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Dated 9/8/2022

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 0.1985 Ha of forest land for construction of Kali Darshan Yatra (Footpath) at Gadi Central Pandam, Gangtok district of Sikkim by Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Govt. of Sikkim.

Case No: Proposal No. FP/SK/OTHERS/141542/2021

Madam,

Please find, enclosed, herewith a proposal seeking forest clearance for **diversion of 0.1985 Ha of forest land for construction of Kali Darshan Yatra (Footpath) at Gadi Central Pandam Gangtok district of Sikkim by Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Govt. of Sikkim.**

Brief Description:

The user agency has proposed for **construction of Kali Darshan Yatra (Footpath) at Gadi Central Pandam Gangtok 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/OTHERS/141542/2021** and accordingly transferred to the level of MoEFCC, Integrated Eastern Regional Office at Kolkata through on-line mode.

Year of incorporation	:	
Area of business operation	:	Central Pandam, Gangtok district, Sikkim.
Project Cost	:	Rs. 246.35 lakhs
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 (Reserve Forest) involved	-	0.1985 Ha
Total Land involved	-	0.1985 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 site of diversion (Annexure –III).

4. **Assessment of forest stock –**

- (i) The forest areas are situated under the Gangtok Territorial Division. The proposed project proposal doesn't affect **Trees/Poles. No Tree Felling Certificate** enclosed at **Annexure –IV**.

5. **Flora, 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
Gangtok	Gangtok	Singtam (T)	Khani RF	0.1985 Ha	Rs. 2,34,924.00
			Total	0.1985 Ha	Rs. 2,34,924.00

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, Gangtok Territorial Division, with financial outlay of **Rs. 2,34,924.00** (Rupees two lakhs thirty four thousand nine hundred and twenty four) only (**Enclosed at Annexure V**). The Compensatory Afforestation Scheme will be undertaken in the designated compact area identified by Gangtok Territorial Division of Sikkim.

The Divisional Forest Officer (T) Gangtok 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) Gangtok 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, the undersigned is directed to request you to kindly accord approval under Section – 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for **diversion of 0.1985 Ha of forest land for construction of Kali Darshan Yatra (Footpath) at Gadi Central Pandam, Gangtok district of Sikkim by Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Govt. of Sikkim.**

Yours faithfully,


(Blen Tsh. Targain, SFS)
Joint Director (FCA)
Forest & Environment Deptt.
Govt. of Sikkim

Copy for information to:-

1. CF (T)
2. DFO (T), Gangtok Division
3. Secretary,
Tourism & Civil Aviation Department,
Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok.
4. File.
5. Guard file

Part – V

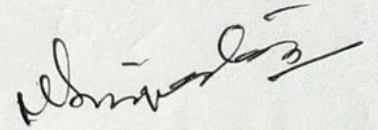
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18. Recommendation of the State Government :

(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 0.1985 Ha of forest land for construction of Kali Darshan Yatra (Footpath) at Gadi Central Pandam East Sikkim by Tourism 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
Addl. Chief Secretary-cum-PCCF.

Date : 25/7/22

Place: Gangtok (Sikkim)

M.L. Srivastava, IFS
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