

FORM 'A'

Form for seeking prior approval under section 2 of the proposals by the State Government and other authorities Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

PART -I

(To be filled up by the user agency)

1. Project details:

- i.* Short narrative of the proposal and project/scheme for which the forest land is required.

Gurudongmar Lake is one of the highest lakes in the world and is located at an altitude of 17800 feet above the sea level. It is one of the most important tourist destinations of Sikkim due to its pristine beauty and landscape. The entire areas towards Gurudongmar are part of a plateau which is known for its cold deserts and rich fauna. Many exotic animals like the musk deer, Tibetan sheep, goat etc. are found in the plateau which makes the area a heavenly destination.

Over the year, the tourist inflow into Gurudongmar has increased exponentially due to the sheer natural beauty of the area. This tourist inflow is further stated to grow given the improving road condition in the area. Gurudongmar has thus become an important source of livelihood to the people of Lachen. The Lachen town has developed to cater to tourist visiting Gurudongmar and Thangu. Thus today most people of the town are now engaged in Tourism and this will help in future conservation of forest and environments. Today people are less dependent on the forests for their livelihood and in fact the traditional Dzumsa is one of the important institutions furthering the cause of the conservation of the forest and natural habitat of the animals.

Currently despite the high growth of the number of tourists visiting the area and lake, the infrastructure to cater to tourists is inadequate. There are hardly any facilities for tourist reaching the area. Since Gurudongmar is located at a high elevation, the oxygen level in the area is very low. Due to this many tourists develop mountain sickness thereby causing disruption in

their travel schedules. In order to undertake the scientific and proper growth of tourism in the area, it is important to develop an integrated green tourist complex and also conserve the fragile ecology.

Integrated Green tourist Complex at Gurudongmar.

In order to cater to the needs of the tourists visiting Gurudongmar Lake, an integrated Green Tourist Complex shall be developed at Yumtso near Gurudongmar which shall consist of the following components:

a. Vehicles Parking Area:

b. Entrance Gate:

c. Visitors Gallery Area and Medical Emergency Centre:

d. Bio Toilets:

e. Renewable Energy (Solar/Wind):

ii. Map showing the required forest land, boundary of adjoining forest on a 1:50,000 Scale map. ENCLOSED

iii. Cost of the project: Rs.5,00,00,000.00 (Rupees Five Crores)

iv. Justification for locating the project in forest area:

Yumtso which is the nearest place to Gurudongmar is selected as the project site as Gurudongmar Lake area is under Prejudice.

v. Cost-benefit analysis (to be enclosed)

vi. Employment likely to be generated.

Sl no.	Particular of labors	Number of labors	Total lab payment	Total man days created	Remarks
1.	Skilled labors (medical staff, manager, chowkidar, staff)	8		3489	
2.	Semi-skilled labors (as above)	12.00		4500	
3.	Casual labors (Waiters, housekeepers, security guards, parking attendants, gardeners, janitors, etc.)	20.00		6000	

2. Purpose-wise break-up of the total land required:

I.	Medical health Centre: -	0.018 hect.
II.	Toilet: -	0.0046 Hect.
III.	Gate: -	0.0037 Hect.
IV.	<u>Parking: -</u>	<u>0.056 Hect.</u>
	Total: -	0.0823 Hect.


3. Details of displacement of people due to the project, if any:

- i. Number of families: - NA
- ii. Number of schedule castes/schedule tribes families: - NA
- iii. Rehabilitation plan (to be enclosed): - NA

4. Whether clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 required? (Yes/No):-

5. Undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation and/or penal compensatory afforestation as well as cost for protection and regeneration of safety Zone etc. as per the scheme prepared by the State Government. Enclosed

6. Details of certificate/documents enclosed as required under the instructions.


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Date:

Place:

State serial No. of proposal.....
(To be filled up by the Nodal Officer with date of receipt)