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The Nodal Officer  
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**Sub: Reply of Queries regarding Alternate Routes**

Madam,

This is to bring your kind notice that before finalization of proposed routes of laying OFC over RoW along existing Kalijhora- Mahaldiram via Latpancher passes through Sitong Compartment under Kurseong Forest Division Vide Proposal No FP/WB/OFC/152570/2022 three more alignments were recced as mentioned below, but all alternate alignments of the route found not to be suitable due to total length of the routes are much higher than the Selected proposed route & laying of OFC along the valley side of the road is also not possible.

The Purpose of laying ofc for providing internet connectivity to those remote areas along the Existing Kalijhora-Mahaldiram via Latpancher road will not serve if we follow the all 3 alternate routes.

**Alternate Route No 1:** THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE-1 ROUTE OF LAYING OFC CABLE FROM KALIJHORA TO MALDIRAM TEA ESTATE VIA LAT PANCHER ALONG NH-31C & SELPU-BIRIK ROAD THROUGH FOREST AREA UNDER KURSEONG DIVISION OF DARJEELING DISTRICT SHOWN IN RED COLOUR. TopoSheet & DGPS Maps of Alternate Route is attached.

**Alternate Route No 2:** PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE-2 ROUTE OF LAYING OFC CABLE FROM KALIJHORA TO MALDIRAM TEA ESTATE VIA LAT PANCHER ALONG NH-31C & CONNECTING ROAD THROUGH FOREST AREA UNDER KURSEONG DIVISION OF DARJEELING DISTRICT SHOWN IN PINK COLOUR. TopoSheet & DGPS Maps of Alternate Route is attached.

**Alternate Route No 3:** PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE-3 ROUTE OF LAYING OFC CABLE FROM KALIJHORA TO MALDIRAM TEA ESTATE VIA LAT PANCHER ALONG NH-31C & CONNECTING ROAD THROUGH FOREST AREA UNDER KURSEONG DIVISION OF DARJEELING DISTRICT SHOWN IN PINK COLOUR. TopoSheet & DGPS Maps of Alternate Route is attached.

Please kind expedite the process.

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