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Re Diversion and change in land use of 7.53 Ha forest land for 220 kV Transmission line work of Upper Bhadra Project, Package-1 from diverted forest land of Upper Tunga Project



Upper Bhadra Project contemplates diversion of 17.40 TMC of water from Tunga River to Bhadra reservoir and then further lifting of 29.90 TMC of water from Bhadra reservoir to Chitradurga Branch Canal to irrigate 2,25,000 Ha of drought prone lands and to fill 367 tanks in Chikkamagaluru and Chitradurga Districts. Lifting of 17.40 TMC of water from Tunga river to Bhadra reservoir has been contemplated in two stages.

Justification for Transmission line route identified for execution :

Alternative feasible routes were studied keeping in view of length of Transmission line, extent of forest land, No of trees, permanent features to be cleared for corridor, Villages etc. Upon detailed study, the proposed route is found to be the generally feasible with minimal inconvenience to the habitat, forest land and permanent features. Further, the selection of the route is as per transmission line practice and Indian standards.

The 220 kV transmission line corridor from tapping point at Sy. No. 20 of Kanagalakoppa village in Shivamogga district to Substation at K Kanaburu village in Chikkamagaluru district passes through Sy No: 20,59,60,58,69,55 and 56 (Kanagalakoppa) , Sy No: 99,98,97,82 and 83 (K Kanaburu) and Sy No: 73 (Muttinakoppa). Earlier in 2004, an extent of 449.55 Ha forest land was diverted to Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited for the execution of Upper Tunga Project. Since the proposed Transmission corridor also passes through the diverted forest land in Kanagalakoppa, K Kanaburu and Muttinakoppa villages, a consent for Re-Diversion of 7.53 Ha of forest land in above said villages has been obtained from Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited (Primary User).

Also, the proposed Transmission line work does not hinder the earlier purpose of land use. In this area, there is no Government or private lands available to take the 220 kV line with convenient approach to transportation of Heavy tower, line related materials for construction of 220kV transmission line.


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