

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Construction of Rural Connectivity Road from Singtam to Palum in South Sikkim by Rural Management and Development Department, Government of Sikkim

1. Legal status of forestland proposed for diversion: **Khasmal**
2. Item wise break up of details of forestland proposed for diversion:

Sl. No.	Component	Name and Status of Forest land	Area (in Ha)
1.	Rural Connectivity	Govt. Khasmal	0.4080
2.	Road	Govt. khasmal	0.1440
Total			0.5520

3. **Details of construction of buildings (if any)**

Not applicable

4. **Total cost of project at present rates**

The estimated cost of the project is **Rs 488.324 lakhs.**

5. **Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view:**

The proposed forest area for diversion does not form a part of any Protected Area or habitat of any threatened/rare/endangered wildlife.

6. **Vegetation:** The area proposed for the project has a mixed vegetation of *Albizia sps.*, *Schima wallichii*, *Castanopsis spp.*, *Engelhardtia spp.*, etc. with moderate density. A total of **108** nos. including 97 poles and 11 trees have been enumerated to be affected by this RCR. The removal of trees will have minimal impact on the ecosystem and the same shall be mitigated through effective implementation of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme. The trees shall be felled only if absolutely necessary.

6. **Background note on the proposal:** The proposal for Construction of Rural Connectivity Road from Singtam to Palum in South Sikkim by Rural Management and Development Department aims to connect two agriculture dependent villages namely Singtam and Palum in South District.

The proposal requires diversion of 0.552 ha. of forest land which falls within the only suitable alignment for the proposed road requiring the barest minimum forest land and minimum felling of trees.

7. **Compensatory Afforestation**

Land for CA is appropriate for plantation & management point of view	: Yes
Land for CA is free from encroachment/other incumbencies	: Yes

Land for CA is important from religious/archaeological point of view					: No	
Number of patches involved in land identified for CA					: One	
Sl. No.	Location	Range	Plantation area (ha.)	Fencing (in km)	SMC Work (in ha.)	Division
i.	Govt. Khasmal, Palum Block	Namchi	1.104	0.6624	0.276	South Territorial Division
Map with details				: Enclosed		
Total financial outlay				:The total cost of Compensatory Afforestation scheme along with maintenance and protection is Rs. 9,42,471.00 (Rupees Nine Lakhs Fourty-two thousand Four hundred and Seventy-one) only		

10. Whether proposal involves violation of FCA, 1980 or not. If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken.

No violation has been observed till date.

11. The requirement of forestland as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommend area item-wise with details of alternative examined.


The area requirement of forestland as proposed by the user agency for diversion is unavoidable and is the barest minimum.

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)

NA


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