

## Inspection Report of the Conservator of Forests, Eastern Circle

Project: Widening and improvement of main alignment of NH 39 Khongkhang to Moreh and the alternate alignment of Sita to Khudengthabi

Inspected the proposed forest area for widening and improvement of main alignment of NH 39 by National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), PMU, Imphal in Tengnoupal District, Manipur on the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. The work is to be implemented by NHIDCL, PMU, Imphal.

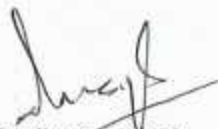
The proposed project shall require a diversion of forest area of 96.027 ha. The forest falls under Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests with an average crown density varying from barren to open forests. The total length involved is 53.856 km; 29.516 km for the Khongkhang to Moreh for an area of 48.28 ha and 24.340 for the alternate alignment of Sita to Khudengthabi for an area of 47.739 ha. As there is already existing highway and area to be diverted is in linear strip, the presence of wild animal in the area to be diverted is minimum. There shall be no displacement of villages by the project. The Jungle Fowl (*Gallus gallus*), Pangolin (*Manis crassicaudata*), Wild cat (*Felis bengalensis*) etc., are reported to be present there.

Major portion of the proposed Roads falls under unclassed forests and proposed area is not a part of National Park, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor and Protected Archaeological Site or Heritage Site. At present, there is no case of violation of the forest Conservation Act, 1980 by the User Agency in respect of the proposed work.

The alternative alignment of Sita to Khudengthabi falls under Yangoupokpi Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary and do not have any logical advantage. This portion need to be inspected by the concerned authority of Wild Life Wing.

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