FILE NO. I - TUDIZIZUTY-DID-GANGIUN Nimhi RNO. 591 (COLT 27/8/21 भारत सरकार GOVERNMENT OF INDIA केन्द्रीय जल आयोग CENTRAL WATER COMMISSION सिकिक म अन्वेषण मंडल SIKKIM INVESTIGATION DIVISION ता दों ग, गान्तो क (सि क्कि म) TADONG, GANGTOK (SIKKIM)-737102 Phone: 03592-231887 / 271059 Fax: 231887 Email: eesid-cwc@gov.in Date: 09.08.2021 To,

Divisional Forest Officer (East)-T, Forest, Environment & Wildlife Management Department, Government of Sikkim.

Subject:- Proposal for obtaining NOC / Clearance certificate for installation of 2 nos. of Automatic Data Acquisition & Real Time Data Transmission System at Sherethang and Kupup (for Rainfall & Snow) in Sikkim – Reg.

Sir,

This is in reference to the meeting taken by the **Hon'ble Minister**, Forest, E&WM Dept., Govt. of Sikkim, on regarding forest clearances cases on **09.07.2020** wherein it was decided that the Central Water Commission (CWC) should submit a fresh proposal for obtaining Forest clearances as the **requirement of land is corrected** from what was recorded earlier with Forest Dept.

As you are aware that CWC is a premier Technical Organization of India in the field of Water Resources and is presently functioning as an attached office of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, RD & GR, Government of India. The Commission is entrusted with the general responsibilities of initiating, coordinating and furthering in consultation of the State Governments concerned, schemes for control, conservation and utilization of water resources throughout the country, for purpose of Flood Control, Irrigation, Navigation, Drinking Water Supply and Water Power Development. It also undertakes the investigations, construction and execution of any such schemes as required.

Presently, Sikkim Investigation Division, CWC, Gangtok is entrusted with the work of flood forecasting activity by installation Automatic data Acquisition & Real Time Data Transmission System (for water level, rainfall & snow telemetry stations) at **45 locations** in the state of Sikkim. Out of these **19 nos.** of Automatic data Acquisition & Real Time Data Transmission System (for water level, rainfall & snow telemetry stations) are falling under Forest land. E-tendering for procurement and installation of these telemetry stations has been completed and work order for the same has been awarded to the vendor.

Further, this Division is in **the process of obtaining approval** from other **Departments of Central/State Government.** Keeping in view of the **time limitation**, these telemetry stations are to be installed **within this monsoon season**. Therefore, it is requested to convey the necessary approval or No Objection Certificate / Forest clearance for installation of 2 Nos. of Automatic data Acquisition & Real Time Data Transmission System (for rainfall & snow telemetry stations) in the Sikkim state.

As per guidelines of Forests, Environment and Wildlife Management department, Govt of Sikkim, this office is hereby submitting the following details/documents for the above mentioned **two nos. sites i.e. Sherethang & Kupup (6 sets for each site)** forest clearance for installation of telemetry stations:

1. Form 'A' duly filled in (part-I) with all complete details and signed by Head of department /Agency:-Enclosed

2. Details project report, estimated cost and certificate for muck dumping:-Enclosed

3. Scanned copy of map on 1:25000 or 1:50000 scales with coordinates showing all details i.e. location of project, alignments, Forest area and total area should be well legend and duly authenticated by project authority and DFO(T) concerned :-Enclosed.

4. Cost-Benefit analysis in prescribed format: NA.

5. Rehabilitation and resettlement plan (if displacement of people is involved due to the project):-NA

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6. Undertaking certificate to bear the cost of raising compensatory Afforestation as per item no 5 of the proposal form –'A' in part-I:-Enclosed

7. Joint inspection report (Project Authority ,Forest department, Land Revenue department):Enclosed

8. Details of Forest land and non forest land required for the project:-Enclosed

It is, therefore, requested to kindly grant approval for the forest land for **two nos. sites i.e. Sherethang & Kupup** so that the process of installation of telemetry stations can be initiated. This will benefit the state of Sikkim from the natural disasters by issuing an early warning to the state government and official concerned.

Your kind cooperation in this regard is highly solicited.

Encls.: As above.

Yours sincerely,

Digitally Signed by Shashank Bhushan Date:(Shashark2hushar)22 Reas Executive Engineer

Copy for kind information to:-Superintending Engineer, Investigation Circle, CWC, Gangtok.