Government of West Bengal Department of Forests, Aranya Bhavan, Block-LA-10A, Sector-III, Salt Lake City <u>Kolkata-700 106</u>

No. 49-For/O/L/10T-02/2023

Kolkata, the 9th January, 2023

From: Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

To: The Inspector General of Forests (C)
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Integrated Regional Office
IB-198, Broadway Road, Sector-III, Salt Lake City,
Kolkata-700 106

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 2.939 ha of forest land in favour of National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (NHIDCL) for Muck Dumping for construction rehabilitation and upgrading of two land paved shoulder of NH 717A under Kalimpong Forest Division

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a proposal, in prescribed Form-A along with relevant documents, maps etc. duly recommended by this Department for diversion of 2.939 ha of Forest land as per proviso laid down u/s 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for according In-Principle/Stage-1 Approval in favour of National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (NHIDCL) for Muck Dumping for construction rehabilitation and upgrading of two land paved shoulder of NH 717A.

Encl.: one set of proposal

Yours faithfully,

Denuty Secretary

No. 49/1(2)-For

Kolkata, the 9th January, 2023

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:-

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, West Bengal
- 2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, West Bengal

Deputy Secretary

PART - IV

(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of the Forest Department)

Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.
 (While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by the concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

Project No. FP/WB/ROAD/154398/2022

This is a Proposal for diversion of 2.939 hectares of Forest Land under Kalimpong Forest Division in favour of National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) for Muck Dumping for construction rehabilitation and upgrading of two land paved shoulder of NH 717 A under Kalimpong Forest Division.

The proposal has been recommended by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kalimpong Forest Division and the Chief Conservator of Forest, Hill Circle, West Bengal.

As recommended by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Hill Circle, West Bengal, appropriate Soil Conservation and slope stabilization measures must be taken to prevent landslides and erosion.

Though, incorrect muck disposal has been stated in Part-II by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kalimpong forest division but considering the strategic importance of the proposal and in the National Interest, the instant proposal for diversion of 2.939 hectares of forest land is therefore, recommended for a period of 5 (five) years in favour of National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) for Muck Dumping of NH 717 A.

Date: 27/12/2022.

Place: Aranya Bhawan, Kolkata

27.12.2022 Chief Conservator of Forests &

Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation Act, 1980

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)

Date: 6/1/2023 Place: Kolkata

Name & Designation (Official Seal)

Additional Chief Secretary
Forest Department
Government of West Bengal