

FORM - I  
(for linear projects)  
Government of Meghalaya  
Office of the District Collector, East Khasi Hills.

No.L14/5(19)2014/

Dated \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2018


TO WHOSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

In compliance to the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India's letter No 11-9/98-FC (pt) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidence for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA, for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes read with MoEF's letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that 14,606 hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of NHIDCL, Shillong for improvement/widening to 2-lane with paved shoulder/4-laning of NH-40 between Shillong to Dawka road section from Km 1+390 to 8+880 Km in East Khasi Hills District falls within jurisdiction of Rat Sohkhur, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mile Upper Shillong, Lumpdeng, 4<sup>th</sup> Mile, 5<sup>th</sup> Mile, 7<sup>th</sup> Mile and Banan village.

It is further certified that:

- (a) The complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire 14,606 hectares of forest area proposed for diversion. A copy of records of all consultations and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee, Gram Sabha/village body and the District Level Committee are enclosed at Annexure I and Annexure II.
- (b) The diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3 (2) of the FRA have been completed and the Gram Sabhas/Village body have given their consent to it.
- (c) It is certified that the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006 is not applicable for the proposed diversion of 14,606 hectares Forest Land in favour of NHIDCL, Shillong.

Endo: As above

  
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Shillong

