



**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER  
SORENG TERRITORIAL DIVISION.**

Memo No. 210/GD/T.

Date: 12/09/2022


**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 Soreng 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 1.1384 Ha of Forest Land for construction of road from Nayabazar Soreng to Gelling Dara to Gelling School in West Sikkim.
- b. Name of User Agency:- Roads & Bridge Department,  
Govt. of Sikkim
- c. Area of Forest Land to be diverted:- 1.1384 Ha

The geographical area of West District of Sikkim is 116600 Ha while the Forest Land has been recorded to the extent of 77400 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 Afforestation vide letter No. 11-423/2011-FC dated the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

  
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