JOINT INSPECTION REPORT

Joint Inspection of site for Diversion of 07-42-68 ha. of Forest land required for the construction of *Upper Kurmi SHEP (8 MW)* and associated transmission line in Rampur Bushahr, Distt. Shimla, H.P. was done on 25.04.2017.

The user agency has proposed three alignments. In Alignment No. 1 total area of 07-42-68 ha. of forest land involved and entails felling of 134 trees. In Alignment No. 2, Forest Land involved is 07-54-25 ha. and involves felling of 144 trees. In Alignment No. 3, forest land involved is 07-70-65 ha. involves felling of 152 trees. Since alignment No. 1 involves less forest land and entails less felling of trees it has been finalized. There is no scope of avoidance of forest land and diversion of 07-42-68 ha. of forest land is bare minimum and cannot be escaped.

It is also observed at site that transmission line from the proposed switchyard of *Upper Kurmi SHEP (8 MW)* will be joined in the switchyard of *Upper Nanti (12 MW) HEP* for evacuation of power.

The Joint Inspection Committee therefore recommends that 07-42-68 ha. of forest land as detailed in Check List No. 6 of the proposal folder may be diverted under section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

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