

Site Inspection Report of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, Pasighat in respect of proposal for diversion of 251.98 Ha. of forestland for laying of 132 KV Transmission Line from Kamba to Mechuka under Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of T & D system by Power Department in West Siang, Siang and Shi-Yomi Districts of Arunachal Pradesh.

Site inspection in respect of proposal for diversion of 251.98 Ha. of forestland for laying of 132 KV Transmission Line from Kamba to Mechuka under West Siang, Siang and Shi-Yomi Districts of Along Forest Division of Arunachal Pradesh was carried out on 16.03.2023. The area where the transmission line is to be laid falls within Along Forest Division. The representative of the User Agency and field officer of Along Forest Division accompanied the undersigned during the visit.

Following observation are made based on site inspection :-

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- 1. The proposed area for laying of 132 KV Transmission Line does not form any part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Bio-sphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc.
- 2. No activity in violation of FC Act'1980 was noticed at the time of inspection as no work has been started.
- 3. No endangered flora and fauna were noticed at the time of inspection.
- 4. No historical site etc. was noticed to be falling under the proposed area. One temple SamtenYangchag Monastery is approx 5 kms from the proposed area. It is suggested that proposed sub-station of Mechuka may be amalgamated keeping in view of the presence of the stadium, which is approx. 150 mtr away from boundary of the proposed sub-station.
- 5. The requirement of forestland as proposed by the User Agency was found to be unavoidable and at the barest minimum for the project.
- 6. The proposed Kamba-Mechuka 132 KV transmission line (nearest AP 107) is at a distance of 5.43 Km (approx.) from Mouling National Park and the Transmission Line (nearest AP 50) is about 7.28 Km distance from the boundary of Yorde-Rabe-Supse Wildlife Sanctuary.

Proposed diversion of forestland for laying of 132 KV Transmission Line is required for National development purpose and overall development of the area. The project shall be helpful in uplifting the socio-economic condition of the local people as well as accelerate industrialization in the area.

The proposal is recommended for early consideration.

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Enclosure: Site Photographs.