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**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM**  
**OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF SECRETARY-cum-PCCF**  
FORESTS AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT  
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Dated 20/1/2022

From:

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

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.

**Subject:** Proposal for diversion of 2.87 Ha. of forest land for Extension of three phase 11 KV Weasel line and Installation of 25 KVA Outdoor type Distribution Sub- Station along with Extension of L.T line at Sakhimdara, Dhoban and Nayapatal (72<sup>nd</sup> Battallion SSB Outpost along Indo-Nepal Border) at Gyalshing District, Sikkim.

**Case No:** Proposal No. FP/SK/TRANS/145497/2021

Sir,

Please find, enclosed, herewith a proposal seeking forest clearance for diversion of 2.87 Ha. of forest land for Extension of three phase 11 KV Weasel line and Installation of 25 KVA Outdoor type Distribution Sub- Station along with Extension of L.T line at Sakhimdara, Dhoban and Nayapatal (72<sup>nd</sup> Battallion SSB Outpost along Indo- Nepal Border) at Gyalshing District, Sikkim.

**Brief Description:**

The user agency has proposed for Extension of three phase 11 KV Weasel line and Installation of KVA Outdoor type Distribution Sub- Station along with Extension of L,T line at Sakhimdara, Dhoban and Nayapatal (72<sup>nd</sup> Battallion SSB Outpost along Indo- Nepal Border) at Gyalshing District of West 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/ 145497/ 2021 and accordingly transferred to the level of MoEF, Integrated Eastern Regional Office at Kolkata through on-line mode.

Year of incorporation	:	
Area of business operation	:	Sakhimdara, Dhoban and Nayapatal under Gyalshing District of West Sikkim.
Project Cost	:	Rs. 1.38 crore
Phase of construction	:	

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 (Khasmal) involved	-	2.87 Ha
Total Land involved	-	2.87 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 West 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
Gyalshing	Gyalshing (T)	Gyalshing	Nambu RF	6 Ha	Rs. 24,00,124.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>6 Ha</b>	<b>Rs. 24,00,124.00</b>

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, West Territorial Division, with financial outlay of **Rs. 24,00,124.00** (Rupees Twenty four lakhs, one hundred & twenty four only) (Enclosed at Annexure VI). The Compensatory Afforestation Scheme will be undertaken in the designated compact area identified by Gyalshing Territorial Division of Sikkim.

The Divisional Forest Officer (T) West Division has given the certificate on suitability of degraded forest land for Compensatory Afforestation. (Annexure –VII). 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 – VIII). 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) West 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 2.07 Ha. of forest land for Extension of three phase 11 Weasel line and Installation of 25 KVA Outdoor type Distribution Sub-Station along with Extension of L.T line at Sakhimdara, Dhoban and Nayapatal (72nd Battallion SSB Outpost along Indo- Nepal Border) at Gyalshing District, Sikkim.

Yours faithfully,

  
( Pradeep Kumar ) IFS,

APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA).

Copy for kind information to:-

1. The PCE-cum- Secretary,  
Power Department,  
Govt. of Sikkim.
2. CF (T)
3. DFO (T) West Division,
- ✓ 4. File.

**PRADEEP KUMAR, IFS  
ADDITIONAL PCCF  
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GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM**

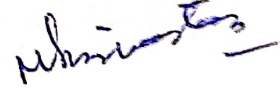
## Part - V

(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 2.87 Ha Forest Land for Extension of three Phase 11 KV Weasel line and Installation of 25 KVA Outdoor type Distribution Sub-Station along with Extension of L.T line at Sakhimdara, Dhoban and Nayapatal (72<sup>nd</sup> Battalion SSB OutPost along Indo- Nepal Border) in Gyalshing District by Power Deptt, Govt. of Sikkim, is accepted and recommended for forest clearance under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 & Forest (Conservation) Rules 2003.

Signature :



Name & Designation : M.L. Srivastava, IFS

PCCF-cum- Addl. Chief Secretary

M.L. Srivastava, IFS

Addl. Chief Secretary

Forests & Environment Dept

Govt. of Sikkim

Official Seal

Date:

Place: Gangtok (Sikkim)

  
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER  
WEST TERRITORIAL DIVISION  
GYALSHING

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Memo No. 716 /WD/T.

Date 18/11/21


**JOINT CERTIFICATE FOR NON AVAILABILITY OF NON FOREST LAND FOR  
COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION.**

This is to Certify that non-forest lands are not available under the territorial jurisdiction of West Forest Division for Compensatory Afforestation to be raised in lieu of forest land to be diverted for the non-forestry purposes of User agency, mentioned below:-


- a. Name of Proposal with Location:- Diversion of 2.87 ha Forest Land for Extension of three phase 11Kv Weasel line and Installation of 25 KVA Outdoor type Distribution Sub-Station along with Extension of LT Line at Sakhimdara, Dhoban & Nayapatal (72nd Battalion SSB Outpost along Indo-Nepal Border) at Geyzing, West Sikkim.
- b. Name of User Agency:- Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim.
- c. Area of Forest Land to be diverted:- 2.87 Ha.

The geographical area of West District of Sikkim is 116600 ha while the Forest Land has been recorded to the extent of 77400 ha. only, which is found to be more than 50% of the geographical area as per the State of Forest Report 2019.

The Joint Certificate is granted as per the Rule & Guideline Para 3.2(v) of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 - Guidelines & Clarifications and recent Guidelines received from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India in connection with the diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Non-availability of Forest Land for creation of Compensatory Afforestation vide letter No. 11-423/2011-FC dated the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

  
DFO (T) West Sikkim,  
West Territorial Division

**J. F. O. (T)**  
**WEST**

  
District Collector (West),  
Gyalshing.  
District Collector  
West District, Gyalshing



Government of Sikkim  
**OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR**  
District Administrative Centre  
Rabdentse, West Sikkim-737113

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**TO WHOMSOEVER IT, MAY CONCERN**

In compliance of the Rule 6(3)(e) of the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 [as amended vide the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules 2014; Forest (Conservation) second Amendment Rules 2014; and Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules 2016] it is certified that 0.11 hectare of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of Power Department, Government of Sikkim, West District, for extension of three phase 11 KV Weasel line and Installation of 25 KVA Outdoor type Distribution Sub-Station along with Extension of LT line at Sakhimdara, Dhoban and Nayapatal (72<sup>nd</sup> Battalion SSB Outpost along Indo-Nepal Border) at Gyalshing, West Sikkim. It is further certified that;

(a) the complete process of recognition and vesting of forest rights under the FRA, 2006 has been carried out for the entire 2.87 hectare of forest land proposed for diversion. A copy of records of all consultation and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub- Division Level Committee(s) and the District Level Committee are enclosed.

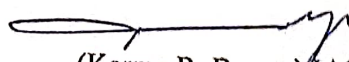
(b) the proposal for such diversion (with full details of the project and its implications, vernacular/ local language) have been placed before each concerned Gram Sabha or forest-dwellers, who are eligible under the FRA, 2006;

(c) each of the concerned Gram Sabha, has certified that all formalities/ processes under the FRA have been carried out, and that they have given their consent to the proposed diversion and the compensation and ameliorative measures, if any, having understood the purpose and details of proposed diversion. Copies of certificate issued by the Gram Sabha of 11-Darap Nambu GPU are enclosed.

(d) the discussion and decisions on such proposals had taken place only when there was a quorum of minimum 50 % of the members of Gram Sabha present.

(e) 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;

(f) the rights of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-Agricultural Communities, where applicable have been specifically safeguarded as per Section 3 (1) of the FRA, 2006.

  
(Karma R. Bonpo) IAS  
District Collector-cum- District Magistrate

**District Collector**  
**West District, Gyalshing**

NET PRESENT VALUE BILL

Name of Project :

Proposal for Diversion of 2.87 ha Forest Land for Extension of three phase 11Kv Weasel line and Installation of 25 KVA Outdoor type Distribution Sub-Station along with Extension of LT Line at Sakhimdara, Dhoban & Nayapatal (72nd Battallion SSB Outpost along Indo-Nepal Border) at Geyzing, West Sikkim.

User Agency:

Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

Location:

West Sikkim

Area of forest land to be diverted:

2.87 Ha

Ecological Class:

Eco-Class V - Consisting of

NPV Rates in Rs:

Rs. 8,45,000/- per Ha for Eco Class V (dense forest)

Total NPV Amount:

Rs. 24,25,150/-

(Rupees Twenty-four Lakhs Twenty-five Thousand One Hundred Fifty only)

(Tek Bahadur Gurung)  
Divisional Forest Officer  
West Territorial Division  
Gyalshing, West Sikkim

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**COST OF CUTTING, FELLING, LOGGING AND TRANSPORTATION OF PROJECT  
AFFECTED TREES AND FOREST PRODUCES**

**Project Name:**

Extraction cost of trees to be removed for Diversion of 2.87 ha Forest Land for Extension of three phase 11Kv Weasel line and Installation of 25 KVA Outdoor type Distribution Sub-Station along with Extension of LT Line at Sakhimdara, Dhoban & Nayapatal (72nd Battallion SSB Outpost along Indo-Nepal Border) at Geyzing, West Sikkim.

**User Agency:**

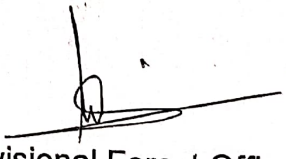
Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

Estimate proposed in accordance to the enumeration list and vide notification no. 844/799/FCA/FEWMD dated 23/02/2009 and 268/GOS/FEWMD/Pr. Secy-PCCF dated 07/11/2016.

Amount in Rupees

Sl. No.	Items	Number / Cut / Cum / Pile	Rate	Amount	Remarks
1	Extraction of Logs & Poles	3105	420	13,04,100	
3	Transportation by mechanical means.	3105	11	34,155	
Net Amount			Rs.	13,38,255.00	

(Rupees Thirteen Lakh Thirty eight thousand Two hundred Fifty five only)

  
Divisional Forest Officer  
West Territorial Division  
Gyalshing, West Sikkim

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