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FORM – 'A'

Form for seeking prior approval under section 2 of the proposal by the State
Government and other authorities.
[FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT, 1980]

PART – 1

(To be filled up by the User Agency)

1. Project Details:

- (i) Short narrative of the proposal and project/scheme for which the forest land is required.

Sikkim is a developing hilly state in the country having total area of 7,096 sq.km & population of about six lakh. To promote infrastructure development and to uplift the socio-economic status of the inhabitants as well as to maintain peace and tranquillity amongst the citizen are the main aim of the State Government.

Public Distribution System in the state caters to supply & distribution of Rice, Sugar & S.K.Oil to various categorised beneficiaries like AAY (Antodaya Anna Yojna) PHH (Priority House Holds) OPHH (Other Priority House Holds) and NPHH (Non Priority House Holds) after the implementation of National Food Security Act 2013. Food godown is the place where these commodities are stored and are distributed through Fair price Shops. The distribution at godown level is done by the food inspector to all the registered Fair price shops based on the online data of beneficiaries. The Fair price shops then distribute the commodities to all the beneficiaries under their jurisdiction.

The present food godown is located at Soreng bazaar which is creating problems to the bazaar beautification projects of UD & HD Deptt. The UD & HD is coming up with the bazaar beautification project wherein all bazaar area will be beautified with flooring tiles. The approach road that leads to godown will also be covered in the project.

Hence, the public & Panchayats are pressurizing for early shifting of godown to other suitable locations. There is no ~~any~~ govt. structure in the

proposed site which requires to be dismantled to facilitate the construction.

II) Map showing the required forest land, boundary of adjoining forest on a 1:25000 Scale Map.

It is enclosed at annexure

III) Cost of the project: - Rs. 2, 49, 13,400/- (Two crore forty-nine lakh thirteen thousand four hundred only).

IV) Alternative location examined prior to locating the present project site

The finalization of site involves a series of site visits in the vicinity of Soreng, by a team headed by the Secretary and DCSO (W) of Food & Civil Supplies Deptt. but no such suitable land was found for the construction of the same.

V) Justification for locating the project in the forest area.

- The area is centrally located and suitable for construction of godown.
- Adequate land with stability and connectivity was not found in the entire locality.
- The damages to the standing trees and to the environment itself is minimal.

VI) Cost- benefits analysis (to be enclosed)

VII) Employment likely to be generated:

Skilled:	4,372	Man Days
Semi- Skilled:	4,868	Man Days
Unskilled:	7,140	Man Days

2. Purpose-wise break -up of the total land required

Food Godown (storage area)	:	4000 sq.ft.	(0.3716122 HA)
Parking area etc.	:	3320.15 sq.ft.	(0.03084520283 HA)
Quarter for staff	:	2000 sq.ft.	(0.00185806 HA)
Circulation area & open spaces	:	2520.15 sq.ft.	(0.2341298963 HA)
Total area required	:	11840.35 sq.ft.	(0.11 HA)


3. Details of displacement of people due to the project, if any:
Not applicable

4. Whether clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 required?
Not required

5. Undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation and/ or penal compensatory afforestation as well cost for protection and regeneration of Safety Zone, etc. As per the Scheme prepared by the State Government (undertaking enclosed).

6. Details of Certificate/Documents enclosed as required under the instructions.

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| a) Project copy | - Annexure I (to be enclosed) |
| b) Joint Inspection Report | - Annexure II |
| c) Enumeration list of Trees etc. | - Annexure III |
| d) Topsheet | - Annexure IV |
| e) Undertaking Certificate | - Annexure V |


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