

FORM-‘A’

Form for seeking prior approval under section 2 of the proposals by
the State Governments and other authorities
Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

PART-I

(to be filled up by user agency)

1. Project Details:

(i). Short narrative of the proposal and project/scheme for which the forest land is required:

Construction of Tourist facility and Beautification along with parking facilities At Rolu at Namchi Sikkim.

Construction of Tourist facility and Beautification along with parking facilities At Rolu at Namchi Sikkim involved in the Project is about- 1.9016 hectares.

(ii). Map showing the required forest land, boundary of adjoining forest on a 1:50000 Scale Map:

Map on 1:25000 Scale, Survey of India Topo sheet No. 78A/8/5 enclosed.

(iii). Cost of the project:

The present cost of the project is Rs.4960.63 Lakhs..

(iv). Justification for locating the project in forest area.

Sikkim, the 22nd state of Indian sub-continent is focused as the most peaceful hill state with hospitable people and stable governance. Situated in the northeastern Himalayan range, Sikkim is popularly known for its bio-diversity, blessed with the amazing assets of natural splendor and exotic cultural ambience. The hills of Sikkim possess a unique natural reserve, ecological features like numerous picturesque lakes, snowcapped mountains and panoramic locations. The State is spread over a geographical area of 7096 sq. kms encompassing the hills of various ranges of elevations with Mt. Kanchendzonga, the world's third highest peak majestically towering all others. The State with a total population of 6,10,577 as per 2011 census is divided into four districts viz East, West, North and South with its capital at 'Gangtok' in East Sikkim. Sikkim is a bio-diversity hotspot blessed with unblemished natural beauty and lush green forest with abundant floral & faunal wealth. The State also boast for its unique culture, ethnic heritage, pilgrimage spots, sites of archeological interest and more so, a big option for the adventure lovers. The climate of Sikkim is pleasant throughout the year. The

maximum mean temperature in August is 23°C and the minimum mean temperature during January is 4°C. Owing to its awe-inspiring natural beauty, mountainous locations, political stability, insurgency-free destination, clean and green state with hospitable people and pleasant climate, tourism has now emerged as the boosting economy for Sikkim and it is the most important civil industry in present day context.

The Tourism and Civil Aviation Department has been entrusted with the Construction of Tourist facility and Beautification along with parking facilities At Rolu at Namchi Sikkim. The area is located on Melli Jorethang road in South Sikkim situated approximately at longitude N 27° 5' 49" and Latitude E 88° 23' 14.7" at an elevation of 284 meters. The history of this temple dates back to the time before the existence of the Melli- Jorethang road. The land was a large paddy field which was completely damaged and fragmented by historical flood of 1968, after the flood the landscape was completely transformed. The huge boulders in combination with ficus tree give the area a divine impression.

The proposal is to have a Meditation Area, Amphitheater, Cave, Cafeteria, Cow Shed, Remodelling of Existing Structure, Multipurpose hall, Parking Area, River Training work and Development of Garden and water bodies.

(v). Cost –benefit analysis (to be enclosed)

Not Applicable (Area less than 1Ha)

(vi). Employment likely to be generated.

i	During construction period:	Skilled labour	34122.00	mandays
		Unskilled labour	148452.00	<u>mandays.</u>
ii	After commissioning: (permanent)	Management staff	10.00	mandays

2. Purpose- wise break-up of the total land required:

The total land involved in the construction of the Project is about 1.9016 hectares, out of which:

- (a). Total Private land involved= NIL*
- (b). Total Govt. land involved= 0.4860Ha*
- (c). Total Forest land involved = 1.4156Ha*

3. Details of displacement of people due to the project, if any: NIL

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- i. Number of families. NIL
- ii. Number of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribe families. NIL
- iii. Rehabilitation plan (to be enclosed) N/A

4. Whether clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 required? (Yes/No)

Not Required.

5. Undertaking to bear the cost of rising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation and /or penal compensatory afforestation as well as cost for protection and regeneration of Safety Zone, etc as per the scheme prepared by the State Government (undertaking to be enclosed).

The required undertaking has been enclosed as annexure

6. Details of Certificates/documents enclosed as required under instructions:

- 1. Form 'A' Part- I duly filled in with complete details.
- 2. Map on 1:25000 Scale SOI topo sheet No. 78A/8/5
- 3. Undertaking certificate for compensatory afforestation & NPV etc.
- 4. Brief Project Report
- 5. Undertaking for Muck disposal.

SIGNATURE.....

(Name in Block letters):

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DATE:

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State serial No. of proposal.....

Dated.....

(To be filled up by the Nodal Officer with date of receipt)