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To,

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

Sub: Diversion of 0.1985 ha of forest land in favour of Tourism & Civil Aviation Department for construction of Kali Darshan Yatra (Footpath) at Gadi Central Pandam in Gangtok district of Sikkim.

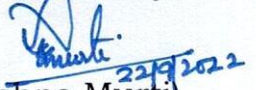
Sir,

I am directed to refer the letter No. 1964/FCA/F&ED/456 dated 9.08.2022 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 the following documents/ information are still required to upload in online application of the proposal for further processing:

- i. Present status of the proposed footpath is not clear. What type of construction proposed in Footpath?
- ii. Details of required area calculation along with layout map of the proposed footpath needs to be uploaded.
- iii. Details of alternate routes explored and reasons for their rejection.
- iv. Since, it is a non-site-specific project, justification establishing its inescapability for locating the project in forest area needs to be submitted.
- v. Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion is mentioned as Reserved Forest in forwarding letter whereas it is mentioned as Khasmal by concerned DFO. It needs to be cleared.
- vi. Compensatory afforestation proposed over 0.1985 ha degraded forest land by State Forest Department whereas concerned DFO proposed over 1 ha degraded Forest land. It needs to be cleared.
- vii. Proposed tree felling is mentioned nil in some places and 6 no. poles proposed for felling in some places. It may be cleared


Therefore, it is requested that above mentioned documents/ information may kindly be uploaded in the PARIVESH portal for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours Sincerely,


(Dr. S. Hare Krishna Murti)
Assistant Inspector General of Forest (C)

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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, East Territorial, Sikkim.
3. The Secretary, Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Paryatan Bhawan, Tadong, Gangtok - 737102.
4. Guard File.


24/9/2022

Assistant Inspector General of Forest (C)