



**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER  
SOUTH TERRITORIAL DIVISION  
FORESTS, ENV. & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

**JOINT CERTIFICATE FOR NON-AVAILABILITY OF NON-FOREST LAND FOR  
COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION**

This is to certify that 81.90 ha forest lands are available in south District for Compensatory Afforestation to be raised in lieu of 40.9299 ha of forest land to be diverted for laying of loop-out of 400KV double circuit Teesta Stage-III HEP Kishanganj Transmission line at Rangpo Sub-station in South District by the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

**Name of Project**

Diversion 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 District by the

**User Agency**

Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.

**Total forest land proposed for diversion**

40.9299 ha

*As per the report of Forest Survey of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, the total geographical area of South district of Sikkim is 750 sq.km and the total forest cover is 572 sq.km which is 76.27% of the total geographical area of the district (FSI Status of Forest Report 2017)*

The Joint Certificate is granted as per the Rules and Guidelines para 3.2 (v) of Forest (Conservation) Rules 2003-Guidelines & Clarification and recent guidelines from the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India in connection with the diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

**Divisional Forest Officer,  
South Territorial Division,  
Namchi, South Sikkim.**

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South Division, Namchi**

**District Collector,  
South District,  
Namchi, South Sikkim.  
District Collector  
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