Site inspection note of Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Central Assam Circle of proposed 132 K.V. D/C Sonapur, Baghjab transmission line (Jagiroad) a project of G.S.S. Divisions in Kamrup East Division.

On 10.06.2019, the undersigned inspected the proposed 132 K.V. D/C Sonapur, Baghjab transmission line (Jagiroad), a project of G.S.S. Divisions, A.E.G.C.L in Kamrup East Division along with Forest Ranger, Sonapur Range and field staff of Kamrup East Division. The proposed site is located in Teteliaguri RF, Sonapur Range of Kamrup East Division, Assam.

The proposed 132 K.V. D/C Sonapur, Baghjab transmission line (Jagiroad), a project of G.S.S. Divisions, A.E.G.C.L is located in Teteliaguri RF, Sonapur Range of Kamrup East Division, Assam. There are movements of wild elephants in the RF areas noticed; there are no endangered species available in the area under proposal. The transmission of 132 K.V. D/C Sonapur, Baghiab transmission line (Jagiroad) a project of G.S.S. Divisions, A.E.G.C.L is in the interest of supply and maintenance of Electrical Power. During inspection it was found that the User Agency has violated the Forest Conservation Act 1980 by constructing 14 nos. of towers for fixing electric wire inside the Teteliguri RF (Compartment-1). DFO, Kamrup East Division has drawn an offence report vide No. SP/1 of 2019-20 dtd. 03.05.2019 against the User Agency under AFR 1891 (as amended). The project will improve the power situation of the state. The transmission line will involve an area of 5.77 Ha. of Teteliaguri RF comprising of Moist Deciduous Forest (under category of Eco Class-I of Dense Teteliaguri RF). The density of vegetation is 0.4% to 0.6% of crown density. The project will not cause major damage to the Forest and Environment and diversion of the Forest is in the barest minimum required. The proposal is recommended for acceptance as per guideline of the MoEF & CC under F.C. Act 1980. For movement of wild elephant and for the safety of forest official on duty it is suggested to maintain minimum 6.6 m (20 feet) the height above the ground at the lowest point of the lowest conductor on grounding wire (i.e at maximum sag point) of power lines.

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