

**SITE INSPECTION REPORT NOT BELOW THE RANK OF DCF
(FOR THE FOREST LAND PROPOSED TO BE DIVERTED UNDER FCA)**

PROJECT:- Construction of 400 kV transmission line from Jigmelling to Alipurduar by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited.

Forest area proposed for diversion under Kachugaon Forest Division : 4.136 Hectare

A proposal (**REF NO:- FP/AS/TRANS/19330/2016**) has been received by this office from the Deputy General Manager of POWERGRID, Salakati for diversion (under FCA-1980) of **4.136** ha of forest land under Kachugaon Forest Division for non-forestry purpose. The proposal has been received in Kachugaon Division in the online mode through MoEF web portal on 07-11-2016. The project envisages the use of forest land for construction of a 400 KV transmission line from Jigmelling to Alipurduar. A joint site inspection has been carried out by the undersigned along with the representative of POWERGRID on **23-11-2016** as per the guideline of FCA.

Upon inspection of the site, it is found that the proposed forest land required by the User Agency falls under Eastern Forest Range, Athiabari under RIPSU RESERVE FOREST measuring 4.136 hectare in total. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and barest minimum required for the project.

The salient features of the proposed diversion area as found during site inspection are:-

- The proposed diversion of forest land is allotted to notified forest village as per provision of Assam Forest Regulation Act, 1891, hence the area is excluded from Ripu-Chirang Elephant Reserve and Tiger Reserve.
- There is no plantation raised by this Division in the proposed area.
- The area consists of few nos. of *sisso* and other trees which will fall along the transmission line corridor. Otherwise most of the area is plain consisting of paddy field allotted to forest villagers.
- There is not any rare/endangered species of flora and fauna present in the proposed area.
- There is not any protected archaeological/heritage sites located in the proposed area.
- The density of the forest area proposed to be diverted is appx. 30%.
- The User Agency has not violated any provision of the FCA and no work has been started without necessary clearance.

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL

The construction of the aforesaid Transmission line is a Govt. of India project having national interest. It will improve the overall power scenario without major damage of forest and environment. Therefore, the diversion of the forest land is recommended for acceptance.

Date ;

Signature :



Place: KACHUGAON

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SITE INSPECTION PHOTOGRAPHS



