

GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER WEST TERRITORIAL DIVISION GYALSHING

Memo No 898 /WD/T.

Date 30 01/20

JOINT CERTIFICATE FOR NON AVAILABILITY OF NON FOREST LAND FOR COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION.

This is to Certify that non-forest lands are not available under the territorial jurisdiction of West Forest Division for Compensatory Afforestration to be raised in lieu of forest land to be diverted for the non-forestry purposes of User agency, mentioned below:-

a. Name of Proposal with Location:-

Diversion of Forest land for Construction of Link Road from Lower Singling to Dara Bazar Soreng, West Sikkim.

b. Name of User Agency:-

Roads & Bridges Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

c. Area of Forest Land to be diverted:- 0.752 Ha.

The geographical area of West District of Sikkim is $\underline{116600}$ ha while the Forest Land has been recorded to the extent of $\underline{77400}$ ha. only, which is found to be more than 50% of the geographical area as per the State of Forest Report 2017.

The Joint Certificate is granted as per the Rule & Guideline Para 3.2(v) of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 - Guidelines & Clarifications and recent Guidelines received from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India in connection with the diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Non-availability of Forest Land for creation of Compensatory Afforestration vide letter No. 11-423/2011-FC dated the 13th February 2012.

DFO (T) West Sikkim, West Territorial Division DFO (T) WEST

District Collector (West), Gyalshing. District Collector West District, Gyalshing