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To,

The Principal Secretary-cum PCCF
Department of Forests, Env. & Wildlife Management
Government of Sikkim
Deorali, Gangtok Sikkim- 737102.

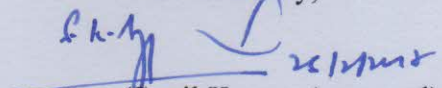
Sub : Proposal for diversion of 0.732 ha of forest land for development of Rock Climbing and Paragliding at Tarey Vhir and Wayside Amenity at Triveni under Melli (T) Range in South District of Sikkim by Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Government of Sikkim - reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 1733/FCA/FEWMD/929 dt. 15.12.2017 on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the FCA, 1980. The proposal forwarded by the State Govt has been examined in this office in the light of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and rules/guidelines framed thereunder. The State Govt. is requested to provide following additional information for further processing of the case: -

- (1) In Part II sl. no. 8 of the proposal submitted, it is mentioned that the project is site specific. The clarification may be furnished as :-
There are 2 major components for proposed area diversion i.e. 0.732 ha. One is for development of Rock Climbing and Paragliding at Tarey Vhir (0.334 ha) and the other is for development of Wayside Amenity at Triveni (0.398 ha). The latter one is not site specific. This may be justified by the State Govt.
- (2) The map submitted is without GPS Co-ordinates. Therefore, the State Govt. is required to re-submit the scanned SoI map along with the GPS Co-ordinates.
- (3) The photographs depicting panoramic view of the Compensatory Afforestation area may be submitted.
- (4) Is there no alternative sites available nearby in non-forest area other than forest land?
- (5) Can the project proposal for diversion of forest land be formed only for development of Rock Climbing and Paragliding at Tarrey Vhir ?
- (6) The proposed diversion site at Tarey Vhir is the habitat for Himalayan Goral. Hence, comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden is required to be submitted.
- (7) Aerial distance from the nearest Protected Area, Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park may also be informed.

Yours faithfully,


(Sunil Kumar Aggarwal)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C)

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1. The Conservator of Forests –cum- Nodal Officer , O/o The PCCF, Department of Forest, Env. & WL Management, Government of Sikkim, Deorali, Gangtok .

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