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RECOMMENDATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSAL NO: FP/WB/RAIL/154400/2022 FOR DIVERSION OF 0.1863 Ha. FOREST LAND UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF KURSEONG FOREST DIVISION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEVOKE -RANGPO NEW BROAD GUAGE RAILWAY LINE PROJECT

North East Frontier Railway has proposed the land diversion proposal over 0.1863 Ha. In Kandung Block of Birrik Beat under the jurisdiction of Sevoke Range of Kurseong Division. Which is a bare minimum for the purpose of construction access road to T4 Adit Portal location.

The proposal for land diversion of 0.1863 Ha. of forest area In Kandung Block of Birrik Beat under the jurisdiction of Sevoke Range of Kurseong Division for the purpose by the user agency North East Frontier Railway, is recommended for acceptance, for the Strategic Importance, in the National Interest.

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Chief Conservator of Forests Hill Circle, West Bengal 14. whether site ,where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned conservator of Forests. (Yes/No). If Yes, the date of inspection & the observations made in the form of inspection note to be enclosed.

Yes, on **03.09.2022**. The area of 0.1863 Ha falls under the jurisdiction In Kandung Block of Birrik Beat under the jurisdiction of Sevoke Range of Kurseong Division.

There is no issue of encroachment in the proposed site and it does not falls under any designated wildlife habitat. It is a barest minimum for the purpose. There is no involvement of felling of trees. It is situated in a slope area prone to landslide . The user agency must undertake appropriate Soil Conservation and slope stabilization measures to prevent landslide and erosion issues, with priority. The proposed area if diverted for the purpose mentioned , would cause minimum interference to the wildlife habitat and movement of wildlife.

15. Whether the concerned Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part –B and the recommendation of Deputy Conservator of Forests.

Yes.

16. Specific recommendation of the concerned Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.

Diversion of 0.1863 Ha under of forest land In Kandung Block of Birrik Beat under the jurisdiction of Sevoke Range of Kurseong Division, for the purpose of construction, of access road to T4 Adit Portal location by the user agency - North East Frontier Railway is hereby recommended.

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