

(v) Justification for locating the project in forest area.

A 132KV/33KV sub-Station is in under construction at Adabary near Kokrajhar Town for delivering better quality and more reliable power at 33KV level to the Kokrajhar Town which is the Head Quarter of BTC and to the eastern part of the Kokrajhar district. At present the said town is expanding day by day resulting increasing of commercial houses and business activities. Present arrangement of power is not sufficient and not reliable due to long transmission line. So, for fulfilling the future requirement of power to the above mentioned areas the S/S is being constructed. For this S/S a 132KV line from 220KV Salakati Grid S/S to the Kokrajhar S/S is going to be constructed. After extensive exercise three routes were proposed as Route Alternative-I (), Route Alternative-II () and Route Alternative-III (). Out of which Route Alternative-I is finalized which encroaches forest area at minimum areas which could not be avoided due to congested area of villages and contiguous boundary of forest area. No alternative suggest for better route since those will be lengthier causing more damage to greeneries, forest land and in vast area of plain.

Hence the proposed route is the best selected path with minimum encroachment of forest areas.