



**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM**  
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To,

The Principal  
Advance Technical Training Centre  
Bordang, East Sikkim

**Subject: Diversion of 0.81 Ha of Forest Land (khasmal forest) for construction of School Playground at Bordang, East Sikkim by Advance Technical Training Centre (A Govt Undertaking)**

Sir,

Reference your Proposal No. FP/SK/SCH/7329/2014 dated 17-10-2014.

After careful examination of the proposal in light of the Rules/Guidelines framed under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and on completion of procedural formalities as required under the said Act, the instant proposal is found to be considerable in the category (serial No.8) of skill upgradation and vocational centre meant for the critical development of infrastructure as prescribed under the General Approval conveyed by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt of India, New Delhi in its Letter F. No.11-9/98-FC dated the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

Accordingly, the State Govt is pleased to accord the **stage-I (In-principle) approval** in terms of the powers delegated under the General approval as conveyed by the Ministry under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, for diversion of 0.81 Ha of Forest Land for construction of School Playground by ATTC at Bordang in East Sikkim subject to compliance of conditions stipulated here as under:-

- (i) The status of forest land proposed to be diverted under the project shall remain unchanged as per the provision of Forest Act/Rules.
- (ii) The User agency shall release the payment for Rs.1,37,782.00 (Rupees one lakh thirty seven thousand seven hundred and eighty two) only towards the cost of the compensatory afforestation to be raised mandatorily over the degraded forest land identified at Bordang khasmal under Singtam Range in lieu of forest land to be diverted for the project purposes.
- (iii) The User agency shall release the payment for Rs.5,32,150.00 (Rupees five lakh thirty two thousand one hundred and fifty) only being the Net Present Value of the forest land as per the Judgement Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28-3-2008/09-05-2008 in IA No.566 WP (C) 202/1995 and subsequent Guidelines communicated by the Ministry in its Letter No.5-3/2007-FC dated 05-02-2009 thereon.
- (iv) The User agency shall furnish an Undertaking at the time of making payment, to pay the additional amount of NPV, if any, becoming due after finalization by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in this respect.
- (v) The boundary of forest land to be diverted under the project shall be demarcated on the ground by using DGPS and erecting four feet high reinforcement cement concrete pillars super inscribed with serial numbers, back/front bearings and distance from pillar to

pillar. A soft copy of the Geo-referenced map in shape file shall be provided in this respect.

- (vi) All the above funds recovered from the User agency in the instant proposal, shall be transferred to the State-specific CAF account [SB 344902010105 432] maintained by the Ad Hoc CAMPA with the Union Bank of India, Sundernagar, New Delhi.
- (vii) The User agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable.
- (viii) The User agency shall obtain the required permission under Sikkim Forests ,water courses and Road Reserve Preservation and Protection act 1988 to remove trees, stones sand or boulder from the diverted forest land.
- (ix) The User agency shall release the payment for Rs.2,040.00 (Rupees two thousand and forty) only towards the cost for cutting, felling, extraction of project affected trees by Demand draft payable in favour of the Principal CCF-cum-Principal Secretary, Govt of Sikkim.
- (x) As per the Ministry's Letter No.11-30/96-FC (Pt) dated 14-9-2001, if the compliance of conditions stipulated in the instant project proposal, is awaited for more than 5 (five) years, the In-principle approval will be summarily revoked considering that the User agency is no longer interested in the project proposal.
- (xi) **The User agency shall be in liberty to comply any other condition imposed by the State Govt for the betterment of environment and also for the settlement of rights/claims, if any, over the forest land under FRA-2006 and any Act & Rules etc as may be applicable in the instant project proposal. An undertaking shall be furnished by the User agency in this respect.**

After fulfilment of the above conditions in completeness, the User agency shall submit the **compliance report** for seeking the final approval as required in terms of the General approval conveyed by the Ministry under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. Diversion of forest land shall not be effected till the final approval is granted by the State Govt in this respect.

Yours faithfully



**Chief Conservator of Forests-cum-Nodal Officer  
Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.**

Copy to:-

- 1) The Secretary, Land Revenue & Disaster Mgmt  
Department, Govt of Sikkim, Gangtok : for information.
- 2) District Collector, East District, Gangtok : -do-
- 3) Conservator of Forests (Territorial) : -do-
- 4) DFO (T) East Division, Gangtok : for information and follow up action  
accordingly.