

PART – II

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest)

State serial no. of receipt: FP/SK/ROAD/45228/2020 Dated: 24/03/2020

NAME OF THE PROJECT: Diversion of 0.171 Ha of Forest Land for Upgradation, Carpeting of approach road from Rinchenpong Bazzar to Dakbunglow in West Sikkim by Roads & Bridges Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

7. Location of the project / scheme:

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| i) State/ Union Territory: | Sikkim |
| ii) District : | West |
| iii) Forest Division: | West Territorial Division |
| iv) Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in Ha): | 0.171 Ha |
| v) Legal Status of forest : | Reserve Forest |
| vi) Density of vegetation : | 40 % |

vii) Species – wise (scientific names) and diameter class – wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed). In case of irrigation/ hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.: - **Enumeration enclosed**

viii) Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.

The proposed land for diversion does not form a part of any seriously eroded areas except which is due to natural factors. However, all measures shall be taken to minimise and control the erosion and protect the area during and after the construction of the project.

ix) Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest
Within Forest Land.

x) Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. (if so details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed)

No component of the proposed forest area falls within the above said protected areas.

xi) Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area – if so details thereof.

Not reported but if found all measures would be taken to conserve and protect such Species and its habitat.

xii) Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.

No such structure of any archaeological/heritage /defence or any important monument is located within the project area site.

8. Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part – I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If so, recommended area item – wise details of alternative examined.

The land involved and proposed for diversion is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. It involves minimum felling of trees and poles. The ecological impact of the project is minimum.

9. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work did, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.

No violation of the provisions of Forest Conservation Act (1980) is there in the project.

10. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme

- a) Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, sizes of each patch.

Enclosed

- b) Map showing non – forest/degraded forest area identified for Compensatory Afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries

Map showing the location and area is enclosed

- c) Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing Agency, time schedule, cost structure etc.

Detailed Compensatory Afforestation Scheme enclosed.

- d) Total Financial Outlay for compensatory Afforestation scheme: **Rs. 89372.00**

- e) Certificates from the competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view

- Enclosed

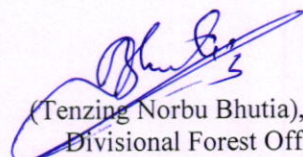
11. Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting the facts asked in Col. 7 (XI, XII), 8 and 9 above – **Enclosed**

12. Division/District profile as on 31st March 2011 Forest Conservation Act, 1980

- a) Geographical area of the district: **116600 Ha**
- b) Forest area of the district:- **86473 Ha**
- c) Forest cover of the district: **136.65 Ha**
- d) Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases: **61 cases**
- e) Total Compensatory afforestation stipulated in the District/Division since 1980 on (date) 31st March 2011:
- f) Progress of compensatory afforestation till date on (date) 31st March 2013:
 - i) Forest Land : **179.31 Ha**
 - ii) Non-Forest Land: **2.50 Ha**

13. Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons:

The proposal is recommended on the ground to improve road connectivity in the area and to provide employment opportunity to the local people. Diversion of 0.171 Ha of Forest Land for upgradation, Carpeting of approach road from Rinchenpong Bazaar to Dakbunglow in West Sikkim by Roads & Bridges Department, Govt. of Sikkim, involved minimum area of forest land. This diversion of forest land is recommended for approval subject to conditions laid by the State and Central Government and removal of minimum number of tree and poles wherever found to be absolutely unavoidable.


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