

- v. As per proposal, proposed diverted area is 119.92 ha. but as per kml file proposed diverted area is 105.13 ha which is not matching, it may need to rectify.
- v. The NET suitable area for plantation as per GIS-DSS analysis is 44.11 ha. which is lower than the actual required CA land area.
- vi. Geo referenced map of proposed CA land may need to revise. The separate coordinate has not mentioned in CA patches.

The State Government vide letter no. 1923/FCA/F&ED/481 dated 09/07/2021 has submitted reply on above points.

The REC recommended to fulfil the following shortcoming:

1. Needs to carry out the Ecological Impact Assessment by the competent organisation or institute (BSI, FSI or equivalent organisation).
2. The State Govt. of Sikkim needs to furnish the details of Biodiversity plan prepared by the concerned authorities.
3. The areas proposed for the C.A., found in above tree line, steep slope, rocky areas. Therefore State Govt. needs to find the new suitable C.A. areas.

The Proposal is placed before REC for consideration.

Decision of REC:

Construction of viaducts upto 7 km has reduced in the number of tree to be felled, but still there is a proposed felling of 56296 trees, 46067 poles, 43000 Malingo and 605000 medicinal plants. However, only tree felling should have been proposed in FC Proposal. Enumerating all including medicinal plants etc in the alignment, there will be socio-economic and ecological impact in the area. It's Ecological Impact Assessment by the competent organisations or institutes, as notified by the Ministry on 3rd December, 2013 n 22/09/2016 has to be studied, mitigation measure suggested and implemented by the SFD on the expenses of User Agency. This will be an ongoing activity.

2. The State Govt. of Sikkim needs to furnish the details of Biodiversity plan prepared by the concerned authorities.
3. Site specific Wildlife Management Plan, duly approved by Chief Wild Life Warden of the State has to be formulated and mitigation measures suggested has to be implemented.
4. The areas proposed for the Compensatory Afforestation needs relook with State Forestry Department because of steep slope, above tree line, dense area etc.

The committee recommends this proposal subject to fulfilment of above findings with 15 days. The updated fact shall be placed before next REC.

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