

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, NAMSAI

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST LAND

<u>PROJECT DETAILS</u>: - Diversion of forest land on which Golden Pagoda (The Kongmukham), Buddhist religious site is located.

Forest area involved:

The site under consideration has been of religious importance for two communities i.e. Tai Khamti and Singpho of Arunachal Pradesh. It is claimed that the site is of utmost religious importance as per prediction of Buddhist monk of very high order of Theravada sect of Budhism.

However, over the time some developmental activities were carried out on the site to give it the present form. The legal status of forest land is Manabhum Reserve forest. However, as per history, Tai-Khampti from shan stock at the middle of 18th century left their original kingdom at Bor-Khampti and first settled at Tengapani with permission from the contemporary Ahom king.

The Golden Pagoda has now become a tourist attraction site. It is visited by tourist from neighboring state and from South East Asian countries. After having said that if the Govt. would take any action, it would cause chaos and disharmony between Govt. and communities which should not happen. After all, we need their cooperation in protection of forest wealth of the state and nation as a whole. Therefore, I have a request to divert 19.52 ha. for 75 years period subject to recovery of the same.

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