

**SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER,
NORTHERN FOREST DIVISION, KANGPOKPI**

Site Inspection of the area within the jurisdiction of the Northern Forest Division from the proposed area for diversion of forest land measuring 91.43 hectares in favour of Public Works Department, Government of Manipur for construction of 103.02 km. Imphal-Kangchup-Tamenglong Road was conducted by the undersigned with officials of the user agency and field staff of the Division on the 1st March, 2016 and made the following observations:

1. The proposed area where the Imphal-Kangchup-Tamenglong road will pass through are un-classed forests, Tairenpokpi-Tamenglong PF and a small stretch of Kangchup Reserved Forests.
2. Out of the total proposed diversion area of 91.43 hectares the area under this Division is 10.56 hectares. Vulnerability of the forest land proposed is negligible in terms of soil erosion as the terrain is gentle slope, compact in nature and following the existing road mostly.
3. The tree species found in the area are Cedrella toona (Tairen), Schima wallichii (Usoi), Albizzia stipulata (Khok), Quercus spp. (Uyung), Emblica officinalis (Heikru), Chukrassia tabularis (Taimareng), Rhus succedanea (Heimang), etc. No species of rare and endangered flora and fauna are found in this area.
4. There is no protected archeological or heritage site or defence establishment or any important monument in the area, nor forms any part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. The site is more than 28 km. (aerial distance) from the nearest proposed Buning Wildlife Sanctuary.
5. The Villages along the proposed area under Northern Forest Division are Kangchup (K.Songlung), Kangchup Chiru, K.Awlmun (Kangchup Bangla) and Kotzim.
6. Economic Class of the proposed land is Eco-Class-I.
7. The forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.
8. In course of our site inspection of the area proposed, there is no evidence of any work being taken up by the User Agency. Hence, there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
9. Forest type of the proposed area falls under Tropical Moist Deciduous Forest.
10. Its vegetation has a crown density of about 10%.
11. Proposed land co-ordinates are:

IKT Road GPS starting Point within the jurisdiction of NFD, Kangpokpi	IKT Road GPS ending Point within the jurisdiction of NFD, Kangpokpi
24° 51' 37.60" N	24° 51' 61.5" N
93° 48' 18.3" E	93° 46' 08.0" E


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