

## **GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM** OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER EAST TERRITORIAL DIVISION FORESTS AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT Date: 07/7/21

P.S. Road, Gangtok -737101.

The CF-cum-Nodal Officer(FCA),

Forest & Environment Department,

Deorali, Forest Secretariat,

Govt. of Sikkim,

Gangtok

Sub: - Proposal for diversion of 119.92 Ha of forest land for construction, rehabilitation and upgrading to 2 lane with paved shoulders configuration of section from Rolep to Menla 9length of project Km 37+600 to 39+950) section of NH 717 B in east District of Sikkim by NHIDCL-Addl. Information regd.

Sir, With reference to letter no. 1923/FCA/F&ED/396 dated 05.07.2021 received from office of the CF-cum Nodal officer in relation to letter no. SK-NHIDCL-10/2021/FC/85 dated 28.06.2021 received from the Deputy Director General of forest (C) Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of environment, Forests & climate Change, Govt. of India, Kolkata sought additional information for the above referred proposal seeking forest Clearance.

Please find the point wise additional information in the table below:

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S. No.	Observation	Reply
1	According to EDS point no. 2 User agency is ready to pay for double Compensatory Afforestation for the degraded forest land and total 239.84 Ha of degraded forest land have been identified by DFO for Compensatory Afforestation.	NHIDCL is ready to pay amount for Compensatory Afforestation for double the degraded forest land, undertaking in this regard is attached. Further 239.9 ha of degraded forest land have been identified for Compensatory Afforestation. The Detail CA scheme, Site suitability Certificate, Georeferenced Toposheet showing proposed CA land and Geo coordinates details is enclosed herewith as <b>Annexure I</b> . The same has been uploaded in part-II
2	No of trees to affected/ Felled- Tree (56,296), Poles (46,067), Malingo (43,000), and medicinal plant (6,05,000), how number of tree to be felled can be reduce, reasoned reply is needed.	The no. of affected/Felled- Tree (56,259), Poles (46,067), Malingo (43,000), and medicinal plant (6,05,000) is enlisted as per maximum damage in diverted area. However during the construction phase the no. of tree/pole to be fell will be reduce to minimum requirement undertaking regarding this submitted by User agency. <b>Annexure II</b>
3	As per proposal, proposed diverted area is 119.92 ha, but as per Kml file proposed diverted area is 105.13 ha which is not matching, it may need to rectify.	Theproposed diverted area is 119.92 ha. in PARIVESH portal the Kml uploaded in 2 patches by user agency as follows  1. 100.27 Ha in RF  2. 14.52 Ha in Khasmal Land  3. 5.129 Ha Muck Dumping Site Total land proposed for diversion is 119.92 Ha. The same has been rectified and uploaded in part-I by User agency.
4	The NET suitable area for plantation as per GIS-DSS analysis is 44.11 ha, which is lower than the actual required CA land area.	

Geo referenced map of proposed CA land may need to revise. The separate coordinate has not mentioned in CA Patches.

Revised Geo referenced map has enclosed for 239.9 Ha degraded land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation is enclosed with Annexure-I

Submitted for kind information and necessary action please.

Encl:-asa.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Forest Officer,

Divisional Force Fast Territorial Division.

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2. Dy. General Manager(P) NHIDCL, Rhenock

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