

## SITE INSPECTION REPORT

I visited the proposed site on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 along with Range Officer, Kumargram Range. The proposed 400KV D/C transmission line originating from Bhutan passes through KG 1 & KG 2 compartments under Kumargram Beat, Kumargram Range, Buxa Tiger Reserve (East) Division. Both the compartments form part of Buxa Wildlife Sanctuary. In addition to that the proposed area also forms part of Buxa Tiger Reserve Core area as well as part of Eastern Duars Elephant Reserve.

The total forest land involved for diversion for non-forestry purpose is 16.39 ha which includes 7.12 ha of land as Kumargram forest village.

210 (Two Hundred Ten) numbers of standing trees are also to be removed which falls within the proposed transmission line of width 46 mtr.

I also undertook field survey to examine whether alternative routes for laying out the transmission line are available or not. It appeared that the proposed route of transmission line will be having minimum impact on forests and wildlife habitat and as such no alternative route is available. AS such the proposal is hereby recommended with the following observations:

- Since a significant portion of the proposed transmission line passes through existing Kumargram Forest village, consent of forest villagers is mandatory.
- Since the proposed area is an important part of Sankosh-Riphu Elephant corridor and also harbours many endangered wildlife like Tiger, Leopard, Clouded Leopard, Binturong, Serow etc. sufficient mitigation measures are to be taken

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