

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF 0.5457618 HECTARE OF FOREST LAND PROPOSED FOR DIVERSION FOR LAYING 132 KV S/C LINE IN HISAR AND BHIWANI FOREST DIVISIONS IN THE STATE OF HARYANA. (PARIVESH ID: FP/HR/TRANS/50181/2020)

Recommendations of the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central):

1. The State Government has reported the violation in the instant case. Accordingly, as per the extant Rules and Guidelines under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam; the Technical Officer of the RO, Chandigarh inspected the site on 17.03.2025.
2. The findings and recommendation of the inspecting officer of the RO, Chandigarh is attached herewith and same is agreed upon and recommended.
3. The proposal is for lying of Transmission Line and is of public utility and has been recommended by the State Government, accordingly same is recommended for consideration in the Advisory Committee as per the extant Rules and Guidelines issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

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Satya Prakash Negi
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Deputy Director General of Forest

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Name of the Inspecting Officer- N K Dimri, Technical Officer (Gr-I), MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Chandigarh on 17.03.2025.

Officials from the State Forest Department

1. Shri Ramesh Kumar, Forest Range Officer, Hisar.
2. Shri Surender Sihag, Forester, Hisar.
3. Shri Sumit Kumar, Forester, Hisar.

Officials from the User Agency

1. Shri Kamal Kumar, SDO, HVPNL.
2. Shri Anil Kumar, SDO, HVPNL.

- I. **Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion:** Protected Forest land.
- II. **Item-wise break-up details of the forest land proposed for diversion:** Item-wise break-up:
The entire area is proposed for laying of transmission line
- III. **Whether proposal involves any construction of buildings (including residential) or not. If yes, details thereof:** NO.
- IV. **Wildlife:**
Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not
As per the forest officials present during the inspection; the proposed area is not important from wildlife point of view.
- V. **Vegetation:**
 - i. **Details of total number of trees to be felled:** Total 05 numbers of the trees are proposed for felling in the instant proposal.
- VI. **Background on the proposal:**
The User Agency has proposed diversion of 0.5457618 ha. forest land for creation of 132 KV S/C line with 0.4 SQ." ACSR Zebra Conductor from 132 KV s/stn. Bhojraj to 132 KV

s/s Arya Nagar & LILO of one circuit of 132 KV d/c Sangwan to Khanak line at 132 KV s/stn. Bhojraj line on 132 KV d/c KRR design towers in Hisar And Bhiwani Forest Divisions in the State of Haryana.

VII. Whether proposal involves violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or not. If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials.

During the inspection the DFO, Riwari informed that the User Agency has worked over 25 sqmtrs forest area without obtaining any approval. Accordingly, the violation was registered vide FOR no 034 dated 19.10.2021. The work of erecting of transmission line has been completed by the User Agency.

Further on examination of the proposal in PARIVESH Portal, it has been found that the User Agency has submitted the proposal on 29.09.2020. In view of the violation report and facts therein, the violation has been carried out while the FC proposal is under consideration (19.10.2021), therefore, the activities carried out are violation of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and not the violation of the Indian Forest Act, 1927. Accordingly, the violation need to be dealt as per the provisions under the Para 1.16 (ii) of the Consolidated Guidelines issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. The Para 1.16 (ii) as above read as follow:

(ii) In cases where the proposal under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 is under consideration and forest land is diverted before grant of FC

(a) The penalty for violation shall be equal to NPV of forest land per hectare for each year of violation from the date of actual diversion as reported by the inspecting officer with maximum up to five (5) times the NPV plus 12 percent simple interest from the date of raising of such demand till the deposit is made.

(b) State Government will initiate disciplinary action against the official concerned for not being able to prevent use of forest land for non-forestry purpose without prior approval of Government of India.

(c) Central Government will initiate suitable action against the concerned offender.

(d) User Agency responsible for violation shall be prosecuted under relevant local Act of the State and/or Central Act

It was further observed during the site inspection that the use of forest land has been stopped by the State Forest Department and work has been stopped.

VIII. Whether proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced persons. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been prepared by the State Government or not. Details be furnished specifically if rehabilitation plan would affect any other forest area by trans-locating outstees in and around the said forest:

No.

IX. Reclamation Plan: Not Applicable

1. Details and financial allocation: Not Applicable.

X. Details on catchment and command area under the project: Not Applicable.

XI. Cost benefit ratio: Not Applicable.

XII. Recommendations of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/ State Government: Submitted along with the proposal.

XIII. Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/religious value. Whether any sacred grove or very old grown trees/forests exists in areas proposed for diversion: The officials of the State Forest Department informed that the land being diverted has no socio-cultural / religious value.

XIV. Situation w.r.t. any Protected Area: There are No Protected Areas.

XV. Recommendations:

- i. The violation under the instant case has been carried out while the FC proposal is under consideration; therefore, the activities carried out are violation of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and not the violation of the Indian Forest Act, 1927. Accordingly, the violation need to be dealt as per the provisions under the Para 1.16 (ii) of the Consolidated Guidelines issued under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.



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Technical Officer (Gr-I)

Annexure-I

Photographs during the site visit



The project site



Area under the violation



Inspecting team