SITE INSPECTION REPORTOF DFO TERRITORIAL, EAST DIVISION GANGTOK

Site Inspection Report for proposal for diversion of 0.24ha. Forest land for construction of link road from NH10 (near Old India Press) via Gurung Crematorium to ICDS & Gurung Gaon in Burtuk, East Sikkim by PWD, Government of Sikkim.

Legal Status of Forest Land proposed for diversion:-

Reserve Forest

1. Item wise break-up details of forest land proposed for diversion:-Reserve Forest: 0.24 ha.

Coordinates:- N - 27° 20′ 51.2″ 27° 20′ 45.1″ E - 88° 37′ 5.6″ 88° 36′ 59.4″

2. Total Cost of Project at present rates. Rs. 235 lakhs.

- 3. Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view:-Does not forms the parts of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc.
- 4. Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.
- 5. Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area if so

Not reported from the area.

6. Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/Defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.

There is no any protected archaeological/heritage sites in the periphery of the project

7. Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the 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.

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- 8. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out. No.
- 9. Vegetation:-

The area proposed for diversion consists felling of trees and poles like Dhupi. The area will not have impact on the eco system as same shall be mitigated. The necessary care shall be taken up to protect and conserve the Bio-diversity of the area.

- 10. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme:-Enclosed.
- 11. Crown Density:-

12. Total no. of trees, poles and Bambooto be felled/re-located:-

i. Trees - 45Nos. (Removal).

ii. Poles

- <u>05Nos.</u> (Removal).

TOTAL

- 50Nos.

13. Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem: -

The area shall not have any impact on the general ecosystem as the same shall be mitigated by planting valuable species in lieu of diverted forest. Every care will be taken up for restoration of loss of vegetation and other related ecosystem of the area.

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