

SITE INSPECTION REPORT-NOT BELOW THE RANK OF DCF
(for the forest land to be diverted under FCA)

5.1 Proposal Name: Diversion of 0.58 hectare of forest land (Kalimpong Forest Division 0.12ha) in favour of reliance Jio infocomm Ltd at Tondu, Sipchu etc block along the Road part of NH-31(From Jaldhaka Bridge to khunia More) & Along the West Bengal, Kalimpong under the jurisdiction of Kalimpong Forest Division District Kalimpong. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by me on dated 30.10.21 and 09/07/2022.

5.2 On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the user agency is a Reserve Forest measuring 0.12 ha of Forest Land.

5.3 The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Col.2 part-I is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project. Yes.

5.4 Whether any rare/ endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area. If, so the details thereof :- Slot found any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna in the area. Leopard, Indian Elephant.

5.5 xx Whether and protected archaeological / heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If, so the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required:

a) The user agency has not violated the provision of forest (Conservation), Act 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction.

b) It has been found that the user agency has violated (Conservation), Act and 1980 provisions. A Detailed report as per Para 1.9 of chapter 1, Para C of Hand book of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 attached.

Steel tubulars (poles) measuring 367 in number were unlawfully constructed in forest area by the User Agency along the kumani-Jhalong Route. The area diverted is of 11 ha as measured.

The User Agency has explained this diversion and uploaded the same in parivesh portal after query from this office. Whether this explanation is enough or it attracts the provisions of Forest Conservation Act 1980, the competent authority in Government of India may take a final decision on the matter.

The Proposal is recommended for acceptance in public interest.

Specific recommendation for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal



(signature)

Place:- Kalimpong

Date:- 29/07/2022

Name: Chittrak Bhattacharya.

Designation: Divisional Forest Officer

Office: Kalimpong Forest Division

NB x State the purpose for which the forest land is proposed to be diverted.
xx out of (a) and (b) tick the option which is applicable and cross the option which is not applicable.

As per the letter number 2-2/2000 FC dated 16/10/2000 from ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India for proposal involving less than 40 hectares of forest land, the site inspection report from DCF is required and for proposal involving more the 40 hectares of forest land site inspection report from the conservator of forests is required.