

Subject:- Construction of 220 KV Underground Cable T/L at Hallomajra GIS Chd.

Site Inspection Report of CF

A proposal has been received by this office from Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Northern Region- II Transmission system, Transmission Line office, 220/66 KV Substation, Kishangarh- Manimajra Road, near IT Park, Manimajra, Chandigarh for diversion of 0.1962 ha. reserved forest land for non forestry purpose under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The project envisages the use of forest land for Construction of 220 KV Underground Cable T/L at Hallomajra GIS Chandigarh in between Village Raipur Khurd and Makhanmajra, Forest area in Hallomajra Beat, Chandigarh Forest division, Chandigarh. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by me on 04.01.2018. The representatives of Power Grid Corporation Ltd were also present in the field.

On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the User Agency is Reserved Forest measuring 0.1962 ha.

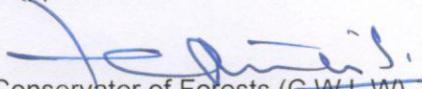
The requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is *unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project. No any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area.*

No protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.

The user agency has not violated the provision of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and no work has been started without sanction.

Specific recommendation for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal:-

Undersigned visited the site on (04.01.2018). The user agency has proposed the diversion of 0.1962 ha of forest land in Hallomajra Beat of this division for Construction of 220 KV U/G Cable T/L in Hallomajra Beat, Chandigarh Forest Division, Chandigarh, in public interest. As per proposal of user agency, no tree is coming in the alignment of Construction of 220 KV U/G Cable T/L passing through Reserve forest. The Reserved Forest proposed for diversion is flat, therefore, it is not vulnerable from soil erosion point of view. As per details and site plan enclosed by the user agency, the total length of the construction of 220 KV U/G Cable T/L is 1090 mtr and the project crosses the Daria Reserved Forest area. The requirement of the forest land in bare minimum and project is unavoidable. The underground cable require less land in comparison to over head transmission lines and is therefore more forest friendly. The user agency has not carried out any violation under Forest (Conservation) Act. Since the project is in public interest, it is recommended for approval.


Conservator of Forests (G.W.L.W.)
Chandigarh Administration. *AW*