Part-III

(To be filled up by the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests)

14. Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection & observations made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.

Yes, on 04.03.2021. The area proposed for forest land diversion is 13.512 ha spread over three Forest Divisions viz Kurseong Forest Division, Darjeeling Forest Division, and Kalimpong Forest Division. In Kurseong Division a single patch of 0.5089 ha forest land at Setikhola block of Sivok Range has been proposed for approach road. In Darjeeling Forest Division 4 patches of forest land having total of 2.794 ha (0.32 ha in Mangwa-2 for protection wall, 0.29 ha in Mangwa-4, for approach road to tunnel portal, 1.1245 ha and 1.060ha in Reyang-3 for muck disposal and camp sites). The muck disposal and camp sites are meant for temporary transfer which will be returned to Forest Department after the completion of work. In Kalimpong Forest Division a total of 10.2065 ha land. (0.9278 Ha at Mangber - 3a compartment for construction of staff quarters at, 0.7364 Ha, 0.6792 Ha, 0.7632 Ha and 0.546 Ha at Mangber – 1 compartment for muck disposal and making same staff quarter and 6.5559 Ha at Sangser - 5 for muck disposal) have been proposed. These land proposed are bare minimum, devoid of any encroachments, and falls within Reserved Forest. The area is not very important for rare / endangered species of Flora & Fauna.

15. Whether the concerned Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part - B and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.

Yes.

Specific recommendation of concerned Conservator of Forests for acceptance or 16. otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.

The diversion of 13.512 Ha of forest land in kurseong Diversion (0.5089 Ha), Darjeeling Division (2.794 ha.) and Kalimpong Division (10.2065 ha.) for construction of Sivok – Rangpo BG Railway line in the interest of public convenience and national security is hereby recommended.

Chief Conservator of Forests,
Hill Circle

Recommendation of Chief Conservator of Forests/Hill Circle

The proposed area of 0.5089 Ha under setikhola Block of Sivok Range under Kurseong of Forest Division is for alternate approach road to tunnel portal. It is bare minimum area. This proposed area is being taken as there was instability and land slides in already transferred land. The area being minimum the undersigned recommends it for consideration.

Chief Conservator of Forests

Hill Circle, West Bengal

Recommendation of CCF/Hill Circle

The proposed diversion area of 10.2065 ha under Kalimpong Forest Division for various purposes in 6 different patches (0.9278 ha, 0.7364 ha, 0.6792 ha, 0.7632 ha, 0.546 ha and 6.5559 ha) are bare minimum and is for construction of Sivok Rangpo BG Railway Line. There is no other alternative land available in the vicinity for the purpose. It is recommended for consideration.

Chief Conservator of Forests,

Hill Circle, West Bengal

Recommendation of CCF(Hill Circle) in connection with the proposal of 2.7945 Ha of Reserved Forest land under Darjeeling Division for Construction of Sivok Rangpo Rail line.

The Proposal area for diversion 2.7945 Ha (0.32 Ha at Mangwa 2, 0.29 Ha at Mangwa-4, 1.0602 Ha and 1.1245Ha at Reyang-3) are bare minimum and there are no alternative land in the vicinity.

The Proposal for diversion of 2.7945 Ha Reserved Forest Land as mentioned above for construction of Sivok Rangpo Broad Gauge Railway line under Darjeeling Forest Division is recommended for Consideration.

Chief Conservator of Forests Hill Circle, West Bengal