## 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 Conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection & observations made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.

Yes, on 22/08/2019. In the 1<sup>st</sup> phase 86.6225ha (18.604 ha in Darjeeling Forest Division +12.3436ha in Kurseong Forest Division+8.8489ha in Darjeeling WL Division 46.829ha in Kalimpong Forest Division) of Forest land in favour of N-F Railway for construction of Sevoke-Rangpoo New Broad Gauge Railway Line was clear by Govt. of India. In 2<sup>nd</sup> Proposal 0.9294ha forest land in Kurseong Forest Division is proposed for diversion to New Sevoke-Rangpoo Railway Line for construction of Adit tunnel & Access road. Now this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> proposal of 12.378 ha (Kalimpong Forest Division-6.6146+Darjeeling Forest Division-4.236ha and Darjeeling WL Divison-1.5278ha) forest land diversion in favour of N-F Railway for the construction of Adit Tunnel of New Sevoke-Rsangpoo broad gauge line. The Present area is adjacent to previous forest land diversion proposal of 86.6225 ha and the area is not very important from bio-diversity point of view. The present area is also not an elephant corridor.

15. Whether the concerned Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part - B and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.

Yes.

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

The Diversion of 12.347ha of forest land in Kalimpong, Darjeeling and Darjeeling Wildlife Division for Sevoke- Rangpoo Railway line's Adit tunnel is hereby recommended.

Signature

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