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To,  
✓ The Inspector General of Forest-cum-Nodal Officer,  
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Sub: **Additional information regarding proposal for diversion of 119.92 ha of Forest land for construction, rehabilitation and upgrading to 2 lane with paved shoulders, configuration section from Rolep to Menla section of NH-717B by NHIDCL in East District of Sikkim.**

Sir,

Reference Minutes of meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> REC held on 23/07/2021, vide Agenda item 3.2 for the proposed diversion of 119.92 ha of Forest land for construction, rehabilitation and upgrading to 2 lane with paved shoulders, configuration section from Rolep to Menla section of NH-717B by NHIDCL in East District of Sikkim, the following is submitted:

1. The Ecological Impact Assessment for the Project has been agreed to be taken up by Botanical Survey of India. They have further written vide letter No. BSI-295/1 (Misc.)/2021-Tech/597 dated 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 that the detailed Project budgetary requirement along with timeline will be submitted in due course of time. The User Agency has given an undertaking to bear the cost of EIA exercise and cost of implementation of Mitigation Plan as per the said report to the State Forest Department. Copy enclosed at Annexure-I.
2. The Biodiversity Conservation Plan along with summary highlighting the details has been submitted by the Territorial Circle. Copy enclosed at Annexure-II.
3. The Site Specific Wildlife Management Plan duly forwarded by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Forest and Env. Department, Govt. of Sikkim vide Memo No. 55/CWLW/F&ED dated 25/08/2021 with a financial outlay of 2292.34 lacs has been prepared. Copy enclosed at Annexure-III.
4. The East Territorial Division has submitted the revised Compensatory Afforestation Scheme after relooking the proposed CA location. The same has been forwarded to the GIS Cell of the department for detailed DSS Analysis for acceptability. The same shall be submitted after receipt of DSS Analysis Report please.

Forwarded for favour of kind information please.



Yours faithfully,

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