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To

The PCCF-Cum Principal Secretary,  
Govt of Sikkim,  
Deptt. of Forests & Environment,  
Deorali,  
Gangtok- 737102.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 2.594 ha of forestland for construction of new link road from main NHS to Chutachu, Nyekha & Yangten village under Lachen in North District of Sikkim by Roads & Bridges Department, Govt of Sikkim.

Ref: (i) Letter No. 1702/FCA/FEWMD/736 dated 02.02.2017 of State Govt of Sikkim.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter above on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the FCA, 1980. I am directed to inform that the proposal referred above has been examined in this office in the light of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and rules/guidelines framed thereunder and following information/documents are found lacking:

- (i) The soft and hard copy of shape/kml file of the proposed diversion area and compensatory afforestation area.
- (ii) The eco-class of forest of the proposed diversion.
- (iii) The aerial distance of the proposed road from the nearest Protected Area/ Wildlife Sanctuary/National Park etc.
- (iv) The compartment No. of the proposed diversion road and compensatory afforestation site along with GPS coordinates.
- (v) The GPS coordinates of the starting and end point of the proposed diversion road long with the name of the location.
- (vi) The GPS coordinates and photographs of the sample plot for tree enumeration and exact numbers of the trees to be affected by this proposed diversion.
- (vii) The Forest Right Act, 2006 certificate of the proposed diversion area is be provided.
- (viii) A brief of the remaining stretch of the road.
- (ix) The GPS coordinates of the muck dumping sites and approved muck dumping plan.
- (x) To examined the alternate route of the proposed diversion and to justify the same.
- (xi) Diagrammatic sketch of the proposed road.

State Govt is requested to kindly furnish the above information for further processing of this proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(R.L.Sanga)

Conservator of Forests(C)