

**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 South District/Forest Division for Compensatory Afforestation to be raised in lieu of forest land to be diverted for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation to 2 lane with Paved shoulder of NH - 510 (Singtam-Tarku-Rabongla-Legship-Gyalshing) Package -IV (Design Chainage from KM 33 + 600 to KM 58 + 840) in the State of Sikkim.

Name of Project:

Diversion of 13.6755 Ha of forest land for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation to 2 lane with Paved shoulder of NH - 510 (Singtam-Tarku-Rabongla-Legship-Gyalshing) Package -IV (Design Chainage from KM 33 + 600 to KM 58 + 840) in the State of Sikkim.


User Agency:


MORTH,(NHIDCL).

Total forest land proposed for diversion: 13.6755 ha

As per the report of Forest Survey of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, the total geographical area of South district of Sikkim is 750 sq.km and the total forest cover is 572 sq.km which is 76.27% of the total geographical area of the district (FSI Status of Forest Report 2017)

The Joint Certificate is granted as per the Rules and Guidelines para 3.2 (v) of Forest (Conservation) Rules 2003-Guidelines & Clarification and recent guidelines from the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India in connection with the diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.


Divisional Forest Officer,
South Territorial Division,
Namchi, South Sikkim.
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South Division, Namchi


District Collector,
South District,
Namchi, South Sikkim.
District Collector
South District, Namchi

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

Ref.....

Dated:

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 3rd 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 5th February 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that **13.6755** hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of "MORTH (NHIDCL)" (Name of User agency) for **Diversion of 13.6755 ha of forest land for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation to 2 lane with Paved shoulder of NH - 510 (Singtam-Tarku-Rabongla-Legship-Gyalshing) Package -IV (Design Chainage from KM 33 + 600 to KM 58 + 840) in the State of Sikkim** (purpose for diversion of forest land) in **South District** falls within jurisdiction of **Rabonglateh sils**.

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 13.6755 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

(Full name and official seal of the District Collector)


Signature
District Collector
South District, Namchi