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**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 East District/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 0.0447 ha of Forest land for construction of 11KV Feeders using 66 KV towers within Khani RF & Rangpo Teesta Bagar in East Distt. of Sikkim.
- (b). Name of User Agency: - Energy and Power Department, Government of Sikkim.
- (c). Area of Forest land to be diverted: - 0.0447 ha.

The geographical area of East District of Sikkim is 95400 hectares while the Forest land has been recorded to the extent of 61952 hectares only, which is found to be more than 50% of the geographical area of the district as per the FSI Report.

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

Signature &

Seal: - Divisional Forest Officer (T)

Divisional Forest Officer
East Territorial Division
Deptt. of Forest, Env & W/L Mgmt
Government of Sikkim

Signature &

District Collector
East District
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