

<p>(iv) Justification for locating the project in forest area.</p>	<p>The starting station Sivok is on the already existing broad-gauge railway line on the Delhi Guwahati route. Sivok itself is in forest wildlife area and the onward connectivity toward Rangpo has to go through the forest area in absence of non-forest area in the vicinity. Hence it is imperative to acquire the forest land. In order to minimize the forest losses, the alignment has been planned mostly through tunnels. Almost the entire track runs through tunnel thereby involving no loss of forest except at portals, bridges and for station yards.</p>
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