

## 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/40605/2019

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.):** 0.695 ha.
2. **Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion**

| S. No. | Division          | Forest Land (ha.) | Legal Status |
|--------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1      | South Territorial | 0.695             | Khasmal      |
|        |                   |                   |              |
|        | Total             | 0.695             |              |

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

| S. No. | District | Area (ha.) |
|--------|----------|------------|
| 1      | South    | 0.695      |

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      | 0.695         | 0.4 - 0.6 | Class V   |

5. **Working plan prescription for the forest land proposed for diversion :**
  - i. To improve the quality of crops through removal of fallen trees.
  - ii. To conserve the 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**
  - I. Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion : **Not reported or found during inspection.**
  - II. Whether forms part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc. : **No**
  - III. 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**
  - IV. 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**
  - V. Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area : **No**
9. **Details of any protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument located in the area, if any**
  - I. 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**
  - I. 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**
  - I. 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:**
  - I. Total Financial Outlay for C.A: **Rs. 20,13,564/- Rupees( twenty lakh thirteen thousand five hundred sixty four) only**
  - II. **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 |           |            |               |             |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Sl.no              | Patch No. | Area (ha.) | Name of PF/RF | Range       |
| 1.                 | 1         | 1.39       | Ben Khasmal   | Rabongla(T) |

- III. **Copy of CA scheme details:** Enclosed
- IV. **Scanned copy of the Geo-referenced map of the forest land proposed for C.A. prepared by using DGPS or Total Station:** Enclosed.
- V. **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 <sup>st</sup> March 2011 | : |                     |
| i. Forest Land including penal Compensatory Afforestation   | : | 608.636 ha          |
| ii. Non forest land   | : | 2.5 ha              |
| <b>Total</b>  | : | <b>611.136 ha</b>   |
| Progress of Compensatory Afforestation as on (Date) 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2011 on                                    | : |                     |
| i. Forest Land  | : | 521.14 ha           |
| ii. Non- forest Land  | : | 2.50 ha             |
| <b>Total</b>  | : | <b>523.64 ha</b>    |

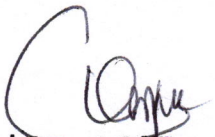
**15. Site inspection report of the DFO/CCF/Nodal Officer highlighting important facts pertaining to the forest land**

| 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 time                  | enclosed               | 25.02.2019    |



16. **Specific recommendation of the DFO for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reason:**

The Proposal for the diversion of 0.695 Ha of forest land for construction of road from Ben School to Lakhim in South Sikkim by Roads & Bridges department is recommended for clearance under Sec. (2) of the forest ( conservation) Act,1980.

  
Divisional Forest Officer (T)  
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