

**FORM - I**  
(for Linear projects)  
Government of West Bengal  
Office of the District Collector, Darjeeling  
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No 001/NOC/FRA/DARJ/2019-20.

Dated: 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020.

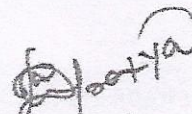
To WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India's letter No. H-9/98-FC (pt) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 ('FRA', for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes read with MoEF's letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that (i) **8.8489 hectares in Mahananda wildlife** (ii) **12.3436 hectares in Kurseong Forest Division,**(iii) **18.604 hectares in Darjeeling Forest Division i.e. Total 39.7965 Ha** of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of **Northeast Frontier Railway, New Jalpaiguri** for Construction of New Broad Gauge Railway Line from Sivok in West Bengal to Rangpo in Sikkim in Darjeeling district falls within jurisdiction of Lower Kandung, Upper Kandung and Karmath Forest Villages in Kurseong and Deorali village in Darjeeling tehsils

It is further certified that:

- (a) the complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire 39.7965 hectares of forest area proposed for diversion. A copy of records of all consultations and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee (s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) and the District Level Committee are enclosed as Annexure A to B Annexure.
- (b) the diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under section 3 (2) of the FRA have been completed and the Gram Sabha have given their consent to it.
- (c) the proposal does not involve recognized rights of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-agricultural communities.

Encl: As above

  
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