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Annexure VII

**STATEMENT OF CASE FOR FOREST CLEARANCE OF FOREST LAND FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF 33KV Y-JUNCTION to KLEMTA TRANSMISSION LINE
UNDER TAWANG FOREST DIVISON, TAWANG ARUNACHAL PRADESH.**

GENERAL:

The Ministry of Power(MOP), Govt. of India on 10/10/2014 has conveyed the approval for Comprehensive Scheme for strengthening of Transmission and Distribution system in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim. Subsequently, an MOU was signed between DOP, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and POWERGRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED for strengthening T&D System in Arunachal Pradesh. Seeking the necessity, Tawang District, A.P is also kept in importance for improvement of Power Supply.

Hence, one project of construction of 33kV S/S and Line from Y-JUNCTION to KLEMTA is approved. The aim of this project is for the better supply of the Power source to the people and development of the area. The above project falls under the Tawang Forest Division of Tawang District Arunachal Pradesh.

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST LAND:

Project Details: Construction of 33kV line from Y-JUNCTION to KLEMTA under Comprehensive scheme for Strengthening of Transmission and Distribution in Arunachal Pradesh.

Forest area involved: 4.92 Hectares

The proposed 33kV Y-JUNCTION to KLEMTA distribution line is a sub-project which is conceived under the Govt. of India's ambitious "**Comprehensive scheme for strengthening of transmission and distribution in Arunachal Pradesh**" which aims in major improvement of power scenario of the State by constructing new transmission/distribution lines and associated sub-stations. Ministry of Power, Govt. of India has conveyed approval of the project vide their letter No. F.No. 3/23/2011-Trans, Dtd 10th October, 2014. (Copy enclosed).

Subsequently, an MOU was entered between DOP, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and POWERGRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED, A Govt. of India undertaking for implementation of the comprehensive scheme for strengthening of T&D system in Arunachal Pradesh.


Under the above cited comprehensive scheme of A.P, a new 33/11 kV substation at Y-JUNCTION along with associated 33kV Transmission Line connecting the yet to be constructed 33/11kV substation of DOP at KLEMTA has been envisaged.

After careful route survey, the route alignment of the proposed 33 KV line is finalized along the road side of the existing Y-JUNCTION to KLEMTA road and some portion of the line is routed through nearby forest area of Tawang Forest Division, at Tawang District. Since it is found to be the best feasible and shortest route from construction, operation and maintenance point of view. The route involves very minimum tree cutting owing to its alignment along the road side and forest land. Hence impact to the forest and environment is also found as minimum. Except the proposed route, no other alternative is found suitable from both construction and environment point of view.

However, some few sections of the 33kV line passes through forest area because of critical and rough physical terrain. Therefore, avoiding the forest area is practically not possible in some few areas. The forest area involved (4.92 hectares) is the minimum requirement for the project. Since, the proposed 33kV line is an integral part of the main project which aims at improvement of distribution network in the area for better and uninterrupted power availability; therefore, it is required to apply for forest clearance as per MoEF guideline.

Therefore, owing to the factors cited above, it is found justifiable to locate project in the forest area, but also ensuring minimum damage to the forest and environment.

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