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FORESTS AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT  
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Ref. No. 2008/FCA/F&ED/ 999.....

Dated 20/3/2023

To,

The Inspector General of Forest-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA),  
Integrated Regional Office,  
Ministry of Env. Forests & Climate Change,  
Government of India,  
IB-198, Sector-III, Salt Lake City,  
Kolkata -700106.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 0.2340 hectare of forest land for construction of new link road from Durga Mandir to Kamrang college job (A) at Dambudara Namchi Sikkim by Smart city Namchi under Namchi Municipal Council.

Case No: Proposal No. FP/SK/ROAD/153655/2022

Madam,

Please find, enclosed, herewith a proposal seeking forest clearance for diversion of 0.2340 hectare of forest land for construction of new link road from Durga Mandir to kamrang college job (A) at Dambudara Namchi Sikkim by Smart city Namchi under Namchi Municipal Council.

**Brief Description:**

The user agency has proposed for construction of new link road from Durga Mandir to kamrang college job (A) at Dambudara Namchi Sikkim after obtaining the forest clearance under the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The proposal has since been uploaded in the "OMFC" portal of the Ministry vide proposal No. FP/SK/ROAD/153655/2022 and accordingly transferred to the level of MoEF, Integrated Eastern Regional Office at Kolkata through on-line mode.

Year of incorporation : 2017  
Area of business operation : Durga Mandir to kamrang college job (A) at Dambudara Namchi Sikkim.  
Project Cost : Rs. 162.02 (Lakhs)  
Phase of construction :

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20/03/2023  
Brijendra Swaroop, IFS  
APCCF, Env. & S.C., SBEP,  
SF, Plng. M&E.  
Forests & Environment Department  
Government of Sikkim.

**Details of forest land proposed for diversion** – The total land involved under the project are as follows:-

Total Private Land involved	-	0.216 Ha
Total Forest Land (Gaucharan) involved	-	0.234 Ha
<b>Total Land involved</b>	-	<b>0.45 Ha</b>



### 3. Maps enclosed –

The User Agency has furnished the following maps duly countersigned by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer:-

- (i) Map of the Survey of India of the proposed for diversion area - **(Annexure – I)**
- (ii) Map showing the proposed site for Compensatory Afforestation **(Annexure –II)**.

### 4. Assessment of forest stock –

- (i) The forest areas are situated under the Namchi Territorial Division. The proposed project proposal affects **Trees/Poles** as per the enumeration list enclosed at **Annexure – iii**.

### 5. Flora and Fauna and archaeological importance –

The area does not form a part of National Park / Sanctuary or Biosphere Reserve, sample or preservation plot.

### 6. Compensatory Afforestation -

The Compensatory Afforestation shall maintain over an area in degraded forest land identified as under:-

District	Forest Division	Range	Location	Block Plantation	Amount of CAS
Namchi	Namchi	Namchi (T)	Terikhola Khasmal	0.5 Ha	Rs. 1,23,068.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>0.5 Ha</b>	<b>Rs. 1,23,068.00</b>

The map showing the above identified forest land is enclosed at **Annexure –II** for reference.

The aforesaid degraded forest land is proposed to be brought under Afforestation programme as per the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme drawn by the Divisional Forest Officer, Namchi Territorial Division, with financial outlay of **Rs. 1,23,068.00** (Rupees one lakh twenty three thousand and sixty eight) only **(Enclosed at Annexure IV)**. The Compensatory Afforestation Scheme will be undertaken in the designated compact area identified by Namchi Territorial Division of Sikkim.

The Divisional Forest Officer (T) Namchi Division has given the certificate on suitability of degraded forest land for Compensatory Afforestation. **(Annexure –V)**. Accordingly, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to deposit the amount of CA, NPV and additional NPV if any etc. after Stage I clearance is granted by the Ministry in this respect **(Annexure – VI)**. But no Penal Compensatory Afforestation has been imposed since no violation of the Act has been reported against.

### 7. Displacement of human population -

No human population will be displaced owing to the project.

### 8. Environmental clearance - N/A

### 9. Cost-benefit analysis - N/A



10. Violation of Forest Conservation Act / India Forest Act -

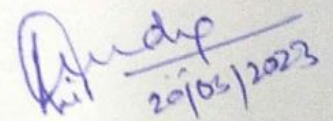
No violation of Forest (Conservation) Act is reported.

11. Recommendations of the State Government -

The Divisional Forest Officer (T) Namchi Division and Conservator of Forest (Territorial), have recommended the proposal respectively. No adverse comment has been given by any officers on the proposal and it has been suitably commented upon by senior officers. The proposed diversion site does not form a part of National park, Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, sample plot or preservation plot.

Therefore, this is to request you to kindly accord approval under Section – 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for **diversion of 0.2340 hectare of forest land for construction of new link road from Durga Mandir to kamrang college job (A) at Dambudara Namchi Sikkim by Smart city Namchi under Namchi Municipal Council.**

Yours faithfully,



(Brijendra Swaroop, IFS),  
APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy for information to:-

1. Chief Executive Officer,  
Namchi Smart City,  
Namchi, South Sikkim,
2. CF (T)
3. DFO (T), Namchi Division
4. File.

Brijendra Swaroop, IFS  
APCCF, Env. & S.C., SBFP,  
SF, Plng, M&E.  
Forests & Environment Department  
Government of Sikkim.



FORM -1  
( for linear projects)  
Government of Sikkim  
Office of the District Collector, South

Ref.....

Dated:

### TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India's letter No 11-9/98-FC (pt) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 ('FRA', for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non forest purposes read with MoEF letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that 0.2340 hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of "Namchi Smart City Ltd." (Name of User agency) for Diversion of 0.2340 ha of forest land for construction of new link road from Durga Mandir to Kamrang collage job (A) at Dambudara Namchi South Sikkim by Smart City Namchi under Namchi Municipal Council. (purpose for diversion of forest land) in south District falls within jurisdiction of Dambudara tehsils.

It is further certified that

- (a) the complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire 0.2340 hectares of forest area proposed for diversion. A copy of records of all consultations and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee (S). Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee (s) and the District Level Committee are enclosed.
- (b) the diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3 (2) of the FRA have been completed and the Gram Sabha have given their consent to it:
- (c) The proposal does not involve recognized rights of primitive Tribal Group and pre-agricultural communities.

Encl: As above

District Collector  
Namchi, South Sikkim  
*[Signature]*

Signature

(Full name and official seal of the District Collector)



**JOINT CERTIFICATE FOR NON-AVAILABILITY OF NON-FOREST LAND FOR  
COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION**

This is to certify that non-forest lands are not available under the Territorial jurisdiction of South District/Forest Division for Compensatory Afforestation to be raised in lieu of forest land to be diverted for construction of new link road from Durga Mandir to Kamrang collage job (A) at Dambudara Namchi Sikkim by Smart City Namchi under Namchi Municipal Council.

**Name of Project:**

Diversion of 0.2340 ha of forest land for construction of new link road from Durga Mandir to Kamrang collage job (A) at Dambudara Namchi South Sikkim by Smart City Namchi under Namchi Municipal Council.

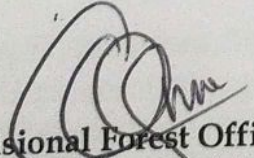
**User Agency:**

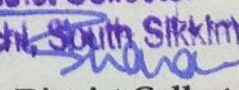
Namchi Smart City Ltd.

**Total forest land proposed for diversion:** 0.2340 ha

*As per the report of Forest Survey of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, the total geographical area of South district of Sikkim is 750 sq.km and the total forest cover is 572 sq.km which is 76.27% of the total geographical area of the district (FSI Status of Forest Report 2017)*

The Joint Certificate is granted as per the Rules and Guidelines para 3.2 (v) of Forest (Conservation) Rules 2003-Guidelines & Clarification and recent guidelines from the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India in connection with the diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
South Territorial Division,  
Namchi, South Sikkim  
Divisional Forest Officer (T)  
South Division, Namchi

  
District Collector,  
South District,  
Namchi, South Sikkim.



## COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION SCHEME

**NAME OF PROJECT:** Compensatory Afforestation in respect of diversion of 0.2340 ha of Forest land for construction new link road from Durga Mandir to Kamrang college job (A) at Dhambudara Namchi South Sikkim by Smart City Namchi under Namchi Municipal Council.

**Area of project need diversion-0.2340**

**1. INTRODUCTION:** Proposal pertains to compensatory Afforestation Scheme in respect of Diversion of 0.2340 ha of Forest land for construction new link road from Durga Mandir to Kamrang college job (A) at Dhambudara Namchi South Sikkim by Smart City Namchi under Namchi Municipal Council.

So, based on the rule, twice the area, i.e 0.2340 ha needs to be proposed for the raising compensatory afforestation i.e.,  $0.2340 \times 2 = 0.468$  ha, **Say: 0.50 ha** is proposed to make good the loss of forest and to maintain ecological balance in the area.

### **2. SELECTION OF SITE/LOCATION FOR COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION**

Sl no	Location	Range	Plantation area (in Ha)	Nos of seedlings to be planted	SMC	Division
1	Terikhola Khasmal	Namchi (T)	0.5 Ha	550 No	0.125 Ha	Namchi (T) Division

### **3. INTEGRATED PROGRAMME / METHODOLOGY OF WORK EXECUTION**

- Block Plantation:** An integrated approach with plantation, Soil and Moisture Conservation and Protection work would be adopted on the degraded Forest land is proposed. The spacing may be 2m x 2m with pit size of 45 cm x 45 cm depending upon the actual ground condition having an average of 1000 nos. of seedling per hectare.
- Seedling Requirement:** The requirement of seedlings may be met from the existing Nurseries of the Department on payment basis as per the approved rates. The existing nurseries will have to be provided with the seeds of mixed species including the cost of nursery implements used.
- Choice of species:** Mixed plantation of site-specific species indigenous fruit bearing and timber able species namely, *Tectona grandis*, *Lagerstroemia Speciosa*, *Michelia champaca*, *Delinox regia*, *Jacaranda mimosifolia*, *Terminalia elliptica*, etc.
- Soil and Moisture Conservation:** Soil and Moisture Conservation work over 25% of the area of entire under the scheme is proposed.



v. **Executing Agency:** the works under the Scheme shall be executed by the of Forest and Environment Department, Government of Sikkim through East Territorial Division and Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Cell as per the approval of the Government.

vi. **Time Schedule:** Schedule of work may be in the financial year 2021-22 subject to availability of fund in time from the User Agency.

vii. **Transfer of Fund:** the user agency shall transfer the fund to the department of Forest Environment & Wildlife Management of India in this respect

viii. **Monitoring and Evaluation:** all the activities under the Scheme may be monitored by a committee constituted for the purpose, Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the representative from Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India concurrently and regularly.

#### 4. Revised Cost Structure & Financial Forecast for CA Scheme.

##### (A) Block Plantation (Artificial Regeneration)

Sl.No	Particular	Area(ha/km)	Rate	Amount
(i) (a)	Cost of Block Plantation (including casualty replacement and weeding during the planting year)	0.5	62,201	31,101
I (b)	Carriage of Seedling	0.5	3,500	1,750
(iii)	Soil and Moisture Conservation work through vegetative measure (in 25% of total plantation area) ha	0.125	90,248	11,281
<b>Sub-total-A</b>				<b>44,132</b>

##### (B) Maintenance for 10 years

Sl.No.	Particulars	Area(ha)	Rate(Rs./Ha)		Amount (In rupees)
1	1st year maintenance (two weeding)	0.5	2	17,944	17,944
2	2nd year maintenance (two weeding)	0.5	2	13,645	13,645
3	3rd year maintenance (two weeding)	0.5	2	13,645	13,645
4	4th year maintenance (one weeding)	0.5	1	7,267	3,634
5	5th year maintenance (one weeding)	0.5	1	7,267	3,634
6	6th year maintenance (one weeding)	0.5	1	7,267	3,634
7	7th year maintenance (one weeding)	0.5	1	5,303	2,652
8	8th year maintenance (one weeding)	0.5	1	5,303	2,652
9	9th year maintenance (one weeding)	0.5	1	5,303	2,652
10	10th year maintenance (one weeding)	0.5	1	5,303	2,652
<b>Sub-total-B</b>					<b>66,741</b>
<b>Sub-total-(A+B)</b>					<b>1,10,872</b>

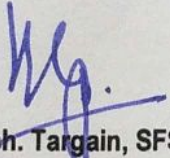


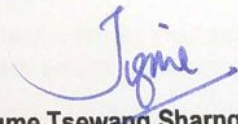
(C) Over Head/monitoring & Evaluation/Contingencies				
Sl.No	Particular	Area(ha)	Rate	Amount
1	Office expenses, stationery, TA/DA, repair of vehicles	5%	1,10,872	5,544
2	Monitoring & evaluation of scheme/project by the Central Government as well as by the State Government.	2%	1,10,872	2,217
3	Contingencies & unforeseen expenditure	4%	1,10,872	4,435
Sub-total-C				12,196
Grand Total (A+B+C)				1,23,068

(Rupees one lakhs twenty three thousand and sixty eight) only

The above proposal is based on the SOR-2018, duly incorporating the revised minimum rate of daily wages issued vide Govt. of Sikkim Notification No. 29/DL dated 14.09.2022.

The above amount shall be paid and transferred by the User Agency to the Department of Forests, Environment and Wildlife Management, Government of Sikkim, for the implementation of the scheme against the project.

  
(Blen Tsh. Targain, SFS)  
Joint Director (FCA)

  
(Jigme Tsewang Sharngoe, SFS)  
Divisional Forests Officer (FCA),

Technical sanction/approval is  
accorded to the estimate for  
Compensatory Afforestation  
Scheme of Rs... 1,23,068/-



## Part - IV

(To be filled up of the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department).

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks ;

(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forest should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

**The proposal for diversion of 0.234 Ha forest land for construction of new link road from Durga Mandir to kamrang college job (A) at Dambudara Namchi Sikkim by Smart city Namchi under Namchi Municipal Council, is accepted and recommended for forest clearance under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to compliance of the following conditions by the User Agency :-**

- (1) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (2) The amount of Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value (NPV) shall be paid and any revision, thereof, shall be borne by the User Agency.
- (3) There shall be no damage to surrounding forests, environment, wildlife & natural resources.
- (4) Minimum tree felling shall be done in the project area, that too which are unavoidable due to project activity. The blank areas shall be covered up with the plantation after the construction of the project.
- (5) There shall be no labour camp on any diverted forests land.
- (6) All the natural streams and water bodies in surrounding area shall be protected.
- (7) During and after the construction period of the project, the project authority shall continue to assist the State Forest Department for conservation and development of natural resources of the State.
- (8) The muck, debris and materials generated out of the construction, if any, shall not be spilled down on slopes and be disposed off in the predetermined areas only.
- (9) The User Agency shall demarcate the forest land to be diverted with boundary pillar of atleast four feet high with forward and backward bearing before taking up the project activity in the diverted land at project cost.

Signature :

Designation : Addl. PCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA)

Date : 3/12/22

Place: Gangtok (Sikkim)

Official Seal

Pradeep Kumar, IAS  
Additional PCCF  
Forest & Environment Deptt.  
Govt. of Sikkim