



**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM**  
**OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF SECRETARY-cum-PCCF**  
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Dated 6/9 /2022

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To,

✓ The Inspector General of Forest cum Nodal Officer (FCA),  
 Integrated Regional Office,  
 Ministry of Env. Forests & Climate Change,  
 Government of India,  
 IB-198, Sector-III, Salt Lake City,  
 Kolkata -700106.

**Subject: Proposal for diversion of 8.3801 Ha (5.7179 ha Wildlife Sanctuary + 2.6622 Ha Khasmal) of forest land for laying of 132KV D/C Dikchupool to Perbing TL under "Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of Transmission & Distribution System in Sikkim" in Gangtok District of Sikkim by Energy and Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim.**

Case No: Proposal No. FP/SK/TRANS/148885/2021

Madam,

Please find, enclosed, herewith a proposal seeking forest clearance for diversion of 8.3801 Ha (5.7179 ha Wildlife Sanctuary + 2.6622 Ha Khasmal) of forest land for laying of 132KV D/C Dikchupool to Perbing TL under "Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of Transmission & Distribution System in Sikkim" in Gangtok District of Sikkim by Energy and Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

**Brief Description:**

The user agency has proposed for laying of 132KV D/C Dikchupool to Perbing TL under "Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of Transmission & Distribution System in Sikkim" in Gangtok District of Sikkim after obtaining the forest clearance under the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The proposal has since been uploaded in the "OMFC" portal of the Ministry vide proposal No. FP/SK/TRANS/148885/2021 and accordingly transferred to the level of MoEF, Integrated Eastern Regional Office at Kolkata through on-line mode.

Year of incorporation	:	Dikchupool to Perbing in Gangtok Sikkim.
Area of business operation	:	Rs. 1346 (lacs)
Project Cost	:	
Phase of construction	:	

**2. Details of forest land proposed for diversion – The total land involved under the project are as follows:-**

Total Private Land involved	-	Nil
Total Forest Land (Khasmal) involved	-	2.6622 Ha
Total Forest Land (Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary Pangthang RF) involved	-	5.7179 Ha
<b>Total Land involved</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8.3801 Ha</b>



### 3. Maps enclosed –

The User Agency has furnished the following maps duly countersigned by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer:-

- (i) Map of the Survey of India of the proposed for diversion area - **(Annexure – I)**
- (ii) Map showing the proposed site for Compensatory Afforestation **(Annexure –II)**

### 4. Assessment of forest stock –

- (i) The forest areas are situated under the Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary, Gangtok Wildlife Division and Gangtok Territorial Division. The proposed project proposal affects **Trees/Poles** as per the enumeration list enclosed at **Annexure –III.**

### 5. Flora and Fauna and archaeological importance –

The area forms a part of Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary and the National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) clearance has been granted.

### 6. Compensatory Afforestation -

The Compensatory Afforestation shall be maintained over an area in degraded forest land identified as under:-

District	Forest Division	Range	Location	Block Plantation	Amount of CAS
Gangtok	Gangtok	Gangtok (T)	Yali RF	16.7602 Ha	Rs. 39,37,313.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>16.7602 Ha</b>	<b>Rs. 39,37,313.00</b>

The map showing the above identified forest land is enclosed at **Annexure –II** for reference.

The aforesaid degraded forest land is proposed to be brought under Afforestation programme as per the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme drawn by the Divisional Forest Officer, Gangtok Territorial Division, with financial outlay of **Rs. 39,37,313.00** (Rupees thirty nine lakhs thirty seven thousand three hundred and thirteen) only (**Enclosed at Annexure IV**). The Compensatory Afforestation Scheme will be undertaken in the designated compact area identified by Gangtok Territorial Division of Sikkim.

The impact on the Wildlife of the aforesaid forest land proposed for diversion is prepared to mitigated as per the Wildlife Conservation & Protection Plan drawn by the Divisional Forest Officer, East Wildlife Division, with financial outlay of **Rs. 26,96,000.00** (Rupees twenty six lakhs ninety six thousand) only (**Enclosed at Annexure V**). The Wildlife Management Plan will be undertaken in the designated area identified by East Wildlife Division of Sikkim as per the enclosed plan.

The Divisional Forest Officer (T) Gangtok Division has given the certificate on suitability of degraded forest land for Compensatory Afforestation. (**Annexure –VI**). Accordingly, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to deposit the amount of CA, NPV and additional NPV if any etc. after Stage I clearance is granted by the Ministry in this respect (**Annexure –VII**). But no Penal Compensatory Afforestation has been imposed since no violation of the Act has been reported against.

### 7. Displacement of human population -

No human population will be displaced owing to the project.

8. Environmental clearance - N/A

9. Cost-benefit analysis - YES

10. **Violation of Forest Conservation Act / India Forest Act** -

No violation of Forest (Conservation) Act is reported.

11. **Recommendations of the State Government** -

The Divisional Forest Officer (T) Gangtok Division, Divisional Forest Officer (WL) Gangtok Division and Conservator of Forest (Territorial), have recommended the proposal respectively. No adverse comment has been given by any officers on the proposal and it has been suitably commented upon by senior officers. The proposed diversion forms a part of Fambonglho Wildlife Sanctuary and the NBWL clearance has been granted.

Therefore, I, request you to kindly accord approval under Section - 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for **diversion of 8.3801 Ha (5.7179 ha Wildlife Sanctuary + 2.6622 Ha Khasmal) of forest land for laying of 132KV D/C Dikchupool to Perbing TL under "Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of Transmission & Distribution System in Sikkim" in Gangtok District of Sikkim by Energy and Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim, please.**

Yours faithfully,



(Pradeep Kumar, IFS),  
APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA).

Copy for kind information to:-

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Energy & Power Department,  
Govt. of Sikkim,
2. CF (T)
3. DFO (T), Gangtok Division
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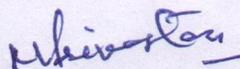
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**Part - V**

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized Officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

18. Recommendation of the State Government:  
(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part – B or Part-C or Part-D above should be specifically commented upon)

The proposal for diversion of 8.3801 ha (5.7179 ha wildlife Sanctuary & 2.6622 ha Khasmal forest) of Forest land for laying of 132KV D/C Dikchupool to Perbing TL under “Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of Transmission & Distribution System in Sikkim” in Gangtok district of Sikkim by Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim, is accepted and recommended for forest clearance under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Signature : 

Name & Designation : M.L. Srivastava, IFS  
Addl. Chief Secretary -cum-.PCCF

Date: 22-8-22  
M.L. Srivastava, IFS  
Addl. Chief Secretary  
Forests & Environment Deptt  
Govt. of Sikkim

Place: Gangtok (Sikkim)

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