

### **Justification for Locating the Project in Forest Area:**

The ongoing construction of 132KV S/c Transmission line on D/c Tower from Salakati S/s to APM (Jogighopa) S/s is essential for improving the power scenario in the Lower Assam region and is a step towards 24X7 power supply to the each and every household in the district of Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar and Dhubri.

After extensive exercise three routes were proposed as Route Alt.I(Magenta), Route Alt.II(Blue) and Route Alt.III(Green) which are indicated in attached Topographical Map. Out of the aforementioned routes, Route Alt.I(Magenta) is finalized which encroaches a minimum of forest area (2.1249 Ha). The other Alternatives suggested found to 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.