



SITE INSPECTION REPORT

For the diversion of 0.414 Ha of Forestland for Construction of Rural Connectivity Road from Upper Mamley Chamgaon to Doling Gaon in South Sikkim by Rural Management and Development Department, Government of Sikkim.

1. Legal Status of forest land proposed for diversion: **Reserve Forest 0.414 ha**

2. Item wise break details of the forest land proposed for diversion:

Sl No.	Forest Land	Area (in Ha)
1.	Reserve Forest	0.414
Total Area		0.414

3. Total cost of project at present rates: **Rs. 1042.36 lakhs.**

4. Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view: ***The forest area proposed for diversion does not form a habitat of rare, endangered and threatened species of flora and fauna.***

5. Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest: ***Well within the forest land.***

6. Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area if so details thereof: ***Not reported from the area.***

7. Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/Defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required: ***There are no protected archaeological/heritage sites in the periphery of the proposed project site.***

8. Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by user agency in col.2 of Part -I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined: ***Requirement of forest land for the purpose is unavoidable and barest minimum, and involves minimum felling of trees.***

9. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out.
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10. Vegetation: ***The project area is mostly stable surface having open density of vegetation. A total of 25 poles of Schima wallichii, Engelhardtia spicata, Prunus cerasoides, Cryptomeria japonica etc. have been enumerated within the 0.4416 ha of forest area for removal. The removal of these trees/poles will have minimal impact on the ecosystem and the same shall be mitigated through***

Total Forest cover diverted since 1980	:	395.6204 ha.
No. of approved cases		84 Cases
Total compensatory Afforestation situated in the District / Division since 1980 on (date) 31 st March 2011	:	
i. Forest Land including penal Compensatory Afforestation	:	608.636 ha
ii. Non forest land	:	2.5 ha
Total	:	611.136 ha
Progress of Compensatory Afforestation as on (Date) 31 st March 2011 on	:	
i. Forest Land	:	521.14 ha
ii. Non- forest Land	:	2.50 ha
Total	:	523.64 ha

14. Site inspection report of the DFO/CCF/Nodal Officer highlighting important facts pertaining to the forest land: Enclosed

Division Name	Circle	Site inspected By	Whether site inspected	No. of times site visited	Site inspection report	Date of visit
South Territorial	Territorial	DFO	Yes	One	Enclosed	19/03/2016

15. Specific recommendation of the DFO for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reason:

The construction of "Rural Connectivity Road from PWD Road to Rongbull in Namchi will help connect the villages of Upper Mamley Changaon to Doling Gaon to Namchi Town. The construction of this RCR shall help these agriculture-dependent village in improving the living standard of its residents. Thus, the diversion of forest land is recommended for approval subject to conditions laid by the State and Central Government.


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