



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
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FORESTS AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
FOREST SECRETARIAT, DEORALI, GANGTOK-737 102

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Dated 2/1/2022

To,

✓ The Inspector General of Forest-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA),
Integrated Regional Office,
Ministry of Env. Forests & Climate Change,
Government of India,
IB-198, Sector-III, Salt Lake City,
Kolkata -700106.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 0.11 ha of forest land for laying of 66 KV Perbing-Sichey underground cable along with construction of protective step wall within Jhora Reserve & Road Reserve in Gangtok District of Sikkim by Energy & Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

Case No: Proposal No. FP/SK/TRANS/155580/2022

Madam,

Please find, enclosed, herewith a proposal seeking forest clearance for **diversion of 0.11 ha of forest land for laying of 66 KV Perbing-Sichey underground cable along with construction of protective step wall within Jhora Reserve & Road Reserve in Gangtok District of Sikkim by Energy & Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim.**

Brief Description:

The user agency has proposed for **laying of 66 KV Perbing-Sichey underground cable along with construction of protective step wall within Jhora Reserve & Road Reserve in Gangtok District of Sikkim after obtaining the forest clearance under the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.**

The proposal has since been uploaded in the "OMFC" portal of the Ministry vide proposal No. **FP/SK/TRANS/155580/2022** and accordingly transferred to the level of MoEF, Integrated Eastern Regional Office at Kolkata through on-line mode.

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| Year of incorporation | : | |
| Area of business operation | : | Perbing-Sichey in Gangtok District of Sikkim |
| Project Cost | : | Rs. 1554.97 (lacs) |
| Phase of construction | : | |

2. Details of forest land proposed for diversion – The total land involved under the project are as follows:-

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| Total Private Land involved | - | Nil |
| Total Forest Land (Road Reserve) involved | - | 0.01 Ha |
| Total Forest Land (Jhora Reserve) involved | - | 0.1 Ha |
| Total Land involved | - | 0.11 Ha |



3. **Maps enclosed –**

The User Agency has furnished the following maps duly countersigned by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer:-

- (i) Map of the Survey of India of the proposed for diversion area - **(Annexure – I)**
- (ii) Map showing the proposed site for Compensatory Afforestation **(Annexure –II)**.

4. **Assessment of forest stock –**

- (i) The forest areas are situated under the Gangtok Territorial Division. The proposed project proposal affects **Trees/Poles** as per the enumeration list enclosed at **Annexure – III**

5. **Flora and Fauna and archaeological importance –**

The area does not form a part of National Park / Sanctuary or Biosphere Reserve, sample or preservation plot.

6. **Compensatory Afforestation -**

The Compensatory Afforestation shall maintain over an area in degraded forest land identified as under:-

| District | Forest Division | Range | Location | Block Plantation | Amount of CAS |
|----------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Gangtok | Gangtok | Gangtok (T) | Bulbulay RF | 1 Ha | Rs. 3,21,267.00 |
| | | | Total | 1 Ha | Rs. 3,21,267.00 |

The map showing the above identified forest land is enclosed at **Annexure –II** for reference.

The aforesaid degraded forest land is proposed to be brought under Afforestation programme as per the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme drawn by the Divisional Forest Officer, Gangtok Territorial Division, with financial outlay of **Rs. 3,21,267.00** (Rupees three lakhs twenty one thousand two hundred and sixty seven) only **(Enclosed at Annexure IV)**. The Compensatory Afforestation Scheme will be undertaken in the designated compact area identified by Gangtok Territorial Division of Sikkim.

The Divisional Forest Officer (T) Gangtok Division has given the certificate on suitability of degraded forest land for Compensatory Afforestation. **(Annexure –V)**. Accordingly, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to deposit the amount of CA, NPV and additional NPV if any etc. after Stage I clearance is granted by the Ministry in this respect **(Annexure – VI)**. But no Penal Compensatory Afforestation has been imposed since no violation of the Act has been reported against.

7. **Displacement of human population -**

No human population will be displaced owing to the project.

8. **Environmental clearance - N/A**

9. **Cost-benefit analysis - N/A**

10. **Violation of Forest Conservation Act / India Forest Act -**

No violation of Forest (Conservation) Act is reported.

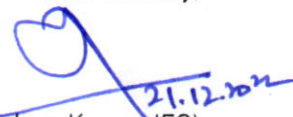
11. **Recommendations of the State Government -**



The Divisional Forest Officer (T) Gangtok Division and Conservator of Forest (Territorial), have recommended the proposal respectively. No adverse comment has been given by any officers on the proposal and it has been suitably commented upon by senior officers. The proposed diversion site does not form a part of National park, Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, sample plot or preservation plot.

Therefore, this is to request you to kindly accord approval under Section – 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for **diversion of 0.11 ha of forest land for laying of 66 KV Perbing-Sichey underground cable along with construction of protective step wall within Jhora Reserve & Road Reserve in Gangtok District of Sikkim by Energy & Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim.**

Yours faithfully,



(Pradeep Kumar, IFS)

APCCF-cum-Secretary-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA)

Pradeep Kumar, IFS
Additional PCCF-cum-Nodal Officer
Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
Forests & Environment Department
Government of Sikkim

Copy for information to:-

1. The Secretary,
Energy & Power Department,
Govt. of Sikkim
2. CF (T)
3. DFO (T), Gangtok Division
4. File.

Part – V

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized Officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

18. Recommendation of the State Government :

(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part – B or Part-C or Part-D above should be specifically commented upon)

Diversion of 0.11 Ha of Forest Land for laying of 66KV Perbing-Sichey Under Ground Cable along with construction of protective step wall within Jhora Reserve & Road Reserve by Energy & Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim, is accepted and recommended for forest clearance under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Signature : 

Name & Designation : M.L. Srivastava, IFS

Addl. Chief Secretary-cum-PCCF.

Date : 17.12.22

Place: Gangtok (Sikkim)

