

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

Project: Widening and improvement of 37.090 km of NH 39 Wangjing to Sita by National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), PMU, Imphal as User Agency.

Date of Inspection: 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.

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 4<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 60.605 ha. The forest falls under Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests with an average crown density varying from barren to open forests mostly of coppice and shrubs. Trees of timberable size are very few. The total length involved is 37.090 km for the Wangjing to Sita. As there is already existing road and area to be diverted is in linear strip, the presence of wild animal in the area to be diverted is minimum. It will not involve any displacement of villages. The Jungle Fowl (*Gallus gallus*), Pangolin (*Manis crassicaudata*), Wild cat (*Felis bengalensis*) etc., are reported to be present there.

The proposed Roads falls mainly under unclassed forests and a small portion of it 2.6 km falls in the Heirok Reserved Forests by the northern periphery. The 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.

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