

## **Recommendations**

### **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**

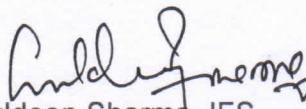
User agency has examined 3 different routes to confirm the forest area is minimum & unavoidable from generating to terminating end of this transmission line. Details & comparative statement of all 3 alternate routes are shown in Part I. Due to presence of dense forest along with Bondla wildlife sanctuary, all possible efforts have been made to avoid the Wild life sanctuary area, which has resulted in increasing the length of line by approximately 6 kms. In spite of all efforts Eco-sensitive zone of Bondla wild life sanctuary could not be avoided fully.

In view of all above, it is concluded that best possible efforts have been made to minimize involvement of forest land. Further for the part of proposal which is passing through Private Forest Area, user agency has committed to compensate the actual owner/s during the construction period as per Indian Electricity Act, 2003.

Since the requirement of Forest land is bare minimum and unavoidable and considering the importance of power requirement of the people of Goa in future, the diversion of 69.41 ha of Forest area is recommended to the user agency.

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