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Inspection and Observation Note of Conservator of Forests(Southern Circle),Lunglei.

The Forest Land involved in the Kolodyne - II Hydro - Electric Project- 460 M.W, had been thoroughly inspected by me from 29th May to 1st June,2013 in respect of the involved three Divisions i.e., 1) Mara Autonomous District Council Forest Division 2) Lai Autonomous District Council Forest Division.3)Lunglei Forest Division.

1. **Mara Autonomous District Council
Forest Division.**

In the area, a No. of Government Teak Plantation and some other local tree species are found to be present. By ocular estimation, the area calculated by the Forest Officials of the Division is Quite justifying. Especially the Government Reserved Forest area of 1703 h.a, which is to be diverted and may be compensated under the scheme of Compensatory Afforestation successfully. The suitability certificate for the Compensatory Afforestation had also been procured from DCF(MADC) and may be considered and approved for Compensating the areas for the early development of the Environment.

2. **Lai Autonomous District Council
Forest Division.**

The area which is to be submerged was thoroughly inspected and Government Reserved Forest area in which Teak Plantations had been created very successfully were also found and other area(Non Forest Area) which are owned by local population which are also to be submerged are also found. This area is very peculiar in respect of ownership. According to DCF(LADC) Forest Division, only 74 h.a of Reserved Forest where Government Teak Plantations had been raised was owned by Government. The rest are by local people. Only 74 h.a of Reserved Forest to be diverted for the project. The Compensatory Afforestation scheme may be considered and approved by the authority so as to compensate the loss of Reserved Forest areas immediately.

3. **Lunglei Forest Division.**

The Government owned Reserved Forest where Department Plantation like Teak and Gomeri are found. The Plantation are observed to be very successful. The total area, according to Divisional Forest Officer Lunglei, is only 429 h.a inside Reserved Forest which is to be diverted for the project. The Compensatory Afforestation scheme may be done immediately for early Development of the areas for better environment. The Compensatory Afforestation scheme may be considered and approved so as to have earliest recovery of the Reserved Forest areas loss and in the project by the Competent authority.

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