

FORM - A

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

PART-1

(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.

State Government has envisage the promotion of Rock Art Tourism by creating sculptures of the ethnic communities of Sikkim in their traditional attire engraved in the rock face of Devipahara at Upper Yangang in South Sikkim

(ii) Map showing the required forest land, boundary of adjoining forest on a 1:50,000 scale map.

Enclosed.

(iii) Cost of the Project: **Rs. 105.84 Crores**

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

The State Government of Sikkim has envisaged many theme based projects in the State at potential places to ender multiple visitor's option. One of the top tourism priorities of the Government is to create Rock Art tourism product with relief sculpture portraying diverse ethnic communities of Sikkim in their traditional attire carved on the rock-face with figures multiples of life size, The project mission is to preserve, promote and disseminate the unique culture and tradition of indigenous people of Sikkim and at the same time making it great attraction for the tourists. The place identified for the purpose is the massive rock outcrop at a place called Yangang in South Sikkim. The State Government proposes to execute this mega project on mission mode with implementation timeline. This project would be unique and one of a kind sites to attract the interest of tourists which has substantially increased over a period of time and has grow to be one of the main source of income for the local stake holders and the State Government.

The land identified for the project is at Devipahara at Yangang which falls under the fringe of Reserved Forest area and not on its core belt. The Rock face of the Devipahara is almost barren rock with some small trees and vegetation on it, as such there will be minimum felling of trees and little impact to the Forest. Further

there are no alternate site or place in Sikkim where the project of such magnitude and nature can be implemented. As such this is site specific project.

(v) Cost-benefit analysis (to be enclosed)

(vi) Employment likely to be generated.

Permanent: 25 persons

Temporary: 2,19,000 mandays

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

a. Reserve Forest

Rock Art at Devipahara, 4.85 Hectar

b. Private & Government Land

For muck disposal and view angle (line of sight): 5.7 Hectar

3. Details of displacement of people due to the project, If any: - None -

(i) Number of families.

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

(iii) Rehabilitation plan (to be enclosed)

4. Whether clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 required?

(Yes/No): 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): **Enclosed**

6. Details of Certificates/documents enclosed as required under the instructions.

Signature :



(Name in Block letters) :

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