

Site inspection Report of the Divisional Forest Officer, Ukhrul Forest Division, Manipur for the Project “Diversion of 0.979493 Ha forest land at Khangkhui Village for Development of Khangkhui Mangsor Cave as a Tourist Destination, Ukhrul” by the Department of Tourism, Manipur.

I, along with the RFO, Ukhrul Range inspected the proposed site of 0.9794 Ha for the Development of Khangkhui Mangsor Cave as a Tourist Destination by Department of Tourism, Manipur on 26th February, 2018.

2. The proposed site is at the upper ridge of the Mongsor Cave. It is located in compartment No.28 of Ukhrul Forest Block under Ukhrul Range. It is also within the 10km radius of the proposed Shirui National Park and hence is within the eco-sensitive zone. The land is required to construct rest house and other infrastructures to attract tourist. The diversion of the land in the area will have minimal effect on the eco-sensitive zone.

3. The proposed site has vegetation with the density greater than 60% and the forest type is Tropical Moist Deciduous Forest which is classified as Eco-Class – I in the order dated 28/03/2008 of the Hon’ble Supreme Court in WP(C) No. 202/1995. Main Species of the forest includes *Alnus Nepalensis*, *Castanopsis Tribuloides*, *Tooni Cedrela*, *Quercus spp*, *Schima wallichii* etc.

3. The site does not form any part of Protected Area i.e Reserved Forest, National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Conservation Reserve and Community Reserve. Wild Cat, squirrels etc are reported from the area.

4. The area at the top of the hill adjoining the Mongsor Cave with the slope less than 10 degrees at the top and 40-45 degrees at the slope of the hill. The proposed area is not prone to erosion and as on date no act for violation of Acts has been done by the User Agency.

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