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**FORM-A**  
**Form for seeking prior under section 2 of the proposal by**  
**The State Government and Other Authorities**  
**(Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980)**  
**PART- II**

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy conservator of Forests)

State Serial No. of proposal: No. FP/SK/ROAD/32524/2018, Dated; 13/03/2018

**7. Location of the Project/Scheme.**

- i) State/ Union Territory SIKKIM
- ii) District. WEST DISTRICT
- iii) Forest Division SORENG RANGE  
WEST TERRITORIAL DIVISION
- iv) Area of forestland proposed for diversion (in ha): 0.798ha.
- v) Legal status of forest. :Khasmal - 0.798ha.  
Total area - 0.798ha.
- vi) Density of vegetation 0.3-0.5
- vii) Species wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of tree (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation/hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed)  
Enumeration List Enclosed.
- viii) Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.  
The terrain is hilly and the slope of the area is steep. During construction and implementation, all erosion control measures will be taken up by the user agency. All provision related to control erosion will be covered in Environment Management Plan by the User agency.
- ix) Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.  
The approximate distance from the boundary of forest is - NIL
- x) Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant ;corridor, etc. (If so, the details; of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed).  
N.A. - do not fall in any above criteria.
- xi) Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area- if so details thereof.  
Not reported.
- xii) Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.  
Not applicable.

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 no, recommended area item wise with details of alternatives examined.**

The requirement of forestland as proposed by User Agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.

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 done, action taken on erring officials. Whether violation is still in progress.**

No violation has been observed till date.

(DECLARATION, attached herein, given by the User Agency to this effect is relied upon)

10. **Details of compensatory afforestation scheme.**

Since the area under proposed diversion is less than one hectare and only 80 nos of trees & poles are proposed to be removed, the compensatory management plan for 10 times the number removed is proposed.

11. **Site Inspection Report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col.7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above.**

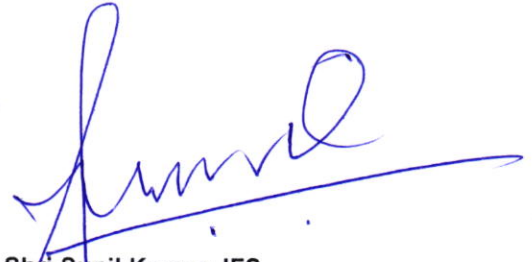
Site Inspection Report Enclosed.

12. **Division/District profile.**

Geographical area of District	:	116600 ha.
Forest area of the District	:	86473 ha
Forest Cover of The District (based on the FSI report – 2003)	:	72800 ha
Total Forest cover diverted since 1980 with number of cases	:	143.0773 ha & 52 Cases
Total compensatory afforestation situated in the District / Division since 1980 on (date) 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014	:	
i. Forest Land including penal Compensatory afforestation	:	380.516 ha
ii. Non forest land	:	15.78 ha
<b>Total</b>	:	<b>397.296 ha</b>
Progress of Compensatory afforestation as on (Date) 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014	:	
i. Forest Land	:	280.75ha
ii. Non- forest Land	:	13.014 ha
<b>Total</b>	:	<b>293.764 ha</b>

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

The proposal is recommended on the grounds of making the State of Sikkim well connected & providing all-weather connectivity to the people of Sikkim, thereby contributing to the economy of the state apart from providing a major fillip to the Tourism sector. The construction of road from Khaniserbong to Kamling (km 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>) in Soreng, West Sikkim involving diversion of 0.798ha. of forestland involved the barest minimum of forest land to be diverted. 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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