



**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM**  
**FORESTS AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**  
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Ref. No. 2023/FCA/F&ED/.....1019

Dated 31/03/2023

To:

✓ The Inspector General of Forest-cum-Nodal Officer,  
Integrated Regional Office,  
Ministry of Env. Forests & Climate Change,  
Government of India,  
IB-198, Sector-III, Salt Lake City,  
Kolkata -700106.

**Sub: Proposal for diversion of 26.8 ha (16.4 in RF/Khasmal/River reserve + 10.427 ha in buffer & transition zone of KNP) for laying of 220 KV DC Shinghik Chungthang Transmission Line under CSSTDS in Mangan district of Sikkim by Power Department, Govt. of Sikkim under Forest Conservation Act, 1980.**

**Proposal No. FP/SK/TRANS/157621/2022**

Madam,

This is with reference to letter No. IRO/KOL/SK/TRANS/157621/2022/99 dated 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, please find enclosed herewith reply for additional information sought for the aforesaid proposal as under:

SN	Additional information sought	Reply to Addl. information
i.	<p>The proposal involves both forest and non-forest land. However, compensatory afforestation in the proposal has been proposed over double degraded forest land, which is not as per provision of Forest (Conservation) Rules 2022.</p> <p>Compensatory afforestation needs to be proposed over equivalent non forest land and CA scheme along with toposheet map and other relevant documents may be uploaded in the PARIVESH portal.</p>	<p>A certificate for <del>non</del><sup>non</sup>-availability of non-forest land (NFL) from the Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim is enclosed with the forest diversion proposal.</p> <p>Incongruency regarding this issue, as provided in FCA Handbook, 2019 and FCA Rule, 2022 has already been referred to Ministry of Environment, Forest &amp; Climate Change vide letter no. 2001/FCA/F&amp;ED/998 dated 19/3/2023. The said referral is enclosed with this letter.</p> <p>All other relevant documents as required has been uploaded on PARIVESH portal.</p>

Therefore, it is requested that the Stage-I clearance may be accorded under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, please.



Copy for information to:

1. CF (T) Gangtok.
2. PCE-cum-Secretary,  
Power Department.  
Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok.
3. File.

Yours faithfully,

(Brijendra Swaroop, IFS),  
APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA).

**Brijendra Swaroop, IFS**  
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**SF, Ping, M&E.**  
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**Government of Sikkim.**