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 0.117 Ha of forest land for laying of 66 KV Single Circuit from Singhik to Mangan Transmission line under CSSTDS in North Sikkim 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

PCCF-cum-Addl. Chief Secretary.

Date:

Place: Gangtok (Sikkim)

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Dated 16/2/..../2021

From:

The CF-cum- Nodal Officer (FCA), Deptt. of Forest & Environment, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.

To:

The Addl. PCCF (CAMPA) and Nodal Officer (FCA), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Env. Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, IB-198, Sector-III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata -700106.

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 0.117 Ha of forest land for laying of 66 KV Single Circuit from Singhik to Mangan Transmission line under CSSTDS in North Sikkim by Energy & Power

Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

Case No: Proposal No. FP/SK/TRANS/46714/2020

Please find, enclosed, herewith a proposal seeking forest clearance for diversion of 0.117 Ha of Sir, forest land for laying of 66 KV Single Circuit from Singhik to Mangan Transmission line under CSSTDS in North Sikkim by Energy & Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

Brief Description:

The user agency has proposed for laying of 66 KV Single Circuit from Singhik to Mangan Transmission line under CSSTDS in North 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/46714/2020 and accordingly transferred to the level of MoEF, Integrated Eastern Regional Office at Kolkata through on-line mode.

Year of incorporation

22nd April, 2015

Area of business operation

66 KV Single Circuit from Singhik to Mangan Transmission line

under CSSTDS in North Sikkim.

Project Cost

Rs. 1554.97 Crore

Phase of construction

Targeted by March, 2021

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

Total Private Land involved	-	7.6698 Ha
Total Forest Land (Khasmal) involved	•	0.117 Ha
Total Land involved	-	7.7868 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).
- (iii) Map showing the aerial distance of proposed area to nearest WLS (Annexure –III).

4. Assessment of forest stock -

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

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
North	North	Mangan (T)	Singhik to Mangan	0.234 Ha	Rs. 19,43,960.00
			Total	0.234 Ha	Rs. 19,43,960.00

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, North Territorial Division, with financial outlay of Rs. 19,43,960.00 (Rupees nineteen lakhs forty three thousand nine hundred and sixty) only (Enclosed at Annexure V). The Compensatory Afforestation Scheme will be undertaken in the designated compact area identified by North Territorial Division of Sikkim.

The Divisional Forest Officer (T) North Division has given the certificate on suitability of degraded forest land for Compensatory Afforestation. (Annexure -VI). 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 -VII). 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) North 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, I, request you to kindly accord approval under Section – 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.117 Ha of forest land for laying of 66 KV Single Circuit from Singhik to Mangan Transmission line under CSSTDS in North Sikkim by Energy & Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

(D. Manjunatha, IFS), CF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA).

Yours faithfully,

D. Manjunatha, IFS

CF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA)

Forests & Env. Deptt. Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok