

Government of West Bengal  
Department of Forests  
For Branch  
Aranya Bhavan (1<sup>st</sup> Floor), Block-LA-10A, Sector-III, Salt Lake City  
Kolkata-700 106

No. 285-For/FR/O/L/10T-2/2019

Kolkata, the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

MEMORANDUM

**Sub:** Proposed Diversion of 116.001 ha. of forest land in favour of National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) for realignment, rehabilitation and upgradation to 2(Two) lane with paved shoulders configuration of Bagrakot to Kafer & Kafer to Reshi Border of NH-717A in West Bengal under Kalimpong Forest Division.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the proposal noted above received from the office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF.

After careful consideration of the said proposal, recommended and forwarded by Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMPA) & Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, the undersigned is directed by order of the Governor to say that the Governor is pleased to accord in principal approval as per provision laid down in F.No. 11-246/2014-FC dt. 03.11.2017, issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (FC Division), Government of India & in pursuance of Sec 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 116.001 ha. of forest land for realignment, rehabilitation and upgradation to 2 lane with paved shoulders configuration of Bagrakot to Kafer & Kafer to Reshi Border of NH-717A in West Bengal under Kalimpong Forest Division in favour of National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall submit monthly report to the Eastern Regional Office by 5<sup>th</sup> of every month regularly, failing which, the grant of such permission may be suspended by the Central Government for a specified period or till the information is submitted.
3. The user agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora/fauna in the surroundings, and, therefore, shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
4. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 116.001 ha. of degraded forest land under Kalimpong forest division identified at :

Sl No.	RANGE	BEAT	BLOCK COMPARTMENT	AREA IN Ha.
1.	Chel	Mongpong	Churanti-1	32.25
2.	Chel	Mongpong	Mongpong-14	11.2689
3.	Pankhasari	Pankhasari	Paingaon-4 & 5	45.5082
4.	Kalimpong	H.Q. Beat	Sangser-1	8.9734
5.	Noam	Noam	Lethi-1	18.000
<b>Total:-</b>				<b>116.001</b>

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5. No of trees to be felled , should be minimised and only those trees should be felled which are coming within width of the proposed road and some trees which may fall due to steep hill slope or to maintain roads gradient and shoulder.
6. The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land and cost of raising CA as established by law.
7. The User Agency shall furnish NOC under FRA, 2006 as per prescribed format of Ministry.
8. Permission granted by this department shall be subject to the monitoring by the Eastern Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India.
9. Forest land utilized for creation of the border infrastructure projects shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal. Any change in the land use without prior permission of the Central/State Government shall amount to the violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Request of such changes shall be made to this Ministry by the Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) of the concerned State.
10. State Forest Department/ State Government or the Eastern Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India may impose from time to time, any other condition in the interest of conservation, protection and/or development of Forest.
11. No construction work should be initiated before compliance of the conditions laid down herein above.

After receipt of compliance of fulfilment of the above conditions, formal approval will be issued in this regard under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

  
Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

No. 285/1(8) -For

Kolkata, the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), West Bengal.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMPA) & Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Hill Circle, West Bengal.
4. The Conservator of Forests(Central), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, Eastern Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar -751 023.
5. The Divisional Forest Officer, Kalimpong Forest Division.
6. Sri Devendra Singh, General Manager (P), NHIDCL, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 5<sup>th</sup> Mile, M.P. Golai, Tadong, Sikkim-737 102.
7. The P.S. to the MIC, Forest.
8. The Sr. P.S to the ACS, Forest.

  
Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

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