


INSPECTION REPORT

On 6th March 2019 I along with Divisional Forest Officer and staff of Namphong forest division inspected the proposed 132 kv Miao to Namsai transmission line project site under Namphong division. The proposal has been submitted by the Executive Engineer (Electrical) Miao Division, Department of Power Government of Arunachal Pradesh. The project is being executed by the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. for strengthening transmission and distribution of power in Arunachal Pradesh. The proposal involves diversion of 58.41 Ha. forest land under Namphong forest division for construction of high tension electrical towers. The area falls under Miao RF (17.6 Ha), Diyun ARF (22.90 Ha) and under Unclassified Sate Forest category (17.91 Ha) with gentle slope to hilly terrain and plain areas. Most of these areas are denuded having degraded forests with crown density 0.2 to 0.3. The forest area is having mostly agricultural lands and some shifting cultivation areas having bamboo brakes with ever green and semi evergreen vegetation. This area receives high rain fall during rainy season and there are many streams and is prone to soil erosion.

During my inspection I have not noticed any endangered or threatened wildlife in the project site areas. The area does not form part of National Park, Wildlife sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, elephant corridor etc. The area is not having any unique ecosystem types having conservation value. The implementation of the project will not have any major impact on the flora and fauna of the region. The dwarf species of plantation can be taken up under the transmission lines after completion of works. There are no protected monuments, archaeological or heritage sites or any defense establishments noticed in the area. The proposed diversion area is the minimum required land for the project implementation having mostly sparse vegetation. The user agency has not yet started the works related to the project and there is no any violation of Forest Conservation Act 1980 has taken place.

The degraded area of 117 Ha of land present in Miao RF and Diyun ARF and USF area identified by DFO for compensatory afforestation is suitable for plantation and management. This area can be replanted with suitable native species under compensatory afforestation. The commissioning of transmission line will not have any major impact on the local forest ecosystem, provided adequate measures of soil conservation for prevention of erosion are taken up, wherever towers are erected. Since the transmission line is essential for improvement of transmission of power in this area, the project proposal may be processed for approval of Ministry of Environment and Forests.



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