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No 524 /17-10

Dated, Dowhill the , 11 . 03, 2021.

To :: The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Hill Circle, West Bengal.

Sub :: Proposal for diversion of additional 13.512 ha (0.5089ha-Kurseong Forest Division) forest land for construction of Sivok-Rangpo BG Railway Line - reg.

Ref :: Letter no. 272/C2-238/2021 dated 10.03.2021 by Chief Conservator of Forests, Hill Circle, West Bengal.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to above, kindly find enclosed herewith the proposal for diversion of forest land over 0.5089 ha under Kurseong Forest Division in favour of North-East Frontier Railway after necessary rectification as per discrepancies observed by the Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980 West Bengal. The necessary clarification is hereby done both in PARIVESH portal and in hard copy from this end as follows:-

Sl. No.	Discrepancies	Clarification
01.	Part - I many map not signed by the DFO	The area shown in the Part - I by the user agency comprises of three divisions i.e., Kalimpong, Darjeeling and Kurseong. The DFO has to sign the map pertaining to the area under Kurseong Division only.
02.	Part - II not signed	The Part-II has been signed.
03.	District wise area to be diverted in the division is not given in Part-II	The same has been rectified and uploaded in the portal.
04.	Copy of Survey of India Toposheet indication boundary of forest land proposed for C.A. is not signed by the DFO	The same has been rectified.
05	Geo-reference map of Compensatory Afforestation (CA)m with geo-coordinates) not attached in the upload version.	The necessary rectifications has been done and uploaded the same in the portal.

This is for your kind information and taking necessary action.

Encl:- 5 sets of Proposal

(Dr. Harikrishnan P. J., IFS)
Divisional Forest Officer
Kurseong Division.

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Copy forwarded for information to:-

1. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation Act, 1980, West Bengal with reference to the letter no. 7452/L</2M-27/2021 dated 09.03.2021
2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, North Bengal.
3. The Chief General Manager/PH, Sukrit, Satyajeet Roy Sarani, Jyoti Nagar, P.O. Sevoke Raod, Siliguri-734001.

Divisional Forest Officer
Kurseong Division

PART-II

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest)

State Serial No. of proposal : WB-011/2020

1. Location of the project/Scheme : West Bengal

- (i) State / Union Territory : West Bengal
(ii) District : Darjeeling
(iii) Forest Division : Kurseong, Darjeeling, Kalimpong Forest Division
(iv) Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.) : 13.512
(v) Category : Railway

2. Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion :

S. No.	Division	Forest Land(ha.)	Legal Status
1	Darjeeling	2.7945	Reserved Forest
2	Kurseong	0.5089	Reserved Forest
3	Kalimpong Forest Division	10.2086	Reserved Forest

Division 1. : Darjeeling

3. District wise area to be diverted in the division :

S. No.	District	Area(ha.)
1	Darjeeling	2.7945

4. Details of Vegetation available in the forest land proposed for diversion :

(i) Density of vegetation

S. No.	Area(in ha.)	Density	Eco-Class
1	2.7945	0.9	Eco i

(ii) Species-wise local/scientific names and girth-wise enumeration of trees at FRL :

S. No.	Scientific Name	Local Name	(0-30)cm.	(31-60)cm.	(61-90)cm.	(91-120)cm.	(121-150)cm.	(>150)cm.
NIL								

5. Working plan prescription for the forest land proposed for diversion : Eco development and eco tourism working circle

6. Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion :

Chances of some erosion at Mangwa-2 and 4 and rest does not form a part of serious erosion

7. Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest(in km.) : 0

8. Significance of the forest land proposed for diversion from wildlife point of view :

- (i). Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion : Leopard, Monkey, Deer and Python
- (ii). Whether forms part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc. : No
- (iii). Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone(ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife(Protection) Act, 1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a Protected Area is not notified, then, 10kms distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ): No
- (iv). Whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion : No

(v). Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area : No

9.

Details of any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the area, if any :

(i). Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area : No

10. Comment as to the reasonability of the extent of the forest land proposed for diversion :

(i). Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project : Yes

11. Details of violation(s), if any ,committed :

(i). Whether any work in violation of the Act or guidelines issued under the Act has been carried out : No

12. Whether work in violation is still in progres(Yes/No) : No Data

13. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme :

(i). Patch wise details for Degraded Area (To be earmarked by DFO)

(i). Total Financial Outlay for C.A(lacs): 48.00

Patch Wise Details						
S.no	Patch No.	Area(ha.)	Name of PF/RF	Range	Compartment No	Uploaded KML file of patch
1	1	5.6	RF	Rimbik	Sandakphu-2	View file

(ii). Copy of CA scheme details:

(iii). Scanned copy of the Geo-referenced map of the forest land proposed for C.A. prepared by using DGPS or Total Station:

(iv). Copy of Survey of India Toposheet indicating boundary of forest land proposed for C.A.:

Additional information Details :

S. No.	Documents	Remarks
1		uploaded of site inspection and recommendation.

Division 2. : Kalimpong Forest Division

3. District wise area to be diverted in the division :

S. No.	District	Area(ha.)
1	Darjeeling	10.2086

4. Details of Vegetation available in the forest land proposed for diversion :

(i) Density of vegetation

S. No.	Area(in ha.)	Density	Eco-Class
1	0.9278	0.7	Eco 1
2	0.7364	0	Eco 1
3	0.6792	0	Eco 1
4	0.7632	0	Eco 1
5	0.546	0	Eco 1
6	6.5559	0	Eco 1

(ii) Species-wise local/scientific names and girth-wise enumeration of trees at FRL :

S. No.	Scientific Name	Local Name	(0-30)cm.	(31-60)cm.	(61-90)cm.	(91-120)cm.	(121-150)cm.	(>150)cm.

1	Ailanthus Grandis Prain	Gokul	0	0	0	1	0	1
2	Others	Lali Lali-Amura rohituka	0	0	0	1	1	1
3	Gmelina Arborea	Gamar	0	0	2	2	0	0
4	Terminalia Myriocarpa	Panisas	0	0	4	0	0	0
5	Others	Lopsi	0	0	1	1	0	0
6	Others	Maina	0	0	0	0	0	4
7	Others	Bori	0	0	0	1	0	0
8	Others	Pahalay	0	0	1	0	0	0
9	Others	Lasunay	0	0	1	1	0	0

5. Working plan prescription for the forest land proposed for diversion :

Broad leaved Endemic Species Development Working Circle (as per 1 st draft working plan of Kalimpong Forest Division for the period 2018-19 to 2027-28)

6. Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion : this area is highly prone to erosion

7. Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest(in km.) : 0

8. Significance of the forest land proposed for diversion from wildlife point of view :

(i). Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion : Barking Deer, Jackal, Procupine, Wild boar, Khalij pheasant

(ii). Whether forms part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc. : No

(iii). Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone(ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife(Protection) Act, 1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a Protected Area is not notified, then, 10kms distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ): No

(iv). Whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion : No

(v). Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area : No

9.

Details of any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the area, if any :

(i). Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area : No

10. Comment as to the reasonability of the extent of the forest land proposed for diversion :

(i). Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project : Yes

11. Details of violation(s), if any ,committed :


(i). Whether any work in violation of the Act or guidelines issued under the Act has been carried out : No

12. Whether work in violation is still in progres(Yes/No) : No Data


13. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme :


(i). Patch wise details for Degraded Area (To be earmarked by DFO)

(i). Total Financial Outlay for C.A(lacs): 70.87692


Patch Wise Details						
S.no	Patch No.	Area(ha.)	Name of PF/RF	Range	Compartment No	Uploaded KML file of patch
1	1	21	Mal-3	Neora CR (Samsing)	Mal-3	 View file

(ii). Copy of CA scheme details: 

(iii). Scanned copy of the Geo-referenced map of the forest land proposed for C.A. prepared by using DGPS or Total Station: 

(iv). Copy of Survey of India Toposheet indicating boundary of forest land proposed for C.A.: 

Additional information Details :

S. No.	Documents	Remarks
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Division 3. : Kurseong

3. District wise area to be diverted in the division :

S. No.	District	Area(ha.)
1	Darjeeling	0.5089

4. Details of Vegetation available in the forest land proposed for diversion :

(i) Density of vegetation

S. No.	Area(in ha.)	Density	Eco-Class
1	0.5089	50	Eco 1

(ii) Species-wise local/scientific names and girth-wise enumeration of trees at FRL :

S. No.	Scientific Name	Local Name	(0-30)cm.	(31-60)cm.	(61-90)cm.	(91-120)cm.	(121-150)cm.	(>150)cm.
1	Teak	Teak	0	18	29	22	7	1
2	Others	Hatipaile	0	0	0	0	1	0
3	Others	Bhadrase	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	Terminalia Bellarica	Barrah	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Alberia Lebbac (Dirshanam)	Sirish	0	0	0	0	1	0
6	Others	Cindure	0	0	0	1	0	0
7	Chukrasia Tabularis	Cikrasi	0	0	0	0	1	0
8	Others	Pacasaj	0	0	2	0	0	0

5. Working plan prescription for the forest land proposed for diversion :

Working plan is under preparation as 6th working plan has got expired

6. Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion : It is slightly prone to erosion as it is situated in foothill area

7. Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest(in km.) : 0.1

8. Significance of the forest land proposed for diversion from wildlife point of view :

(i). Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion : Leopard, Elephant, Barking Deer, Python, Snakes, Birds, etc.,

- (ii). Whether forms part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc. : Yes

Details and comments on the impact of Project on such areas : It will have lesser impact as the area is less

- (iii). Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone(ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife(Protection) Act, 1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a Protected Area is not notified, then, 10kms distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ): Yes

Details of Protected Area and comments on the impact of Project on the ESZ : It will have lesser impact as the area is less

- (iv). Whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion : Yes

Details and comments on the impact of Project on such areas : It will have lesser impact as the area is less

- (v). Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area : Yes

9.

Details of any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the area, if any :

- (i). Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area : No

10. Comment as to the reasonability of the extent of the forest land proposed for diversion :

- (i). Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project : Yes

11. Details of violation(s), if any ,committed :


- (i). Whether any work in violation of the Act or guidelines issued under the Act has been carried out : No


12. Whether work in violation is still in progres(Yes/No) : No Data


13. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme :


(i). Patch wise details for Degraded Area (To be earmarked by DFO)

(ii). Total Financial Outlay for C.A(lacs): 18.58

Patch Wise Details						
S.no	Patch No.	Area(ha.)	Name of PF/RF	Range	Compartment No	Uploaded KML file of patch
1	1	1.1	Setikhola Forest Block	Sevoke	Setikhola Forest Block	 View file

(ii). Copy of CA scheme details: 

(iii). Scanned copy of the Geo-referenced map of the forest land proposed for C.A. prepared by using DGPS or Total Station: 

(iv). Copy of Survey of India Toposheet indicating boundary of forest land proposed for C.A.: 

Additional information Details :

S. No.	Documents	Remarks
	NIL	

14. District Profile :

S.no	District Name	Geographical area of the district (in ha.)	Forest area of the district (in ha.)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 (in ha.)	No. of Approved Cases	Forest Land including penai C.A. (in ha.)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on(date)	A) Forest land (in ha.)	B) Non-forest land (in ha.)
1	Darjeeling	209200							
2	Darjeeling	2092500	102400	268	12	102	26/02/2021	87	0
3	Darjeeling	314900	103677	197.1555	17	380.3777	26/02/2021	380.3777	0

15. Site inspection report of the DFO/CCF/Nodal Officer highlighting important facts pertaining to the forest land :

Division Name	Circle	Site inspected By	Whether site inspected	No. of times site visited	Site inspection report	Date of visit
Kalimpong Forest Division	Hill Circle	DFO	Yes	One		31/01/2021
Kurseong	Hill Circle	DFO	Yes	One		11/02/2021
Darjeeling	Hill Circle	DFO	Yes	One		28/02/2021
	Hill Circle	CF	Yes	One		04/03/2021
	Hill Circle	CF	Yes	One		04/03/2021

(Specific recommendation of the DFO/CCF/Nodal Officer with(Part II,III & Part IV))

16. Specific recommendation of the DFO/CCF/Nodal Officer for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reason :

Division	Circle	Recommendation By	Recommendation	Reason	Letter	Whether CF agreed
Kalimpong Forest Division	Hill Circle	DFO	Recommended	Considering National importance of the project, use of forest area for non forest purpose may be considered after taking all precautionary measures against soil erosion, land slides and damage to flora and fauna.		
Kurseong	Hill Circle	DFO	Recommended	The proposal is recommended and may be accepted in the interest of national security and for strategic reasons.		
Darjeeling	Hill Circle	DFO	Recommended	The area proposed for diversion is the bare minimum area required for the purpose. By ensuring the necessary environmental safeguards the site is suitable for the		

				proposed usage. It is recommended considering the national importance and strategic nature of project.	
	Hill Circle	CF	Recommended	The Proposal of diversion of Forest Land over 13.512 Ha 3 Divisions namely Darjeeling, Kurseong and Kalimpong Forest Division is meant for construction of Sivok Rangpo B G Rail Line. The area is having very vulnerable road connections and the construction of Rail Line shall improve the connectivity of the areas and in particular Sikkim which has the international Boarder with China. Strategically also this line is very important for National Security. The area proposed is bare minimum and having no other alternative land in the vicinity for the purpose the diversion of Forest Land is unavoidable. The undersigned recommends it strongly.	Yes

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Hani
 Divisional Forest Officer
 Kurseong Division