

**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-II**

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest)

State Serial No. of proposal: FP/SK/TRANS/10009/2015

1. **Location of the project/Scheme :** Sikkim
  - (i) **State / Union Territory :** Sikkim
  - (ii) **District :** South
  - (iii) **Forest Division :** South Territorial
  - (iv) **Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.):** 40.9299 ha.
2. **Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion**

S. No.	Division	Forest Land (ha.)	Legal Status
1	South Territorial	27.6	Reserve Forest
2	South Territorial	13.3299	Khasmal
	<b>Total</b>	<b>40.9299</b>	

3. **District wise area to be diverted in the division**

S. No.	District	Area (ha.)
1	South	40.9299

4. **Details of Vegetation available in the forest land proposed for diversion**

(i) **Density of vegetation**

S. No.	Area (in ha.)	Density	Eco-Class
1	27.6	0.4-0.6	Class VI
2	13.3299	0.4-0.6	Class V

5. **Working plan prescription for the forest land proposed for diversion :**
  - i. To improve the quality of crops through removal of fallen dead and decaying hollow trees.
  - ii. To conserve the forest with plantation in the degraded areas with suitable indigenous Species.
  - iii. To improve the natural regeneration
  - iv. To prevent encroachment by extensively demarcating these forests with boundary pillars.
6. **Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion:** The Proposed land for diversion does not form a part of any seriously eroded areas except which is due to natural factors.
7. **Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest (in km.):** *Approximately 0- 0.5 km.*
8. **Significance of the forest land proposed for diversion from wildlife point of view**
  - I. Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion : **Not reported or found during inspection.**
  - II. Whether forms part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc. : **No**
  - III. Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone(ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife(Protection) Act,1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a Protected Area is not notified, then, 10kms distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ): **No**
  - IV. Whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion : **No**
  - V. Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area : **Yes**
9. **Details of any protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument located in the area, if any**
  - I. Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area : **No**
10. **Comment as to the reasonability of the extent of the forest land proposed for diversion**
  - I. Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project: **Yes**
11. **Details of violation(s), if any ,committed**
  - I. Whether any work in violation of the Act or guidelines issued under the Act has been carried out : **No**
12. **Whether work in violation is still in progress (Yes/No) : No**
13. **Details of compensatory Afforestation scheme:**
  - I. Total Financial Outlay for C.A: **Rs. 7,07,33,278/- Rupees(Seven Crore seven lakh thirty three thousand Two hundred seventy eight) only**
  - II. **Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory Afforestation. Its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.**

Patch Wise Details				
S.no	Patch No.	Area (ha.)	Name of PF/RF	Range
1.	1	44.37	Tendong RF	Namchi (T)
2.	2	37.53	Ramaram RF	Namchi (T)

- III. **Copy of CA scheme details:** Enclosed.
- IV. **Scanned copy of the Geo-referenced map of the forest land proposed for C.A. prepared by using DGPS or Total Station:** Enclosed.
- V. **Copy of Survey of India Topo-sheet indicating boundary of forest land proposed for C.A:** Enclosed.

#### 14. District Profile

Geographical area of District	:	750 sq.km.
Forest cover of the District (as per FSI Report 2017)	:	76.27% of geo. area
Forest area of the District	:	572 sq.km.
Total Forest cover diverted since 1980	:	395.6204 ha.
No. of approved cases	:	84 Cases
Total compensatory Afforestation situated in the District / Division since 1980 on (date) 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2011	:	
i. Forest Land including penal Compensatory Afforestation	:	608.636 ha
ii. Non forest land	:	2.5 ha
<b>Total</b>	:	<b>611.136 ha</b>
Progress of Compensatory Afforestation as on (Date) 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2011 on	:	
i. Forest Land	:	521.14 ha
ii. Non- forest Land	:	2.50 ha
<b>Total</b>	:	<b>523.64 ha</b>

15. Site inspection report of the DFO/CCF/Nodal Officer highlighting important facts pertaining to the forest land

Division Name	Circle	Site inspected By	Whether site inspected	No. of times site visited	Site inspection report	Date of visit
South Territorial	Territorial	DFO	Yes	2	Enclosed	17 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018 & 1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2018

16. Specific recommendation of the DFO for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reason:

The present proposal pertains to the diversion of 40.9299 ha of forest land for laying of loop-out of 400KV double circuit Teesta Stage-III HEP Kishanganj Transmission line at Rangpo Sub-station in South Sikkim by the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. to fulfill their mandate for the construction of transmission lines and power sub-stations for evacuation of the power generated by Teesta Stage-III HEP that has been commissioned in the state, through the National Powergrid.

The diversion of forest land is barest minimum and is recommended for approval, subject to fulfillment of the terms and conditions laid down by the State and the Central Government.

  
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