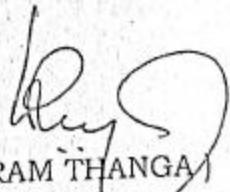


RECOMMENDATION OF PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

The National Highway, NH-54 which runs across the whole length of Mizoram from the northern tip at Vairengte up to Tuipang in the extreme southern end of the State near Indo-Myanmar border is the lifeline for the people of Mizoram. The NH-54 from the northern tip of Mizoram up to the State capital has been widened and upgraded to 2-Lane and the remaining stretch of 372 Km distance from Aizawl to Tuipang still requires widening and improvement to 2-Lane standard for the economic upliftment of the local people which is proposed under the project, **"widening and upgradation of NH-54 to 2-Lane with paved shoulder and geometric improvements from Km 8.00 to Km 380.00 in the State of Mizoram (JICA funded)"** in three packages.

In view of the benefit that would accrue to the people of Mizoram due to widening and upgradation of the existing NH-54, the project is recommended for approval.



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