## Site Inspection Report

The Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Limited, Jamshedpur (JUSNL) has submitted a proposal for seeking prior approval of forest land u/s-2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 to construct the 132 KV D/C Dhalbhumgarh — Bahragoda transmission line in the Chakulia Range of Jamshedpur Forest Division. The proposal is for diversion of 8.763 ha of Protected Forest land.

The proposed forest land located under the jurisdiction of Chakulia Territorial Range spread over 08 villages. The project route is in the linear form for construction of the transmission line.

The proposed site was inspected by me on 07.03.2019 with the Divisional Forest Officer, Jamshedpur and the concerned Range Forest Officer. The Executive Engineer of the JUSNL was also present. During the visit, it was observed that there were two transmission lines already present overhead. In response to a query the Executive Engineer told that the present line will pass under the existing line. Thus, the height of the proposed line will come down significantly. Hence, the User agency may be asked to take enough care about the ground clearance in such a manner that in case of the Elephants crossing under the proposed line, they are not harmed at all even if in the raised trunk position. In the proposed area species like Terninalia arjuna, Vachellia nilotice, Ficus racemosa, Bombax ceiba etc. are present. There is seasonal movement of elephants and other wild animals in this area but the project involves the construction of overhead transmission line in the linear form, so, seemingly it should not affect the smooth movement of wild animals in the area.

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