

## SITE INSPECTION REPORT

For the diversion of 0.4416 Ha of Forestland for Construction of Rural Connectivity Road from Bakchung to Thangsing in South Sikkim by Rural Management and Development Department, Government of Sikkim.

1. Legal Status of forest land proposed for diversion: *Khasmal*
2. Item wise break details of the forest land proposed for diversion: *0.4416 ha*
3. Total cost of project at present rates: *Rs. 108.66 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.  
*No.*
10. Vegetation: *The project area is mostly exposed, undulating and continuous rock face of considerable surface area devoid of vegetation, except those trees/shrubs growing along the periphery of the rock surface or on the crevices between the rocks. A total of 11 poles of Schima wallichii, Engelhardtia spicata, Rhus insignis and Cryptomeria japonica 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 effective implementation of*

*Compensatory Afforestation Scheme. The trees/poles shall be felled only if absolutely necessary.*

11. Configuration of land: *The forest area selected for the proposed diversion of 0.4416 ha. is a stable land falling within Government Khasmal. The excavated earth and muck generated out of the construction site shall be dumped at depressed locations within the diverted area without causing any damage to the surrounding areas.*
12. Details on catchments and command area under the project and catchment area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir: *N.A.*
13. Cost-Benefit ratio (only in case if diverted area is >20 ha): *N.A.*



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