

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF ADDL PCCF, WESTERN ASSAM CIRCLE, BTC, KOKRAJHAR
(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 Wester Assam Circle, Kokrajhar (Chirang, Haltugaon & Kachugaon Division)	: 208.807 Hectare

A forest proposal (REF NO:- FP/AS/TRANS/19330/2016) for diversion of **208.807 hectare** of forest land for non-forestry purpose has been received in Western Assam Circle, BTC, Kokrajhar in *ONLINE* mode through MoEF web portal (i.e. forestclearance.nic.in) on 09-00-2017. Subsequently, the hard copies of the proposal has been also received by this office from the Deputy General Manager, POWERGRID, Salakati on 24-01-2017. The forest proposal envisages the use of forest land for construction of a 400 KV transmission line from Jigmelling to Alipurduar by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, a Govt. of India Enterprise. In this regard, a joint site inspection has been carried out by the undersigned along with the representative of POWERGRID and concerned DFOs on **29-01-2017** 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 three (3) different Forest Divisions under Wester Assam Circle as below:-

Forest Division	Area in hectare	Reserved Forest involved	Remarks
CHIRANG	134.588	MANASH RF & BENGTOLE RF	About 95% of the transmission line route in forest area passes through plain area comprising mainly of paddy field/agriculture land allotted to forest villagers.
HALTUGAON	70.082	MANASH RF & CHIRANG RF	
KACHUGAON	4.136	RIPU RF	

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

- The length of Transmission Line in forest area is 45.4 KM and right of way considered is 46 meter. It is found that each Angle Point (AP) along the route in forest area has been demarcated by User Agency by erecting a concrete pillar and duly numbered.
- The nearest protected area from the transmission line is Manash National Park which is appx. 13 Km from the nearest tower location in forest area.
- The major portion of the transmission line route in forest area will pass through forest villagers and agriculture activities like paddy/farming/fruit bearing trees etc. are prominent along the corridor.
- Joint tree enumeration has been carried out in all three (3) divisions and trees have been marked at site for identification.
- There is not any rare/endangered species of flora and fauna present in the proposed area for diversion
- There is not any protected archaeological/heritage sites located in the proposed area.
- The density of the forest area proposed to be diverted is varied from 20% to 35%.
- 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 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 provided mitigation measures are implemented by User Agency as per MoEF guideline. Therefore, the diversion of the forest land as above is recommended for acceptance.

Date : 30.01.2017

Place: KOKRAJHAR

Signature :

Name :

Designation : Addl PCCF & CHD (Forest), BTC, Kokrajhar

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