

FORM -1  
( for linear projects)  
Government of Sikkim  
Office of the District Collector, South

Ref. 1758

Dated: 4.2.20


**TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN**

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India's letter No 11-9/98-FC (pt) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 ('FRA', for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non forest purposes read with MoEF letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that **0.695** hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of "**Roads and Bridges Department**" (Name of User agency) for **Diversion of 0.695 ha of forest land for construction of road from Ben School to Lakhim in South Sikkim**. (purpose for diversion of forest land) in **South** District falls within jurisdiction of **Ben Namprik G.P.U.** in **Ben** tehsils.

It is further certified that

- (a) the complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire 0.2358 hectares of forest area proposed for diversion. A copy of records of all consultations and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee (S).Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee (s) and the District Level Committee are enclosed.
- (b) the diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3 (2) of the FRA have been completed and the Gram Sabha have given their consent to it:
- (c) The proposal does not involve recognized rights of primitive Tribal Group and pre-agricultural communities.

Encl: As above

  
Signature  
(Full name and official seal of the District Collector)  
**District Collector**  
**South, District Namchi**