

## GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH DEPARTMENT OF POWER

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ANNEXURE-I

## JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST LAND

PROJECT DETAILS: - CONSTRUCTION forLILO of 132kVALONG- DAPORJIO AT BASAR S/SUNDER COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME FOR STRENGTHENING OF TRANSMISSION AND TRANSMISSION IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Forest area involved: 6.2289hectare

The proposed 132kVLILO of Along- Daporjioat Basar S/s Transmission line is a sub-project which is conceived under the govt. of India's ambitious "Comprehensive scheme for strengthening of transmission and Transmission in Arunachal Pradesh". Which aims in major improvement of power scenario of the state by constructing new transmission/Transmission lines and associated sub-stations. Ministry of power, govt. of India has conveyed approval of the project vide there letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 with a total financial implication of 3199.45 crore.

After careful route survey, the route alignment of the proposed 132 KV line is finalized along the existing PWD road connecting LILO of ALong- Daporjio since it is found to be the best feasible route for construction, operation and maintenance point of view. The route involves very minimum tree cutting owing to its alignment along the road and hence impact to the forest & environment are also found as minimum. Except the proposed route, no other alternative is found suitable from both construction and environment point of view.

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However, Unspecified Settled Forest (under Along Forest Division) comes across the proposed route of the 132 KV Transmission line, therefore avoiding the USF area is practically not possible. The USF area involved (6.2289ha.) is the minimum requirement for the project. Since, the proposed 132 KV Transmission line is an integral part of the main project which aims at improvement of Transmission network in the area for better and uninterrupted power availability; therefore, it is mooted to apply for forest/wildlife clearance as per MoEF& CC guideline.

Therefore, owing to the factors as mentioned above, it is found justifiable to locate the project in forest land but also ensuring minimum damage to the forest and environment.

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