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JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST LAND

PROJECT DETAILS:- CONSTRUCTION OF 132/33 kV SUBSTATION AT SEIJOSA UNDER COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME FOR STRENGTHENING OF TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH


Forest area involved: **2 Ha**

The proposed 132/33 kV Substation at Seijosa 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 dated 10th October 2014 with a total financial implication of 3199.45 crore (copy enclosed).

After careful survey, the proposed 132/33 kV is finalized at Monai, Seijosa, since it will be the most feasible land from construction, operation and maintenance point of view. Since the whole of Seijosa falls under Khellong forest division of Papum Reserve forest it is impossible to avoid forest land. The land involves minimum tree cutting owing to its location in the vicinity of the Seijosa township and hence impact to the forest and environment is also found as minimum. Except the proposed land, no other alternative is found suitable from both construction and environment point of view.

However, the whole portion of the 132/33 kV substation land falls under Khellong Forest Division, therefore avoiding the forest area is practically not possible. The forest area involved (**2 Ha**) is the minimum requirement for the project. Since, the proposed 132/33 kV Substation is an integral part of the main project which aims at improvement of transmission network in the are for better and uninterrupted power availability; therefore, it is mooted to apply for forest/wildlife clearance as per MoEF guideline.

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


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