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Recomendation of Chief Conservator of Forests Hill Circle, West Bengal, in connection with the Proposal of Diversion of 1.75 Ha. of Forest Land under the jurisdiction of Kurseong Forest Division for construction of Sevoke –Rangpoo New Broad Gauge Railway Line Project.

The proposed area of 1.75 Ha. under Setikhola Block of Kalijhora Beat of Sevoke Range in Kurseong Division is a bare minimum for the purpose with no alternative options. There is no tree in the proposed site hence involvement of tree felling is nil. Demarcation of boundary of the proposed land to be diverted , undertaking of preventive measures to ruled out the chances of encroachment, and adoption of soil conservation measures are recommended to be executed on priority by the user agency.

The proposal is herby recommended and may be accepted for connectivity of strategic locations in the interest of National Security.

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Part - III

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 & the observations made in the form of inspection note to be enclosed.

Yes, on 15.05.2022 . The area of 1.75 Ha. falls under Setikhola Block of Kalijhora Beat of Sevoke Range in Kurseong Division, situated at the right bank of Kalikhola. The proposed site had already been used by NHPC as muck disposal site for TLDP IV Project(Being primary User Agency). There is no vegetation cover in the proposed site and it does not falls under any designated wildlife habitat. The appropriate Soil stabilization measures have to be taken up by the user agency in the proposed site, to prevent soil erosion issues. It is a bare minimum for the purpose with no alternative options. No other suitable alternative site is available for this project, other than the proposed one. There is no tree in the proposed site hence involvement of tree felling is nil. Demarcation of boundary of the proposed land to be diverted , undertaking of preventive measures to ruled out the chances of encroachment. The proposed area if diverted for the purpose mentioned , would cause minimum interference to the wildlife habitat and movement of wildlife.

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

Yes.

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

Diversion of 1.75 Ha. of Forest Land under the jurisdiction of Kurseong Forest Division for construction of Sevoke -Rangpoo New Broad Gauge Railway Line Project, for connectivity of strategic locations in the interest of National Security, is hereby recommended.



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