PART- II

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy conservator of Forests)

State Serial No. of proposal No. FP/SK/ROADS/40395/2019, Dated; 28/11/2019

7. Location of the Project/Scheme:

i) State/ Union Territory

SIKKIM

ii) District.

WEST DISTRICT

iii) Forest Division

SORENG RANGE

WEST TERRITORIAL DIVISION

iv) Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha): Ha.

v) Legal status of forest

: Khasmal

vi) Density of vegetation

: 30 %

vii) Species wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of tree (to be enclosed.In case of irrigation/hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed)

Enumeration List Enclosed.

viii) 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. However, all measures shall be taken to minimize and control the erosion and protect the area during and after the construction of the project.

- ix) Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest. Within the Khasmal
- x) Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant ;corridor, etc. (If so, the details; of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed).

No component of the proposed forest area falls within the above said Protected area

xi) Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area- if so, details thereof.

Not reported but if found all measures would be taken to conserve and protect such species and its habitat.

xii) Whether any 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.

No such structure of any archaeological/heritage/defence or any important monument is located within the project area site.

8. Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col.2 of Part I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item wise with details of alternatives examined.

The land involved and proposed for diversion is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. It involves minimum felling of trees and poles. The ecological impact of the project is minimum.

9. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether violation is still in progress.

No violation of the provisions of Forest Conservation Act (1980) is there in the project.

10. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme.

 Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, sizes of each patch.

Enclosed

- ii) Map showing non forest/degraded forest area identified for Compensatory
 Afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries
 Map showing the location and area is enclosed
- Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing Agency, time schedule, cost structure etc.
 Detailed Compensatory Afforestation Scheme enclosed
- iv) Total Financial Outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme: Rs 89,372.00
- Certificates from the competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view.

Enclosed

11. Site Inspection Report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col.7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above.

Site Inspection Report Enclosed.

- 12. Division/District profile as on 31st March 2011 Forest Conservation Act, 1980
- i) Geographical area of the district:

116600 Ha

ii) Forest area of the district:-

86473 Ha

- iii) Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases: 60 cases
- iv) Total Compensatory afforestation stipulated in the District/Division since 1980 on
 - (a) Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation,
 - (b) Non-forest land.
- v) Progress of compensatory afforestation till date on 31st March 2013:

(a) Forest Land:

(b) Non-Forest Land:

179.31 Ha

2.50 Ha

13. Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons:

The proposed is recommended on the grounds of making the State of Sikkim self reliant and providing sufficient employment opportunity to the people of Sikkim. The project also aims to improve road connectivity in the area. The Construction of Road form Lower Singling to Dara Bazar Soreng in West Sikkim by Roads & Bridges, West Sikkim for diversion of 0.752 Ha. of forestland involved the barest minimum of forest land. This diversion of forest land is recommended for approval subject to conditions laid by the State and Central Government and removal of minimum number of tree and poles wherever found to be absolutely unavoidable.

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