## Justification for locating the project in forest area.

At present all the towns in the lower Assam is expanding day by day resulting in the increase of commercial houses and business activities. Present arrangement of power is not sufficient and not reliable due to long transmission line. For this a 132KV line from 220KV Salakati Grid S/S to the Jogighopa S/S is going to be constructed to improve the power scenario. 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.

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