

Site Inspection Report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests (Col 11, Pat II, Form-A, FCA, 1980)

The forest land of an area 96.027 ha under Tengnoupal Forest Division that would be affected by the proposed Widening and improvement of main alignment of NH 39 (Imphal – Moreh) of 29.516 km from Khongkhang to Moreh and alternate alignment of 24.340 km from Sita to Khudengthabi was inspected by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Tengnoupal Forest Division on 9th October 2016. The widening and improvement of the Highway would pass through villages such as Khongkhang, Lokchao, Khudengthabi, T.M. Zomunnum, K. Zalenmol, H. Mongjang, L. Phaimol, Jangnomphai, New Mongjang, Chikim, Sita, Kampang Khullen, Leibi, Langkhong Ching, Kwatha and B. Moulhoi.

The forest area to be diverted by the project is as follows:

Sl. No	Alignment	Length In Km	Area in Ha.		Total Area in Ha.
			Sanctuary	ESZ	
1	Khongkhang to Lokchao	8.450	0.000	14.188	14.1880
2	Lokchao to Khudengthabi	7.628	0.000	17.633	17.6330
3	Khudengthabi to Moreh	13.438	16.467	0.000	16.4670
4	Khuman Lok to Leibi	11.170	0.000	21.818	21.8180
5	Leibi to Khudengthabi	13.170	18.208	7.713	25.9210
Total		53.856	34.675	61.352	96.027

Most of the forest areas are covered with heavy growths of coppices and other shrubs. Trees attaining exploitable sizes for timber are considerably less with sizeable number of plants belonging to the girth class of 30-60 cm. The forest under consideration for diversion belongs to the Tropical Forests. Since the project is for widening and improvement of existing road and of a new construction of road, cutting of trees/ plants might be minimal.

No Protected archaeological/ heritage site or other defence establishment or any other important monuments were not found in the area to be diverted.

There is no sign of commencement of work in the area on the day of inspection and so the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are not involved.

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