SITE INSPECTION REPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSAL FOR DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR DIVERSION OF 1.53H2 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ADIT-1, SEVOK — RANPO NEW BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY LINE IN FAVOUR OF THE NORTH EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY, JALPAIGURI UNDER MAHANANDA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, DARJEELING WILDLIFE DIVISION.

The proposed diversion site was visited by the undersigned, Asst. Divisional Forest Officer, Darjeeing Wildlife Division, Range Officer, MWLS-North Range and the representatives of the user Agency on 21.07.2019. The proposed diversion site is an adit proposal to the already aligned Sevok − Rangpo Broad Gauge Railway line passing through the Darjeeling Wildlife Division Division.

The site has a thick vegetation with density of around 0.85. The site being bounded by NH-10 and River Teesta. No signs of mega fauna like Elephant and Gaur were found. Discussed about the alternates available with the IRCON officials, the present site would be cause the minimal interference to the wildlife and the road users of NH-10 than other alternatives.

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