## Site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forest. (Col 11, Part II, Form-A, FCA, 1980)

The portion of forest land under Thoubal Forest Division that would be affected by the proposed Construction of 132 kV Link Transmission line for Evacuation of Power from 400/132 kV Sub-Station at Thoubal to 132 kV Sub-Station at Kongba, Yaingangpokpi and Hundung on existing 132 kV line from Kongba to Kakching on turnkey basis was inspected by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Thoubal Forest Division on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The transmission line would affect forest area of about 14.742 ha and tree felling might be probably required at two portions of the forest area. The first portion of forest area that would require tree felling would be between tower no. 22 and 23 and the second portion would be in between tower no. 25 to 28 of the proposed project. The rest falls under non-forest area/revenue land.

Most of the forests areas are covered with heavy growths of coppices and other shrubs. There are very less trees that have attained the exploitable size. The vegetation is augmented by a number of herbs and shrubs forming an overall rich biodiversity in the area. The forests under consideration for diversion belong to the Tropical Moist-Deciduous type. The transmission line is not likely to displace any village settlement.

No protected archaeological/heritage site or other defence establishment or any other important monuments were found in the area to be diverted.

There were no sign of commencement of work in the area on the day of inspection and so the provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 are not violated.

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