

INSPECTION REPORT

Diversion of 69.41 ha. forest land for construction of 400 kV D/C Xeldem - Mapusa Transmission Line under North Goa Forest Division in Goa State.

The Goa Tamnar Transmission Project Limited, New Delhi has submitted a proposal seeking diversion of forest land to construct 400 kV D/C Xeldem-Mapusa Transmission Line. The site was inspected on 04/04/2019 along with the Assistant Conservator of Forests / SDFO, Ponda and officials of the User Agency.

The total area sought for diversion is 69.41 ha. The transmission line passing through the forest is 15.089 kms. in length having width / ROW as 46 mts. It passes through eight villages consisting of Reserve Forest - 20.03 ha., Proposed Reserve Forest - 36.64 ha., Unclassed Forest - 5.40 ha. and Private Forest - 7.34 ha. This route was finalized after examining two other alternative routes to avoid the wildlife Sanctuary and minimize inclusion of forest area.

The entire proposed area is having dense and uniform vegetation with an average canopy density of 0.7. There are reports of presence of Wild animals in the area. Part of the proposed area also comes under the Eco-Sensitive Zone of the Bondla Wildlife Sanctuary.

As such, the User Agency should create adequate number of water retaining structures at various locations adjoining the entire stretch in consultation with Dy. Conservator of Forests, North Goa Division. These will act as water holes for Wild animals during the lean season.

The case is recommended, considering the efforts made by the User Agency to minimise the requirement of forest area and also to fulfil the increasing demand of power by the residents of the State of Goa.



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