

**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 North 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 0.01ha of Forest land for Installation of Hydrological and Metrological Station under National Hydrological Project at Yumthang, Lachung (T) Range in Mangan District of Sikkim by Water Resource Department, Government of Sikkim.**
- (b). Name of User Agency: - **Water Resource Department, Government of Sikkim.**
- (c). Area of Forest land to be diverted:- **0.01ha.**

The geographical area of North District of Sikkim is 422600 hectares, while the Forest Land has been recorded to the extent of 394020 hectares only, which is found to be more than 50% of the geographical area of the district as per the FSI (2011) Report is 131700 hectares.

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 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.

Signature &

Seal: - **Divisional Forest Officer (T)**

Divisional Forest Officer
Mangan Division
Territorial Division Mangan
Forest & Environment Department

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Seal: - **District Collector**

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Mangan District
Government of Sikkim