

## SITE INSPECTION REPORT

**Diversion of 0.995 ha of Forest Land for the Disposal Of Earthwork/Muck within Proposed Dumping Yard at Sumbuk RF in South Sikkim by Roads & Bridges Department, Government of Sikkim.**

1. Legal status of forestland proposed for diversion: **Reserve Forest**
2. Item wise break up of details of forestland proposed for diversion:

Sl. No.	Component	Name and Status of Forest land	Area (in Ha)
1.	Road	Sumbuk RF	0.995
Total			0.995

### 3. Details of construction of buildings (if any)

Not applicable

### 4. Total cost of project at present rates

The estimated cost of the project is **Rs 269.14 crore** or Rupees (Two hundred, sixty-nine crore) only.

### 5. Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view:

The proposed forest area for diversion does not form a part of any Protected Area or habitat of any threatened/rare/endangered wildlife.

**6. Vegetation:** The area proposed for the project is a rocky, sloping land with open vegetation

### 7. Details of fauna

**Mammals:** Monkeys seen during site visit.

**Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds, Butterflies** are also found in the forest area proposed for diversion

**8. Background note on the proposal:** The proposed site for dumping of spoils generated during the construction of Melli-Manpur-Namchi Road is required as there is limited non-forest lands located in the surrounding area and the areas earlier diverted for the purpose have become saturated. The construction of Melli-Manpur-Namchi road is an ongoing project in the District where hill cutting works are still ongoing and this proposed site will be utilized for dumping of spoils generated from the cutting.

The proposal requires diversion of 0.995 ha. of forest land which is unavoidable and barest minimum.

### 9. Compensatory Afforestation:

Land for CA is appropriate for plantation & management point of view	: Yes
Land for CA is free from encroachment/other incumbencies	: Yes
Land for CA is important from religious/archaeological point of view	: No
Number of patches involved in land identified for CA	: One

Sl. No.	Location	Range	Plantation area (ha.)	Fencing (in km)	SMC Work (in ha.)	Division
i.	Bharikhola	Melli	2	1.2	0.5	South Territorial Division

Map of area selected for CA	: Enclosed
Total financial outlay	: The total cost of Compensatory Afforestation scheme along with maintenance and protection is Rs. <b>17,41,665/</b> Rupees (Seventeen Lakhs Forty-one thousand Six hundred and Sixty-five) only

10. Whether proposal involves violation of FCA, 1980 or not. If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken.

No violation has been observed till date.

11. The requirement of forestland as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommend area item-wise with details of alternative examined.

The area requirement of forestland as proposed by the user agency for diversion is unavoidable and is the barest minimum.

12. Details on catchments and command area under the project and catchment area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir.

N.A.

13. Cost-Benefit ratio (only in case if diverted area is >5 ha)

NA

  
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