

GOVERNMENT OF GOA

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Inspection Report

The undersigned has inspected the proposed project site with forest area at Sy No. 34/1 (P), 63/2,3,4(P), 64/1(P) of Mollem Village, Sy No. 36 (Private Forest) of Collem Village and Sy No. 62/3, 62/4, of Mollem village (Revenue area) and Sy No. 37/1 (Private land), 39/1,2 (Private/revenue land), 41, 47/1 (Private lands), 66 (Government land), 67/1 (Revenue/private land), and 77 (Railway land) on 14th July, 2022 and then on 30/08/2022 along with the representatives of Goa Electricity Department (User Agency) and Indian Railways (Beneficiary Department), and following points are submitted herewith;

- The instant project proposal span over multiple survey numbers and various types of land including government forests, unclassed forest, private forest, revenue lands, private lands, government/railway land etc. as mentioned above.
- 2. Above mentioned revenue/private/railway lands are having more than 0.4 canopy density and part of contiguous patches of more than 01-hectare size.
- 3. The User Agency has demarcated the project site in field with proper installations.
- 4. As per enumeration list; there are 1109 Nos. trees enumerated at project area where the proposed transmission line passes through and among which only 81 trees are proposed for felling and remaining are to be trimmed for facilitating the project as per the details as under;

Village	Sy No.	Area (Ha.)	Legal status of land	Number of trees proposed for felling
Mollem	34/1 (P)	0.104	Proposed RF	3 Nos.
	63/2,3,4, (P)	0.147	Proposed RF	4 nos.
	64/1 (P)	0.381	Unclassed forest &	4 Nos.
			Proposed RF	
Collem	36	0.223	Private Forest	10 Nos.

Village	Sy No.	Area (Ha.)	Legal status of land	Number of trees proposed for felling
Mollem	62/3	0.192	Revenue Land	-
	62/4	0.333	Revenue Land	-
Collem	37/1	0.728	Private Land	-
	39/1,2	1.298	Private/Revenue	7 Nos.
	41	0.936	Private land	-
	47/1	1.645	Private land	41 nos.
	66	0.57	Revenue land	-
	67/1	0.1	Private/Revenue	-
	77	0.64	Railway land	12 Nos.

- 5. Canopy density of the site in PRF/Unclassed/Private Forest area is 0.6 in general and more than 0.4 to 0.6 at remaining area spanning in revenue/private/government land. The forest land/private forest is Eco Class-1.
- The proposed site is not part of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, biosphere reserve or elephant corridor but within the ESZ of Bhagwan Mahaveer WLS& NP.
- 7. During inspection, it is found that the User Agency has requested for bare minimal forest area with an average 6m to 8m width which is the minimal possible width for a 110 KV transmission line.
- 8. Basic soil profile of the area will not be affected as only soil will be disturbed at transmission tower locations.
- 9. The said area neither have any protected archaeological/ heritage sites nor any strategic defence area.
- 10. The kml file re-submitted by the User Agency has been verified at ground level and is tallying with the alignment demarcated in field.

- 11. No any violations of FCA, 1980 has been noticed at the project area.
- 12. In view of above submitted factors, and since the instant project proposal is of larger public interest in supplying 6000 KVA power to the South Western Railway, which will be one more step ahead for the Indian railways in achieving the milestone of 100% electrification of the rail tracks and phasing out the diesel-powered locomotives, the proposal is recommended for further consideration and approval please.

Yours faithfully,

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Dy. Conservator of Forests North Goa Division Ponda – Goa