

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

Memo No 236 WD/T.

Date: 16/07/2020

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 0.**431** Ha of Forest Land for Upgradation, Carpeting of approach road from Rinchenpong Bazar to Dakbunglow in West Sikkim

b. Name of User Agency:-

Roads & Bridges Department,

Govt. of Sikkim

c. Area of Forest Land to be diverted:- 0.057 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>77400</u> 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 - Non-availability of Forest Land for creation of Compensatory Afforestration vide letter No. 11-423/2011-FC dated the 13th February 2012.

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West Territorial Division.

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District Collector (West),

District Collector

West District, Gyalshing