


**FULL JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE LAYING OF PIPELINE IN FOREST
AREA (UN-AVOIDANCE OF THE FOREST AREA FOR THE PURPOSE)**

1. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited now proposed to lay 16"dia Pipeline for transportation of finished petroleum originating from HPCL's existing terminal at Vijayawada in the state of Andhra Pradesh and terminating at proposed terminal at Dharmapuri in the State of Tamil Nadu via Cuddapah in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The total length of this underground pipeline is 619 km in Chittoor district AP section.
2. The route survey was carried out for three alternate routes and it was observed that the possibility of avoiding the forest land is nearly nil. Hence the best route was selected which will pass through least forest land.
3. There is no alternative path for the same. The pipeline survey after completion in provides the minimum forest land passing through in Andhra Pradesh via Cuddapah.

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