

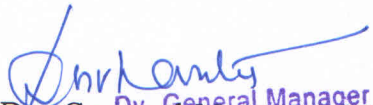
Annexure-VIII

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT ON FOREST LAND

In order to improve voltage profile, minimise power interruption, reduction of transmission loss and strengthening of transmission system in the interior villages covering under Dihagaon, Nachhipur and Neliguda RI circles under Daspalla Tehsil, the route has been selected.

The villages under these RI circles are located in the valley formed by high altitude forest block such as Chhadesha RF, Central RF & Baisipalli RF which are the habitat of wild animals. Hence to avoid the above forest blocks and depletion of wildlife habitat, alignment has been done in the valley comprising of some 23.983 ha. degraded and fragmented revenue forest patches out of total 104.209 ha. required for the entire project.

Besides route selection as well as positioning of individual towers has been so decided that there is no impact on existing landscape. Besides there is urge to improve the socio-economic conditions in the village located inside the valley by creating small and medium scale industries. In view of the above reason the route has been selected without finding any alternative in the forested areas.


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