

FORM -'A'

Form for seeking prior approval under section 2 of the proposals by the

State Government and other authorities

(Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980)

PART-II

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest)

State Serial No. of proposal: FP/SK/ROAD/31274/2018

1. **Location of the project/Scheme :** Sikkim
 - (i) **State / Union Territory :** Sikkim
 - (ii) **District :** South
 - (iii) **Forest Division :** South Territorial
 - (iv) **Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.):** 0.995 ha.
2. **Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion**

S. No.	Division	Forest Land (ha.)	Legal Status
1	South Territorial	0.995	Reserve Forest
	Total	0.995	

3. **District wise area to be diverted in the division**

S. No.	District	Area (ha.)
1	South	0.995

4. **Details of Vegetation available in the forest land proposed for diversion**

(i) **Density of vegetation**

S. No.	Area (in ha.)	Density	Eco-Class
1	0.995	0.1	V

5. **Working plan prescription for the forest land proposed for diversion :**

- i. To improve the quality of crops through removal of fallen dead and decaying hollow trees.
- ii. To conserve these forest with plantation in the degraded areas with suitable indigenous Species.
- iii. To improve the natural regeneration
- iv. To prevent encroachment by extensively demarcating these forests with boundary pillars.

6. **Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion:** The Proposed land for diversion does not form a part of any seriously eroded areas except which is due to natural factors.

7. **Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest (in km.):**
Approximately 0- 0.5 km.

8. **Significance of the forest land proposed for diversion from wildlife point of view or found during inspection**
- Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion : **Not reported**
 - Whether forms part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc. : **No**
 - Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone(ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife(Protection) Act,1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a Protected Area is not notified, then, 10kms distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ): **No**
 - Whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion : **No**
 - Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area : **Not reported or found during inspection**
9. **Details of any protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument located in the area, if any**
- Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area : **No**
10. **Comment as to the reasonability of the extent of the forest land proposed for diversion**
- Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project: **Yes**
11. **Details of violation(s), if any ,committed**
- Whether any work in violation of the Act or guidelines issued under the Act has been carried out : **No**
12. **Whether work in violation is still in progress (Yes/No) : No**
13. **Details of compensatory Afforestation scheme:**
- Total Financial Outlay for C.A: **Rs. 17,41,665/- Rupees(Seventeen Lakhs Forty-one thousand Six hundred and Sixty-five) only**
 - Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory Afforestation. Its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.**

Patch Wise Details				
S.no	Patch No.	Area (ha.)	Name of PF/RF	Range
1.	1	2	Bharikhola	Melli

- Copy of CA scheme details:** Enclosed.
- Scanned copy of the Geo-referenced map of the forest land proposed for C.A. prepared by using DGPS or Total Station:** Enclosed.
- Copy of Survey of India Topo-sheet indicating boundary of forest land proposed for C.A:** Enclosed.

14. District Profile

Geographical area of District	:	750 sq.km.
Forest cover of the District (as per FSI Report 2017)	:	76.27% of geo. area
Forest area of the District		572 sq.km.

Total Forest cover diverted since 1980	:	395.6204 ha.
No. of approved cases		84 Cases
Total compensatory Afforestation situated in the District / Division since 1980 on (date) 31 st March 2011	:	
i. Forest Land including penal Compensatory Afforestation	:	608.636 ha
ii. Non forest land	:	2.5 ha
Total	:	611.136 ha
Progress of Compensatory Afforestation as on (Date) 31 st March 2011 on	:	
i. Forest Land	:	521.14 ha
ii. Non- forest Land	:	2.50 ha
Total	:	523.64 ha

15. Site inspection report of the DFO/CCF/Nodal Officer highlighting important facts pertaining to the forest land

Division Name	Circle	Site inspected By	Whether site inspected	No. of times site visited	Site inspection report	Date of visit
South Territorial	Territorial	DFO	Yes	one	Enclosed	07/06/2018

- 16. Specific recommendation of the DFO for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reason:**
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 diversion of forest land is barest minimum and therefore recommended for approval, subject to fulfillment of the terms and conditions laid down by the State and the Central Government.



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