

**Annexure-I**  
**Form-I**  
(For Linear Projects)



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**TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN**

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India letter No.11-9/98-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 Forest Right) 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 51871.000.sqm of forest land as per area of statement annexed as annexure-I proposed to be diverted in favour of Executive Engineer, Division XIV (NH), PWD, Fatorda, Margao (name of user agency) for construction of missing link-Four lane highway along with paved shoulder from km.11/680 to km.14/020 and up-gradation of existing stretch of 2-lane highway to 4 lane from km. 14/020 to km. 15/520 with paved shoulder of NH-17B on Loutolim village of Verna Industrial Estate of Salcete Taluka in Goa State on EPC mode (purpose for diversion of forest land) in South Goa District falls within jurisdiction of Loutolim village in Salcete 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 51871.000.sqm of forest area proposed for diversion. There are no Forest Right claims in the proposed land for missing link-Four lane highway through Loutolim village of Salcete Taluka.
- (b) The proposal does not involve recognized right of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre- Agricultural Communities.



  
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