

GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY TASHILING SECRETARIAT, GANGTOK – 737101

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Proposal for diversion of 0. 4305 Ha. of forest land for Construction of Rural Connectivity road from Lingdok 9th Mile to Dikchu Bazar at Lingdok in East Sikkim by Rural Development Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

Certificate for Non-availability of Non-Forest Land for Compensatory Afforestation.

I, S.C. Gupta, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim, do hereby certify that :

- (i) I have obtained from each District Collector and Divisional Forest Officer in the State of Sikkim, a joint certificate to the effect that non-forest land, revenue lands, *zudpi jungle, chhote jhar ka jungle, bade jhar ka jungle, jungle-jhari land, civil-soyam lands* and all other such categories of forest lands (except the forest land under management and administrative control of the Forest Department) on which the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are applicable, which as per the extant guidelines of the Central Government may be utilized for creation of compensatory afforestation in lieu of forest land diverted for nonforest purpose, are not available in the area under their respective jurisdiction; and
- (ii) I have also examined all other relevant records.

On the basis of afore-mentioned joint certificates and examination of all other relevant records, I do hereby certify that non-forest land, revenue lands, *zudpi jungle, chhote jhar ka jungle, bade jhar ka jungle, jungle-jhari land, civil-soyam* lands and all other such categories of forest lands (except the forest land under management and administrative control of the Forest Department) on which the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are applicable, which as per the extant guidelines of the Central Government may be utilized for creation of compensatory afforestation in lieu of forest land diverted for non-forest purpose, are not available in the entire State of Sikkim.

(S.C. Gupta, IAS) Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim.