

PART – II

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest)

State serial no. of receipt: FP/SK/OTHERS/124936/2020 Dated: 02/03/2021

NAME OF THE PROJECT: **Diversion of 15.394 Ha of forest land for construction of Greenfield Institute of Excellence in Higher Education at Chakung, West Sikkim by Education Deptt.**

7. Location of the project / scheme:

- i) State/ Union Territory: Sikkim
- ii) District : West
- iii) Forest Division: West Territorial Division
- iv) Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in Ha): 15.394 Ha
- v) Legal Status of forest : Goucharan
- vi) Density of vegetation : above 70 %
- vii) Species – wise (scientific names) and diameter class – wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed).
In case of irrigation/ hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.:- **Enumeration enclosed**

viii) Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.

The proposed land for diversion does not form a part of any seriously eroded areas except which is due to natural factors. However, all measures shall be taken to minimise and control the erosion and protect the area during and after the construction of the project.

ix) Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest
Within Forest Land.

- x) Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc. (if so details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed)

No component of the proposed forest area falls within the above said protected areas.

- xi) Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area – if so details thereof.

Not reported but if found all measures would be taken to conserve and protect such Species and its habitat.

- xii) Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required.

No such structure of any archaeological/heritage /defence or any important monument is located within the project area site.

8. Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part – I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If so, recommended area item – wise details of alternative examined.

The land involved and proposed for diversion is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. All the adjoining private land has also been acquired for the project. Due to non availability of more private land the forest land has been proposed.

9. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work did, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.

No violation of the provisions of Forest Conservation Act (1980) is there in the project.

10. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme
- a) Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, sizes of each patch. **Enclosed**
 - b) Map showing non – forest/degraded forest area identified for Compensatory Afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries
Map showing the location and area is enclosed
 - c) Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing Agency, time schedule, cost structure etc.
Detailed Compensatory Afforestation Scheme enclosed.
 - d) Total Financial Outlay for compensatory Afforestation scheme: **Rs 1,31,65,633.00**
 - e) Certificates from the competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view
- Enclosed
11. Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting the facts asked in Col. 7 (XI, XII), 8 and 9 above – **Enclosed**
12. Division/District profile as on 31st March 2020 Forest Conservation Act, 1980
- a) Geographical area of the district: **116600 Ha**
 - b) Forest area of the district:- **86473 Ha**
 - c) Forest cover of the district (as per ISFR 2019): **77390 Ha**
 - d) Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases: **Area 169.065 Ha, 62 Nos.**
 - e) Total Compensatory afforestation stipulated in the District/Division since 1980 on (date) 31st March 2020:
 - (a) Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation: **247.759 Ha**
 - (b) Non-Forest Land : **7.782 Ha**
 - f) Progress of compensatory afforestation till date on (date) 31st March 2020:
 - i) Forest Land : **195.605Ha**
 - ii) Non-Forest Land : **7.782 Ha**

13. Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons:

The proposal for construction of Greenfield Institute of Excellence in Higher Education at Chakung, West Sikkim by Education Department, is recommended on the grounds to improve the higher education system in the State. This project will benefit the overall population of the State at large. Apart from the proposed forest land, private land is also acquired. This diversion of forest land is recommended for approval subject to conditions laid by the State and Central Government and removal of minimum number of tree and poles wherever found to be absolutely unavoidable.


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