

FACT SHEET

1.	Name of the Proposal	Diversion of 74.4882 ha of forest land for construction of railway line between Bairabi and Sairang in the favour of North East Frontier Railway.		
2.	Location:			
	State	Mizoram		
	District	Aizawl		
3.	Particular of Forests			
	Name of Forest Division	Aizawl Forest Division Kolasib Forest Division		
	Area of Forest land for Diversion	Aizawl Forest Division 35.547 ha Kolasib Forest Division 38.9407 ha 74.4882 ha Map of forest land proposed to be diverted on 1:50,000 scale indicating alignment of the Railway line with tunnels and bridges is enclosed (P-122/c). However, the map is not on toposheet.		
	Legal Status of Forest land	Aizawl -Area located inside notified roadside reserve Aizawl-Silcher via Sairang and Tlawng Reverine RF Kolasib-Reserved Forest		
	Density of Vegetation	Aizawl Distt : Below 0.4 Kolasib Distt : 0.6		
	Species-wise and diameter class wise enumeration of trees		<60cm girth	>60 cm girth
		Aizawl Division	9586	1138
		Kolasib Division	11030	1209
4.	Vulnerability of area to vegetation	Not vulnerable		
5.	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest	Adjacent to existing forest area		
	Details of displacement of people	Details not provided and not ascertained.		
6.	Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. (if so, the details of the area the	Aizawl Division: No Kolasib Division : No		

	comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed)	
7.	Whether any rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in the area if so, details thereof.	Aizawl Division : No Kolasib Division : No
8.	Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.	Aizawl Division : No Kolasib Division : No
9.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined.	Aizawl Division : Yes Kolasib Division: Yes
10.	Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/ No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still under progress.	Aizawl Division : No Kolasib Division : No
11.	Details of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme:	Compensatory Afforestation has been proposed over 74.54 ha degraded forest area at the cost of Rs.38.14 lakhs. Government of Mizoram has notified the land selected for compensatory Afforestation as reserved forest. However, the purpose of this notification has stated to be construction of new broad gauge railway line. The map of CA area has been submitted (p-123/c). However it is not on SoI toposheet.
12.	District Profile	
	(i) Total Geographical area of District	Aizawl Distt : 1730.79 sq. km. Kolasib Distt : 1516.42 sq. Km
	(ii) Total forest area of District /Divisional forest area	Aizawl Distt : 409.33 sq.km. Kolasib Distt : 764.25 sq. Km
	(iii) Total area diverted since 1980	Aizawl Distt : 80.95 ha in 5 cases. Kolasib Distt : 9670.684 ha in 15 cases.
	(iv) Total CA stipulated	Aizawl Distt : It has been stated that it does not arise.

		Kolasib Distt : 2400 ha
	(iv) Total CA done since 1980	Aizawl Distt : Nil Kolasib Distt : 6173.93 ha
	DFO	Recommended Aizawl - Recommended Kolasib - Recommended
	Conservator	Recommended
	Nodal Officer	Recommended
	State Govt.	Recommended

Other details:

1. The railway line is proposed to be constructed by North East Frontier Railway and is of 51.3 km.
2. Cost benefit analysis has been stated to be 0.17.
3. Undertaking to bear the cost of compensatory afforestation has been given.
4. The proposal involves 352.79 ha of private/revenue land apart from the forest land.
5. The breakup of land required is as below:
 - a) Area for formation 234.6563 ha
 - b) Area for major bridges(47) 104.09 ha
 - c) Area for tunnels(23) 27.476 ha
 - d) Area for station yard etc. 61.357 ha

Total 427.2793 ha

From above following observations can be made:

- i) The map of forest land proposed to be diverted as well as that of compensatory afforestation has not been given on Survey of India toposheet.
- ii) The Gazette Notification notifying the proposed CA area as reserved forest states the purpose of the notification be construction of railway line which needs to be corrected. However, this need not be a pre-condition at this stage for consideration of the proposal. State Govt has stated that it has taken up the matter.
- iii) It is also submitted that the state govt has not uploaded on the website of the Ministry the documents as required by the CIC order.