

SITE INSPECTION REPORT NOT BELOW THE RANK OF DCF

(For the Forest Land to be diverted under FCA)

A proposal has been received by this office from the **Deputy General Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited** for diversion (under FCA-1980) of **70.083 ha** of forest land for non-forestry purpose. The project envisages the use of forest land for Construction of 400KV Transmission Line from Jigmelling (Bhutan) to Alipurduar, (WB, India). The site inspection of the Forest Land involved in the proposal has been done by me on **2nd, 8th & 20th September, 2016**.

On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the user agency falls under Chirang RF and Manas RF measuring 64.674 ha & 5.408ha respectively. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Col.2 of part-I is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project.

Salient features of the proposed diversion area:

- There is no plantation raised by this division in the proposed area
- The major portion of the Transmission Line route in forest area will pass through plain land and paddy field / agricultural land allotted to Forest Villagers.
- The Forest Land proposed for diversion ~~is~~ falls under Chirang RF, which is a part of greater CHIRANG-RIPU ELEPHANT RESERVE. However most of the proposed Transmission Line Route is passing through Forest Villages, however the area is sometimes frequented by wild elephant.
- The Forest area to be diverted is mostly plain except a few stretches gently sloping.
- The density of the forest area to be diverted for the project is 20% to 30%

The user agency has not violated the provisions of Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction.

Specific recommendation for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal:

The construction of transmission line is a Govt. of India Project and would benefit the public without major damage to the forest and is in the national interest. Therefore, the diversion proposal is recommended for acceptance.

Date:

Place: Kokrajhar

Signature

Name: **(Sri K. Brahma, DCF)**

Designation: Divisional Forest Officer

Haltugaon Division

Kokrajhar

Divisional Forest Officer
Haltugaon Division, Kokrajhar.

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