



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
FORESTS AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT  
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Dated 10/15/2023

Ref. No. 1979/FCA/F&ED/2013

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 0.0116 ha of forest land for Installation of Automatic Data Acquisition & Real time data transmission system through Satellite for Rainfall Water Level & Snow measurement at 17<sup>th</sup> Mile Katao Gurudongmar Lake, Yumesamdong, Dombang, Thangu, Yumthang Valley, Dombang Zero, Lachung, Samdong, Zema and Lachen in Mangan Sikkim by Central Water Commission.

Case No: Proposal No. FP/SK/Others/146631/2021

Madam,

Please find, enclosed, herewith a proposal seeking forest clearance for diversion of 0.0116 ha of forest land for installation of Automatic Data Acquisition & Real time data transmission system through Satellite for Rainfall Water Level & Snow measurement at 17<sup>th</sup> Mile Katao Gurudongmar Lake, Yumesamdong, Dombang, Thangu, Yumthang Valley, Dombang Zero, Lachung, Samdong, Zema and Lachen in Mangan Sikkim by Central Water Commission.

**Brief Description:**

The user agency has proposed for installation of Automatic Data Acquisition & Real time data transmission system through Satellite for Rainfall Water Level & Snow measurement at 17<sup>th</sup> Mile Katao Gurudongmar Lake, Yumesamdong, Dombang, Thangu, Yumthang Valley, Dombang Zero, Lachung, Samdong, Zema and Lachen in Mangan 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/Others/146631/2021 and accordingly transferred to the level of MoEF, Integrated Eastern Regional Office at Kolkata through on-line mode.

Year of incorporation	:	1974
Area of business operation	:	17 <sup>th</sup> Mile Katao Gurudongmar Lake, Yumesamdong, Dombang, Thangu, Yumthang Valley, Dombang Zero, Lachung, Samdong, Zema and Lachen in North Sikkim.
Project Cost	:	Rs. 233.99522 (Lakhs)
Phase of construction	:	



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10/05/2023

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

Total Private Land involved	-	Nil
Total Forest Land (Reserve Forest) involved	-	0.0116 Ha
<b>Total Land involved</b>	-	<b>0.0116 Ha</b>

3. **Maps enclosed –**

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

- Map of the Survey of India of the proposed for diversion area - **(Annexure – I-II)**
- Map showing the proposed site for Compensatory Afforestation **(Annexure –III-IV)**.
- Map showing the aerial distance of proposed area to nearest WLS **(Annexure –V-VI)**

4. **Assessment of forest stock –**

- The forest areas are situated under the Mangan Territorial Division. The proposed project proposal affects **herbs** as per the enumeration list enclosed at **Annexure –VII-VIII**.

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
Mangan	Mangan (T)	Mangan (T)	Chaten Khas (RF)	0.5 Ha	Rs. 24,934.00
			Lachung (RF)	0.5 Ha	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>0.1 Ha</b>	<b>Rs. 24,934.00</b>

The map showing the above identified forest land is enclosed at **Annexure – III-IV** 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, Mangan Territorial Division, with financial outlay of **Rs. 24,934.00** (Rupees twenty four thousand nine hundred and thirty four) only **(Enclosed at Annexure IX)**. The Compensatory Afforestation Scheme will be undertaken in the designated compact area identified by Mangan Territorial Division of Sikkim.

The Divisional Forest Officer (T) Mangan Division has given the certificate on suitability of degraded forest land for Compensatory Afforestation. (Annexure –X). 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 – XI). 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) Mangan 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 0.0116 ha of forest land for Installation of Automatic Data Acquisition & Real time data transmission system through Satellite for Rainfall Water Level & Snow measurement at 17<sup>th</sup> Mile Katao Gurudongmar Lake, Yumesamdong, Dombang, Thangu, Yumthang Valley, Dombang Zero, Lachung, Samdong, Zema and Lachen in Mangan Sikkim by Central Water Commission.**

Yours faithfully,



10/05/2023

(Brijendra Swaroop, IFS),  
APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA)

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APCCF, Env. & S.C., SBFP,  
SF, Plng, M&E.  
Forests & Environment Department  
Government of Sikkim.

Copy for information to:-

1. Executive Engineer,  
CWC, Govt. of India,
2. CF (T)
3. DFO (T), Mangan Division
4. File.



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY  
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
GANGTOK

Ref. No.06/CS/SKM/2023

Date: 28.01.2023

**Certificate for Non-availability of Non-Forest Land for Compensatory  
Afforestation.**

I, V.B.Pathak, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim, do hereby certify that:

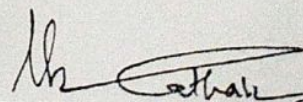
(i) I have obtained from each District Collector and Divisional Forest Officer in the State of Sikkim, a joint certificate to the effect that non-forest land, revenue lands, zudpi jungle, chhotejharka jungle, bade jharka jungle, jungle-jhari land, civil-soyam lands and all other such categories of forest lands (except the forest land under management and administrative control of the Forest Department) on which the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are applicable, which as per the extant guidelines of the Central Government may be utilized for creation of compensatory afforestation in lieu of forest land diverted for non-forest purpose, are not available in the area under their respective jurisdiction; and

(ii) I have also examined all other relevant records.

On the basis of aforementioned joint certificates and examination of all other relevant records, I do hereby certify that non-forest land, revenue lands, zudpi jungle, chhotejharka jungle, bade jharka jungle, jungle-jhari land, civil-soyam lands and other such categories of forest lands (except the forest land under management and administrative control of the Forest Department) on which the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are applicable, which as per the extant guidelines of the Central Government may be utilized for creation of compensatory afforestation in lieu of forest land diverted for non-forest purpose, are not available in the entire State of Sikkim.

This certificate is valid for a period of one year from the date of issue.

Issued under by hand and seal on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

  
(V.B.Pathak) IAS 28/1/2023  
Chief Secretary,  
Government of Sikkim.

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)

The proposal for diversion of 0.0116 ha of forest land for Installation of Automatic Data Acquisition & Real time data transmission system through Satellite for Rainfall Water Level & Snow measurement at 17<sup>th</sup> Mile Katao Gurudongmar Lake, Yumesamdong, Dombang, Thangu, Yumthang Valley, Dombang Zero, Lachung, Samdong, Zema and Lachen in North Sikkim by Central Water Commission, is accepted and recommended for forest clearance under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Signature :

Designation :

Secretary,

Forest & Environment Department,

Govt. of Sikkim

Secretary  
Forests & Environment Dept.

Govt. of Sikkim

Date : 29/04/23

Place: Gangtok (Sikkim)

Official Seal