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JUSTIFICATION FOR ROUTE SELECTION

The criteria for route selection are:

- a) The route was formally approved by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB)
- b) Optimum distance between source of supply and consumer location (demand points)
- c) Avoidance of Wild Life Sanctuaries, Cross at minimum distance through Reserved Forest, Mining area and Defense establishment to the best possible.
- d) Avoidance of sensitive and highly populated area.
- e) Safety of people and environment
- f) Easy access to route during construction and operation period.

The route was selected based on least disturbance to environment, forests, human habitation and aquatic bodies. It avoids National Parks and Wild Life Sanctuaries.

The selected route is optimized considering the above factors and connectivity between supply source and consumer location.

However since we have to cross the Road (declared as Protected Forest) at any one location. Hence it cannot be avoided.

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