



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

Memo No.9.2.../WD/T.

Date:04 /06/ 2021

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: Proposal for diversion of 1.0428 Ha of Forest Land for construction of Rural Connectivity Road from Narkhola to Upper Narkhola & Lower Narkhola in West Sikkim.
- b. Name of User Agency: Rural Development Department, Govt. of Sikkim
- c. Area of Forest Land to be diverted: 1.0428 Ha

The geographical area of West District of Sikkim is <u>116600</u> Ha while the Forest Land has been recorded to the extent of <u>77390</u> Ha, which is found to be more than 66.37% of the geographical area as per the State of Forest Report 2019.

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 - Non-availability of Forest Land for creation of Compensatory Afforestation vide letter No. 11-423/2011-FC dated the 13th February 2012.

DFO (T) West

West Territorial Division

DFO (T) WEST District Collector (West)

Gyalshing.

District Collector West District, Gyalshing