SITE INSPECTION REPORT

(Project: Diversion of 9.2 ha. Forest land in Lumding RF under Nagaon South Division, Hojai for construction of 132 KV D/C Sankardev Nagar-Lumding transmission line, AEGCL, Samaguri)

The proposed diversion site of 9.2 ha Forest land in Lumding RF for construction of 132 KV D/C Sankardev Nagar-Lumding transmission line under Nagaon South Division, Hojai was inspected by the undersigned on 29/11/2022 along with the ACF, Nagaon South Division, Range Officer, Lumding Range & Lanka Range and their frontline staff. During the period inspection, it was noticed that the area which falls under the Lumding RF is a part of Dhansiri-Lumding Elephant Reserve, hence the RF forms an essential and permanent Corridor for Migration of wild elephant in regular day to day basis. Also a notified elephant pass/corridor namly Lamsakhang-Patharkhula & some other identified proposed elephant corridor exist in the proposed diversion area. The area/site is covered with various species of trees including Teak plantation. The presence of wild animal like herd of Elephants, Wild Pig, various species of Deer, Civet Cat, Leopard etc. also noticed in the RF area proposed for diversion. There are no protected archelological/heritage sites/ monuments located in the area proposed for diversion. The requirement of the Forest land proposed for diversion by the User Agency is unavoidable & barrest minimum but the proposed transmission line will permanently damage the elephant corridor and its habitat in future, if it is allowed. There is no doubt that the project is having public interest & it will improve the power scenario in the entire area/region. The proposed area is recommended for diversion with a suggestion to take sufficient mitigation measures (preferably expert opinion from Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun) to protect & save wildlife & its habitat without causing major damages of the Forest & Environment as per guidelines of the MOEF & CC, G.O.I. under F.C.Act, 1980.

GPS Co-ordinates:

N 25°46 42.10" E 93°05 45.52" N 25°46 33.75" E 93°05 45.81"

Date:-03 -12-2022

Place:- Tezpur

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