

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, LASFC, BONGAIGAON

I, Conservator of Forests, LASFC, Bongaigaon have inspected the proposed area of 19.187 hectare of forest land against forest diversion proposal namely **Construction of 400 kV DC BongaigaonNangalbibra Transmission Line** at Bhairab RF under Abhayapuri Range,Aie Valley Division, Bongaigaon (Forest diversion proposal no. FP/AS/TRANS/152968/2022) on dated 21/12/2022 applied by the Nangalbibra-Bongaigaon Transmission Limited accompanied by Divisional Forest Officer, Aie Valley Division, User Agency and Officials of Range Forest Office, Abhayapuri Range.

The proposed area identified for transmission line alignment is covered under dense reserved forest cover with high density and a total enumerated 2330 numbers of trees mainly Gamari, Sal, Segun, Koroi, andDemaru to be felled in the proposed RoW (46 m width) of the transmission line.Further, the proposed area is full of naturally regenerated seedlings of Sal, a dominant species.

Further during site inspection, it has come to our knowledge that the Bhairab RF is one of the highest potential habitats of the endangered Golden langur (*Trachyotheacus geei*) and hold highest number of individuals (more than 150) in Bongaigaon district, Assam and more significantly are in an increasing trend. The Golden langur is Schedule I species (WPA, 1972) and endangered species according to IUCN, RED LIST 2020. Not only the enumerated 2330 trees to be felled in the proposed transmission line alignment may adversely affect the habitat and survivability of the endangered species as well as it will lead towards scarcity of food source for the primates and the numerous number of Sal seedlings are likely to be the major casualty.

The proposed site is not part of any protected area and not included in archaeological/ heritage site. During my inspection, I found rare or endangered, or unique species of fauna (Golden langur) in the proposed area.


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