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FORESTS, ENV. WL MANAGEMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

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Ref. No. 1732/FCA/FEWMD/347-350

Dated 26/06/2018

To,

The Conservator of Forests (Central),
Ministry of Environment & Forests,
North Eastern Regional Office,
LAW – U – SIB LUMBATNGEN,
Near M.T.C. Workshop,
Shillong – 793 021 (Meghalaya).

Sub : Proposal for diversion of 0.5687 ha. of Forest Land for construction and development of Nature Interpretation Centre with Nature Trails at Naghidara, Namthang in South Sikkim by Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Govt. of Sikkim – Addl. information reg.

Sir,

With reference to letter No. 3-SK B 018/2018-SHI/4293-94 dated 26.02.2018, I am directed to forward herewith the additional information with requisite documents for the aforesaid proposal furnished by the user agency and concerned DFO (T) for taking up further necessary action as follows:-

1. This project is not a site specific project - Clarified by the user agency (enclosed at Annexure I)
2. The lay-out plan - Furnished by the user agency (enclosed at Annexure II)
3. Approach road to the project site - Clarified by the user agency (enclosed at Annexure I)
4. The map with GPS Co-ordinates - Enclosed at Annexure III
5. The photographs depicting panoramic view of CA - Enclosed at Annexure IV
6. Aerial distance from the nearest Protective Area, Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park -
Furnished by the DFO (WL) at Annexure- V

Therefore, it is requested to kindly consider the aforesaid proposal for seeking forest clearance under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, at the earliest, please.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

(Blen Tsh. Targain, SFS)
Divisional Forest Officer (FCA),

Copy to:

1. PCCF-cum-Pr. Secretary ; For information, please
2. Secretary, Tourism Deptt ; -do-
3. DFO(T) South Division ; -do-
4. File

Sl/No.	Name of work	Additional Information Sought	Reply
1	Diversion of 0.5687 hac. Of Forest Land for Construction and development of Nature Interpretation centre with Nature trails at Nagidara, Namthang in South Sikkim.	1) This project is not site specific project, it may be clarified about the status of adjoining land and the reason not having such proposal/project in the land other than forest land.	The project is site specific with nature trekking trail. The other land in the vicinity are private land belonging to marginal farmers. This land has the scenic beauty which tourist love to have a nature trek. The nature trail is proposed with eco-friendly materials.
		2) The lay-out plan may be furnished. The items like cafeteria, parking area are not to be encouraged for forest land diversion.	The layout plan is already submitted to Forest Department, however re-submitted as asked for. The cafeteria incorporated in the project is not for general public but for trekkers amenity. Parking is proposed at entry point only with eco-friendly materials.
		3) What is the approach road to the project site?	Approach road to the starting point of site is existing one through private land.
		4) The map submitted is without GPS Co-ordinates. Therefore, the state government is required to re-submit the scanned SoI map alongwith the GPS Co-ordinates.	Env. & Forest Department has to take action on this.
		5) The photographs depicting panoramic view of the compensatory Afforestation area may be submitted.	Env. & Forest Department has to take action on this.
		6) Aerial distance from the nearest protective area, Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park may also be informed.	Env. & Forest Department has to take action on this.