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To : The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/CAMPA &  
 Nodal Officer/FCA, West Bengal

**Part III**

(To be filled up by the Concerned Chief Conservator of Forests)

14. **Whether site, where the forest land involved is located, has been inspected by concerned Chief Conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes, date of inspection and observations made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.**

Yes, site from Bakrakot to Kafer and Kafer to Lava is inspected by me on 20.01.2019 from proposed chainage 3 km (Bagrakot) to 40 km (Lava). 99% Forest area proposed for diversion (116.001ha) is coming within this stretch. Beyond this stretch, there is 200mt road length passing through the Forests falling within Algara to Rishi border. The revised proposal is received from User Agency on 14.01.2019 and the site is visited by me on 20.01.2019. The trees and poles which are coming within 116.001ha is as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of Range	Name of Beat	No. of Trees	Elevation
1	Chel	Chunabhati	4903	< 500m.
2	Chel	Chunabhati	6602	400-600m.
3	Loley Gaon	Chumang	6871	>500m.
4	Loley Gaon	Bokhim	4586	>500m.
5	Loley Gaon	Pembling	7425	>500m.
6	Lava	Gumbadara	1764	>500m.
7	Pan Khasari	Damsang	6	>500m.
<b>Total</b>			<b>32,157nos.</b>	

Out of 32,157 trees coming within 116.001ha, 5672 nos. are between 01-30cm and 2482 nos are between 31-60cm girth and 411 nos. are bamboo. So no. of trees > 60cm girth is 23592nos. within 24m width of the road. But the User Agency will fell (cut) the trees which are coming within 12m. width of the road. The actual number of trees to be felled is not ascertained by the User Agency. The area is coming under the Reserve Forests of Kalimpong Division.

One Forest village (Chumang Forest Village) is coming within the proposed diversion of Forest Land. Road will pass through the boundary of Chumang Forest Village.

The proposed area is also important for some Wildlife namely Barking Deer, Wild Pig, Leopard and Himalayan Black Bear particularly in upper elevation.

The User Agency will not provide any non-forest land for compensatory Afforestation (C.A.). The 116.001ha degraded Forest Land (C.A.) areas identified by Divisional Forest Officer, Kalimpong Division in Kalimpong Range-8.9734ha, Pankhasasri Range-45.5082ha, Chel Range-43.5189ha and Noam Range-18.00ha.

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15. **Whether the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests, agree with the information given in Part-II and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.**

Yes.

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

The proposed forest area (116.00) is a fragile eco-system located in hilly terrain and some area is erosion prone. Proper soil Conservation measures have to be adopted during road construction. Number of trees to be felled/cut should be as less as possible, only those trees will be felled which are coming within 12m width of the road + some trees which may fall due to steep hill slope or, to maintain road's gradient and shoulder. Out of 32157 nos. of trees within 116.001ha of Forest Land, about 25000 trees are located above 500m elevation which is to be looked into in the light of Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order.

Signature :   
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