SITE INSPECTION REPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSAL FOR DIVERSION OF 2.7945HA AT MANGA-2,4 and REANG-3 AT TISTA VALLEY RANGE UNDER DARJEELING FOREST DIVISION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SIVOKRANGPO RAILWAY LINE

The proposed diversion site was visited by the undersigned, Asst. Divisional Forest Officer, Darjeeling Forest Division; Range officer, Teesta Valey Range on 28.02.2021. The proposed diversion site is a proposal for construction of Sivok-Rangpo Railway Line passing through the Darjeeling Forest Division.

The area is free from any archaeological site and defence installations.

The proposed area is free from any encroachments and do not form parts of any wildlife habitat.

The propose site at Mangwa-4 is very rocky and very steep area so could not carry out the survey manually so the digital map submitted by the user agency is accepted.

The propose site does not fall within any Forest village.

The proposed area is 2.7945ha barest minimum required for the purpose.

The **0.32Ha** land proposed in **Mangwa-2** compartment is prone to erosion. Adequate measures must be adopted to safeguard against the erosion. Trees lying outside the proposed land must be protected from any damage which may be caused by erosion.

The **0.29** Ha land proposed in **Mangwa-4** compartment for approach road is lying very near to Geil Khola water stream. During the execution of project the debris may fall and obstruct the flow of stream. It must be ensured that during project execution debris is continuously removed so that the flow of water in the stream is not obstructed at any time.

The proposed site of **1.1245Ha** in **Reang-3** compartment is at a distance of about 25m from river bed. Gabion structures must be constructed by user agency for ensuring that the muck dumped into the site does not reach the river bed. The muck dumped into the site should be restricted within the demarcated area only. Once the dumping is over the site should be leveled into gentle slope so that afforestation may be done over the same.

The proposed site of 1.060 Ha in Reang-3 compartment is sought for construction of Camp Office. As per the reply of clarification sought from user agency it was said that the Camp Office is temporary in nature and required only for the duration of construction project. After the completion of works the site should be cleared of all temporary/ permanent structures and leveled so that it will be suitable for afforestation.

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The area proposed for diversion i,e **2.7945ha** (0.32ha at Mangwa-2, 0.29ha at Mangwa-4, 1.0602ha at Reang-3 and 1.1245ha at Reang-3(4 patches) bare minimum area required for the purpose.

The proposal for diversion of **2.7945ha** Reserved Forest at Mangwa-2,4 & Reang-3 of Teesta Valley Range under Darjeeling Forest Division for the construction of Sivok-Rangpo BG Railway Line is recommended for consideration.

The safeguards for environmental conservation highlighted in the site inspection repot must be ensured.

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