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Date 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

To,

The Addl.Chief Secretary-cum-PCCF,  
Forest & Environment Department,  
Government of Sikkim  
Forest Secretariat, Deorali  
Gangtok - 737102.

**Sub: Diversion of 26.8 ha (16.4 ha in RF/ Khasmal/ River Reserve + 10.427 ha in buffer & transition zone of KNP) forest land in favour of Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim for laying of 220 KV DC Shinghik-Chungthang Transmission Line under CSSTDS in Mangan district of Sikkim - reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer the letter No.2023/FCA/F&ED/979 dated 16.03.2023 on the above cited subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal has been examined and observed that since the proposal has been accepted by the Nodal Officer, Sikkim online on 15.09.2022, the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Rules 2022 is applicable as per Ministry's guideline No.FC-11/118/2021-FC dated 18.07.2022. Further, it was observed that in the proposal, User Agency is State Government and involves both forest and non-forest land. However, compensatory afforestation in the proposal has been proposed over double degraded forest land, which is not as per provisions of Forest (Conservation) Rules 2022 (Para No.11).

Therefore, it is requested that compensatory afforestation needs to be proposed over equivalent non forest land and CA scheme along with topsheet map and other relevant documents may kindly be uploaded in the PARIVESH portal for further processing of the proposal.

Yours Sincerely,

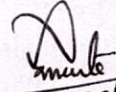
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1. The APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Forest & Environment Department, Government of Sikkim, Forest Secretariat, Deorali, Gangtok – 737102.
2. The Divisional Forest Officer, North Territorial, Sikkim.

3. The Chief Engineer-cum-SNO (IPDS), Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim, Kazi Road, Gangtok - 737101.
4. Guard File.

  
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