

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER

(FOR THE FOREST LAND PROPOSED FOR DIVERSION UNDER FC ACT)

Project: Construction of 132 kV D/C Pare HEP to Lakhimpur Transmission line.

A proposal (Ref No. FP/AS/TRANS/149737/2021) has been received by this office from the Assistant Vice President of Vapi II-North Lakhimpur Transmission Ltd. for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the FC Act on 06.12.2021. The project envisaged the use of forest land for Construction of 132 kV D/C Transmission line from Pare HEP to North Lakhimpur. A joint inspection has been carried out by the undersigned along with the concerned RFO and the representatives of Vapi II-North Lakhimpur Transmission Ltd. on 20.11.2021.

Upon inspection of the site on 20.11.2021, it was found that the proposed forest land required by the user agency involves an area of 10.381 ha, which falls within Ranga RF of Harmutty Forest Range, under Lakhimpur Forest Division. The requirement of forest land proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and barest minimum required for the project.

The observations on the forest area proposed for diversion as found during site inspection are as follows:

1. As per realignment of the proposed transmission line, the site is towards the north of Dhemagarh Forest Camp (27°13'15.6"N, 93°55'29.8"E) under Phulbari Beat of Harmutty Range.
2. The new transmission line tower locations are situated within Ranga RF as follows:-

Tower Location No. 27/0	27°13'23.51"N	93°55'10.98"E
Tower Location No. 28/0	27°13'31.36"N	93°54'57.73"E
Tower Location No. 28/1	27°13'35.91"N	93°54'44.49"E
Tower Location No. 29/0	27°13'40.16"N	93°54'32.12"E

3. Since the Ranga RF has a span of approximately 28 Kms. from east to west and is a contiguous forest area, it is observed that there are movement of elephants, barking deer, birds and other common reptiles present in the area.
4. The new alignment has been taken up in the current site as the density of forest in the area is between 40-50 % and mostly covered by bamboo patches, which will result in less damage of forest cover compared to the previous alignment.
5. There are no rare known species of flora and fauna present in the area proposed for diversion.
6. There is no protected archaeological/ heritage sites located in the proposed area.
7. There is no plantation raised by this division in the area proposed for diversion.
8. The user agency has not violated any provisions of the FCA and no work has been started without necessary clearance.


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