

16. Specific recommendation of the DFO for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reason:

The proposal is recommended on the ground keeping in view the security perspective. the road provides connectivity to the security forces, Sasasthra Seema Baal and the Sikkim Armed Police who are deputed at the remotest area to safeguard the national border. The project involves the barest minimum of forest land with a proposal to divert 25.82 ha of forest land which is unavoidable.

The diversion of forest land is recommended for approval subject conditioned laid by the State and Central Government and removal of minimum number of trees and poles wherever found to be absolutely unavailable.

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