppy, providing of retaining wall at vulnerable points will be required

5. As the School is to provide quality education to the underprivileged children by providing them with good educational environment and residential facility, the proposed site fulfills the requirements as it is located a little away from the Imphal City.

6. The User Agency has already constructed one School Building, one Hostel for student, one Staff Quarter/Administrative Block, one Playground, approach roads including lawns. Total forest area cleared for construction of the structures including roads and lawns is 1.63 Ha. The User Agency has made the clearance of the forest area prior to obtaining permission for forest diversion as required under the FCA, 1980 as such they have violated the provisions of the FCA, 1980. All the structures which have already been made by the Agency can be accommodated in the 0.99ha for which the User Agency has applied for diversion under the FCA, 1980

Imphal

11th February, 2016


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