

GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER WEST TERRITORIAL DIVISION GYALSHING

Memo No 483 /WD/T.

Date 06/9/19

JOINT CERTIFICATE FOR NON AVAILABILITY OF NON FOREST LAND FOR COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION.

This is to Certify that non-forest lands are not available under the territorial jurisdiction of West Forest Division for Compensatory Afforestation to be raised in lieu of forest land to be diverted for the non-forestry purposes of User agency, mentioned below:-

a. Name of Proposal with Location:-

Diversion of Forest land for construction of LILO of 132KV Rangit to Melli Transmission line at

Legship Pool Sub-Station.

b. Name of User Agency:-

Energy and Power Department

c. Area of Forest Land to be diverted: 0.0756 Ha.

The geographical area of West District of Sikkim is <u>116600</u> ha while the Forest Land has been recorded to the extent of <u>77400</u> ha. only, which is found to be more than 50% of the geographical area as per the State of Forest Report 2017.

The Joint Certificate is granted as per the Rule & Guideline Para 3.2(v) of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 - Guidelines & Clarifications and recent Guidelines received from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India in connection with the diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Non-availability of Forest Land for creation of Compensatory Afforestation vide letter No. 11-423/2011-FC dated the 13th February 2012.

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West Territorial Division Divisional Forest Officer West Territorial Division

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