

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS/DFO-Southern Forest Division, Churachandpur (Column 11, Part-II, Form A)

Name of Project : *Proposal for diversion of 145.60 ha forest land for construction and stringing of 132 KV Transmission Line from Khengjang to Thanlon in Churachandpur district, Manipur by Manipur State Power Company limited.*

Inspected the proposed site for construction and stringing of 132 KV TL from Khengjang to Thanlon on 13th & 14th January, 2016 accompanied by Mr. RS Arun, IFS DCF: Park & Sanctuary, Mr. H. Manimukta Singh, Manager, Sub-Div-II, MSPCL along with Range Forest Officer: Singngat, Thanlon and Churachandpur Ranges for the purpose of both general site inspection as well as enumeration of trees likely to be affected by the project.

General description:

The total length of the proposed TL is 53.925 km and portion of forest land, including proposed Kailam Wildlife Sanctuary, that would be affected by the proposed construction of 132 KV Transmission Line is 145.60 ha. The transmission line is proposed to pass through villages such as Khengjang, Salemphei, Mongjang, Molkon, Bethlehem, Chungkhopi, Kotsohoi, Gelmol, Teiseng, Vaojang, Gangpijang, Hengkot, Khotuh, Phaihel, P. Sejol, Tuilumjang, Thingkeu, Khozim, V. Munlai, Lungchuang, Aina, Saihum, Chongchin, Sainoujang, Leijangphai, Suangpehmun and Thanlon; all of which are tribal settlements. The proposed strip of land for diversion falls within community /unclassed forests where village chiefs also claim ownership. Majority of the people residing along the route depend on shifting cultivation, logging and hunting for their sustenance and livelihood. The proposed TL is not likely to displace any village settlement. Cutting of trees/plants is believed to be minimal as most of the towers are reported to be stationed at hill ridges.

Forest & Wildlife :

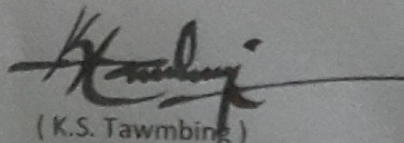
The dominant flora of the area consists of Schima, Albizzia, Quercus, Castanopsis, Duabanga, Terminalias, Macaranga etc and numerous patches of bamboos. However, the number matured trees for timber is rare. Forest type prevailing in the area is Sub-tropical moist deciduous forest. No rare and endangered species are found in these areas, except in the proposed Wildlife Sanctuary.

Protected areas:

The proposed TL is passing through 6.67 km stretch of proposed Kailam WLS. Other than Kailam WLS, there is no Tiger reserve, archaeological heritage site or any other important monument in the area to be diverted.

Status of the work by User Agency :

There is no case of violation of provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by the User Agency at present. Work is yet to begin.


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