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Date 16th August 2022

To,

The Addl.Chief Secretary-cum-PCCF,
Forest & Environment Department,
Government of Sikkim
Forest Secretariat, Deorali
Gangtok - 737102.

Sub: Diversion of 8.0 ha of forest land in favour of Land Revenue Department, Government of Sikkim for rehabilitation for cloud burst affected families of Tsong Village at Yuksom in West district of Sikkim.

Sir,

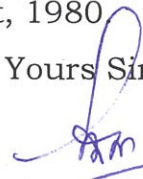
This refers to letter No.1817/FCA/F&ED/1002 dated 22.01.2022 and letter No.1917/FCA/F&ED/230 dated 31.05.2022 of the Government of Sikkim on the above-mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The proposal was discussed in 10th Regional Empowered Committee meeting and the Committee observed that in the proposal construction of residential houses of 87 families is proposed in forest land which is not site specific and in provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Committee also observed that Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 does not permitted the rehabilitation of people in forest land except the rehabilitation of people from core zone of a National Park, Sanctuary or Reserve.

Therefore, the Committee decided not to recommend the proposal and rejected the proposal on its merit.

There should not be any violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980


Yours Sincerely,


16/8/22
(Dr. Soma Das)

Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to:

1. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest & Environment Department, Government of Sikkim, Forest Secretariat, Deorali, Gangtok – 737102.
2. The Divisional Forest Officer, South Territorial, Sikkim.
3. The SDM, Land Revenue Department, Geyzing, West Sikkim - 737111.
4. Guard File.


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