

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM GANGTOK

Ref. No.06/CS/SKM/2023

Date: 28.01.2023

<u>Certificate for Non-availability of Non-Forest Land for Compensatory</u> <u>Afforestation.</u>

I, V.B.Pathak, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim, do hereby certify that:

(i) I have obtained from each District Collector and Divisional Forest Officer in the State of Sikkim, a joint certificate to the effect that non-forest land, revenue lands, zudpi jungle, chhotejharka jungle, bade jharka jungle, jungle-jhari land, civil-soyam lands and all other such categories of forest lands (except the forest land under management and administrative control of the Forest Department) on which the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are applicable, which as per the extant guidelines of the Central Government may be utilized for creation of compensatory afforestation in lieu of forest land diverted for nonforest purpose, are not available in the area under their respective jurisdiction; and

(ii) I have also examined all other relevant records.

On the basis of aforementioned joint certificates and examination of all other relevant records, I do hereby certify that non-forest land, revenue lands, zudpi jungle, chhotejharka jungle, bade jharka jungle, jungle-jhari land, civil-soyam lands and other such categories of forest lands (except the forest land under management and administrative control of the Forest Department) on which the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are applicable, which as per the extant guidelines of the Central Government may be utilized for creation of compensatory afforestation in lieu of forest land diverted for non-forest purpose, are not available in the entire State of Sikkim.

This certificate is valid for a period of one year from the date of issue.

Issued under by hand and seal on this 28th day of January, 2023.

(V.B.Pathak) IAS 2871/2023 Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim.