

## Part II

*(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of forests)*

State serial No. of Receipt: FP/SK/OTHERS/27058/2017

Dt. 11/11/2017

7. Location of the Project/Scheme: **Proposal for diversion of 0.7692 Ha of Forestland for the Development of Tourist Infrastructure at Sapta Kanya in South Sikkim by Tourism and Civil Aviation Department.**

- (i) State/ Union Territory: **Sikkim**
- (ii) District: **South**
- (iii) Forest Division: **South Territorial Division, Namchi.**
- (iv) Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.): **0.7692Ha.**
- (v) Legal status of forest: **Reserve Forest**
- (vi) Density of vegetation: 0.5-0.75
- (vii) Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (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 are to erosion:

**The proposed land for diversion is a stable area having fairly less chances for the occurrence of soil erosion of any kind. At present, it does not form a part of any seriously eroded area, 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 forest land.**

- (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 project falls in any of the above areas.**

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

**No rare/ endangered/unique species of flora/fauna reported so far, but if found, all measures would be taken to conserve and protect such species and its habitat.**

- (xii) Whether any protected archeological/heritage site/defence 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 establishment or any other important monument is located in the project area.**

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 so, recommended area item-wise details of alternative examined.

**The land involved and proposed for diversion is the barest minimum for the project and involves minimum number of felling of trees and poles. Further, no other alternative land which meets such specific requirement is available in the vicinity.**

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 did, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.

**No violation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been carried out by the project.**

10. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme:

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

Map showing the location for compensatory afforestation scheme is enclosed. The CA location to be taken up over double of the degraded forest land in a singular patch has been identified and selected at the location mentioned below.

Sl. No.	Location	Area (Ha)	Range	Division
1.	Pepthang Khasmal	1.5	Lingmoo	South (T)

- (ii) Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for Compensatory Afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.

**Map showing the location and area is enclosed.**

- (iii) Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, Implementing Agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.

**Detail compensatory afforestation scheme enclosed showing all the components as above.**

- (iv) Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.

**Rs. 12,87,721 /-**

*(Rupees Twelve lakhs Eighty-seven thousand Seven hundred and Twenty-one only)*

- (v) Certificates from the competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view (to be enclosed)

**Enclosed.**

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

**Enclosed.**

**12. Division/District profile as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 Forest (conservation) Act, 1980**

- (i) Geographical area of the district: **750 sq.km**
- (ii) Forest area of the district: **76.27%** **of**  
**Geographical area**
- (iii) Forest cover of the district: **572 sq.km.**  
(as per FSI report – 2017)
- (iv) Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases:  
**Nos. - 84 Nos.**  
**Area – 395.6204 ha.**
- (v) Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the District/division since 1980 on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011:
- a) Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation:  
**608.636 ha.**
- b). Non – forest land: **2.500 ha.**  
**Total 611.56 ha.**
- (vi) Progress of compensatory afforestation on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017:
- a). Forest land: **521.14 ha**

b) Non – forest land:

2.50 ha.  
**523.64 ha.**

3. Specific recommendation of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.

**There is no alternate access to the project proposal for the diversion of 0.7692 ha. of forest land for the Development of Tourist Infrastructure at Sapta Kanya in South Sikkim by Tourism and Civil Aviation Department is recommended for clearance under Sec. (2) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.**

Date: 12.04.2018.

Place: Namchi

Signature:

Name:

  
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