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The PCE-cum-Secretary, Water Security & Public Health Engineering Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.

Wildlife Clearance for diversion of forest Land (1.32 ha.) for providing drinking water to Sikkim University at Yangang from Barfung Khola and other two sources by Water Security & PHE Department.

Sir.

This is to inform you that the 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife was held on 29th July, 2017 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forests & Climate Change. The above mentioned diversion case was considered in the meeting taking into account the following conditional laid down by CWLW in the Standing Committee, SBWL meeting:

- 1. The pipeline will be underground except in the rocky cliffs where digging the rocks will make the land more fragile.
- 2. Labour camps will not be permitted to be set up inside the Sanctuary.
- 3. All workers need to obtain permits for working inside the Sanctuary.
- 4. Construction materials should be stored in the identified area.
- 5. No additional felling of trees or destruction of wildlife habitat, exploitation or removal of nay wildlife including forest produce from Sanctuary should take place.
- 6. Authorized Sanctuary personnel will check the construction sites as and when required.
- 7. The project implementing authorities and workers will obey Dos and Don'ts of the Sanctuary.
- 8. Even after completion of the project, the implementation agency shall inform and take permission from the Department of Forest, Environment & Wildlife Management for any kind of maintenance work.

Considering the importance of project in providing drinking water to Sikkim University at Yangang. The Standing Committee of NBWL decided to recommend the proposal alongwith the mitigation measures prescribed by the CWLW.

A copy of the minutes of the 44th Meeting of Standing Committee of NBWL is enclosed. Therefore, you are requested to proceed with the Forest Conservation Act (FCA) Clearance in the concern sector of the Department.

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Yours faithfully

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Sub: Minutes of the 44th Meeting of Standing Committee of NBWL-reg.

Sir.

The 44th Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife was held on 29th July 2017 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The following proposal pertaining to your State was considered:

Diversion of 1.32 ha of forestland for providing drinking water for Sikkim University at Yangang from Barfung Khola and other two sources falling under Maenan Wildlife Sanctuary, South Sikkim

The IGF(WL) briefed the Committee on the proposal and stated that the proposal involves the diversion of 1.32 ha of forestland from the Maenan Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of water pipeline. He added that the CWLW has recommended the proposal with the following conditions:

- The pipeline will be underground except in the rocky cliffs where digging the rocks will make the land more fragile.
- 2. Labour camps will not be permitted to be set up inside the sanctuary.
- 3. All workers need to obtain permits from working inside the sanctuary.
- 4. Construction materials should be stored in the identified area.
- 5. No additional felling of trees or destruction of wildlife habitat, exploitation or removal of any wildlife including forest produce from the sanctuary should take place.
- 6. Authorized sanctuary personnel will check the construction sites as and when required.
- 7. The project implementing authorities and workers will obey Dos and Don'ts of the sanctuary.
- 8. Even after completion of the project, the implementing agency shall inform and take permission from the forests, Environment & Wildlife Management Department for any kind of maintenance.

After discussions the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposal along with the conditions imposed by the Chief Wildlife Warden.

The above recommendation(s) are subject to the existing directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court and provisions of Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

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