FORM - 'A'

Form for seeking prior approval under section 2 of the proposals by the State Government and other authorities [Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980]

PART -I

(to be filled up by user agency)

1. Project details:

(i) Short narrative of the proposal and project /scheme for which the forest land is required.

The project is situated at Nagidara, Namthang in South Sikkim. The project is conceived to promote the tourism potential in this area. As the location of this project itself beautifully blended by the nature, hence to add and to take the advantage of the location, the proposal to construct Nature Interpretation Centre with Cafeteria, Nature trails Open Air Theatre, Gazebo, Washrooms blocks, Parking area etc are included to add the more facilities for the tourists visiting this area. The tourist route for Namchi starts from Rangpo (entry point to Sikkim). So, there is every possible way to take the tourists to visit the Nagidara and take the advantage to see the Sikkim surrounded by beautiful Himalayas. This project will add more required facilities which will help in increasing tourist flow to this area and provide earning to the local people living in the near by area of this forest.

(ii) Map showing the required forest land, boundary of adjoining forest on a 1:25,000 Scale map

Topo Sheet attached along with Sketch Maps of the Project

(iii) Cost of the project:

Rs. 456.30 lakhs

(iv) Justification for locating the project in forest area.

The local public with their joint venture has started the Nagidara Tourism Festival long back. Hence, to add on the facilities for this are the proposed site has been selected and proposed accordingly. This will definitely boost the Tourism in Sikkim and it will create additional ways of earnings for the local public of this area. The proposed site falls under the Nagidara Khasmal.

- (v) Cost-benefit analysis (to be enclosed)
 As attached
- (vi) Employment likely to be generated.

During Construction:

Skilled : 13245@ Rs 275/day = Rs 36.42 lakhs Unskilled: 33*13@Rs 220/day = Rs 72.85 lakhs

Maintenance and Operation: Not applicable

2. Purpose-wise break- up of the total land required:

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0	<u>Description/ Location</u>	<u>Revenue/</u> <u>Private</u>	Forest Land in sqm	<u>Forest</u> <u>Land in Ha</u>
	Land Coverage	,		
01	Nature Interpretation Centre with Cafeteria		3000.00	0.300
02	Nature trails		1920.00	0.192
03.	Open Air Theatre		225.00	0.023
04	Gazebo		200.00	0.020
05	Common Toilet Block		72.00	0.007
06	Parking area		270.00	0.027
	Grand Total		5687.00	0.569 Ha

- 3. Details of displacement of people due to the project, if any:
 - (i) Number of families.

Not applicable.

(ii) Number of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribe families.

Not applicable.

- (iii) Rehabilitation plan. (to be enclosed) Not applicable.
- 4. Whether clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 required? (Yes I No).
- 5. Undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation and/or penal compensatory afforestation as well as cost for protection and regeneration of safety Zone etc. as per the scheme prepared by the state Government (undertaking to be enclosed)

Undertaking Enclosed.

- 6. Details of Certificates /documents enclosed as required under the instructions.
 - (i) Annexure (Part I)
 - (ii) Technical Report of the Project
 - (iii) Joint Inspection Report of the user agency and State Forest Department
 - (iv) Undertaking

Location map in toposheet (v) Project Plan. (vi) Cost benefit analysis(Abstract of Project cost) (vii) Mud Disposal certificate (viii) Signature, (Name in Block letters): Designation: . Address (of user Agency) Date: Secretary Place: Gangtok Tourism & Civil Aviation Deptt. Govt. of Sikkim State serial No. of proposal (To be filled up by the Nodal Officer with date of receipt)