

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

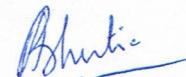
The Site was visited by the undersigned along with the Asst. Divisional Manager, Kalimpong and Range Manager, Kalimpong Range on dated:31.05.2018. The proposed area for the Compensatory Afforestation in connection with the construction of Viaduct area falls under Rangpo-1 Block and Compartment of Kalimpong Range and the territorial jurisdiction of Kalimpong Range of this Division . During the site inspection, it was observed that the area is degraded, naturally blank river bed with more than 4 hectare of land with less than 5 % canopy cover.

The proposed Compensatory Afforestation area lies in the West Bengal side of Rangpo river bed . Nearest FPC is Mongchu Forest Village and plantation work will be taken up by the Mongchu FPC. The KML file of the same is attached in the form for ready reference.

In the proposed area there is no endangered flora and fauna and does not fall under the jurisdiction of any Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Park.

Further, during the joint inspection on dated 19.05.2018, 21 nos. of trees were marked for felling. There is no alternative way for proposed viaduct line, and the selected proposed site (Option 1) will amount to the minimum loss of forest area .

As such, the proposal for diversion of forest land of 1.997 ha. for construction of Viaduct at Rangpo, is recommended.



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