

**INSPECTION NOTE ON THE PROPOSAL FOR DIVERSION OF 0.05016 ha. OF FOREST LAND
AT LAITKOR PROTECTED FOREST, EAST KHASI HILLS DISTRICT, MEGHALAYA FOR
MAKING OF CHILDREN PARK BY THE LUMPARING WELFARE SOCIETY**

The inspection was carried out in the field on **Thursday the 28th September, 2017** along with the Beat Forest Officer, I/c Malki Territorial Beat.

The location of the area is at Lumparing, East Khasi Hills District under the Khasi Hills Territorial Division, Shillong. The area is under Laitkor Protected Forest, Compartment No-1.

During inspection, it was seen that in the proposed area has already broken and construction has already started. Therefore the proposed area has been encroached and violated.

In view of the violation and encroachment above, forest clearance may not be recommended as this will set precedent that the encroachment may be regularised, thus more encroachment will arise.

There are already eight online applications for diversion of forest land in the surrounding protected forests of Shillong. Some others has already approached the office through applications for allotment of land for construction of Community Halls, Church, etc.

The diversion of the forest land is now **not recommended**, as this will set a precedent to all the other villages and communities residing around the Protected & Reserve Forest in Shillong who may come forward for more diversion of forest land. This will lead to reduction in forest area and greenery of Shillong as a whole.


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