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**To whom it may Concern**

The project will not cause any significant damage to existing flora and fauna as it is underground in nature. No tree felling is involved during the execution of the project.

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## Reply of queries regarding alternate route

Before finalization of proposed route of laying OFC over RoW along existing NH 31 and State high way passing through Hillajhora, Sipchu, etc compartment vide proposal no FP/WB/OFC/121290/2021. Three more alignments were reced as mentioned below. But all alignments of routes not found to be feasible the following reasons.

### A. Alignment- 1

Along Jaldhaka River, passing through Hillajhora, Sipchu, Jaldhaka compartment

- i) Laying of OFC may cause destruction of habitat and disturbance to wildlife of the area.
- ii) No access, additional land may be required for making path / road for carrying machineries and manpower.
- iii) Underground methodology for laying OFC may not be followed due to boulder deposition with in a dept of 1.5 – 3 mt. and uneven terrain.
- iv) Crossing of railway tracks would be a problem.
- v) Felling of Trees Is required.
- vi) Maintenance of OFC would be problematic.
- vii) Crossing Jhoras following underground methodology is not possible.

Thus this alignment of laying OFC is not feasible & not considered.

### B. Alignment -2

Along the opposite side of the roads of the proposed route of laying OFC over RoW along existing NH 31 and State high way vide proposal no FP/WB/OFC/121290/2021 passing through Tondou, Panjhora, Chapramari, Sipchu etc compartment.

- i) Some part of alignment -2 would fall with in the area of Chapramari compartment of Chapramari WL Sanctuary.
- ii) Crossing of National High-Way 31 and State High Way is must, which is to be avoided.
- iii) Crossing of railway track will be a problem.
- iv) Felling of few trees Is required along the alignment.

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This alignment 2 of laying OFC is not feasible & not considered.

## B. Alignment-3

Along the forest road of Panjhora village, Panjhora Eco camp, Chapramari WL Sanctuary road ...  
Way from Chapramari WL Sanctuary Entry gate.

This alignment of laying OFC is also not feasible & not considered as it passes through Wildlife  
Sanctuary.

Submitted for your kind information & review against the query raised.

Thanks & regards,

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