

GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER WEST TERRITORIAL DIVISION, GYALSHING

Memo No. £50 /WD/T

Date:01/11/2019

JOINT CERTIFICATE FOR NON AVAILABILITY OF NON FOREST LAND FOR **COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION**

This is to Certify that non-forest lands are not available under the territorial jurisdiction of West Forest Division for Compensatory Afforestation to be raised in lieu of forest land to be diverted for the non-forestry purposes of User agency, mentioned below:-

a. Name of Proposal with Location:-

Diversion of Forest land for Construction of Food

Godown for storage and distribution of essential

Commodities at Soreng, West Sikkim

b. Name of User Agency:-

Food Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs

Department, Govt. of Sikkim

c. Area of Forest Land to be diverted: 0.11 Ha.

The geographical area of West District of Sikkim is 116600 Ha while the Forest Land has been recorded to the extent of 77400 ha. only, which is found to be more than 50% of the geographical area as per the State of Forest Report 2017.

The Joint Certificate is granted as per the Rule & Guideline Para 3.2(v) of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 - Guidelines & Clarifications and recent Guidelines received from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India in connection with the diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Nonavailability of Forest Land for creation of Compensatory Afforestation vide letter No. 11-423/2011-FC dated the 13th February 2012.

Vest Territorial Division **Divisional Forest Officer** West Territorial Division

FEWMD, Govt. of Sikkim

District Collector (West),
Gyalshing.

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West District, Gyalshing