GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT JANATA BHAWAN, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6

eCF No.358347/116

Dated Dispur, the May, 2024

To : The Scientist-'E', Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub office, Guwahati, 4th Floor, Housefed Building, G.S Road, Rukminigaon, Guwahati-781022

Sub : Proposal for diversion of 2.1249 ha forest land for construction 132 KV single circuit transmission line double circuit tower from 220 KV Salakati GSS to 132 KV APM GSS in Bhairab Hill PRF under Aie Valley Division, Bongaigaon by AEGCL -reg.

Ref : Government of India letter No. 3-AS B/220/2022/GHY/4834-35 dated 10.11.2023.

Sir,

In inviting reference to your letter on the subject cited above, I am directed to furnish herewith the following additional information/document as sought vide letter under reference for favour of your kind information and necessary action: -

Govt. of India letter No. 3-AS B/220/2022/GHY/4834- 35 dated 10.11.2023	Information Provided
No. (1)	 The details of 3 alternate routes considered in the proposed transmission line are given below: Route-I (42.767KM) forest length- 1.658 KM Route-II (50.086KM)- forest length- 5 KM Route-III (48.669 KM)- forest length- 13.480KM The proposed route length (Route-I) falls inside forest under Aie Valley Division is 0.939 KM out of total 1.658 KM forest route length and "In principle Approval" has been granted for rest 0.719 Km under Haltugaon Division. All three routes passes through Bhairab Hill RF & Nakkati RF which have moist deciduous forest with almost 80% to 90% of forest density. Hence, shortest route chosen route by User Agency is justified

	(Enclosed DFO letter dated 20.05.2024).		
No. (2)	The User Agency (AEGCL) has submitted the SoI		
	map indicating the 3-alternate route (copy		
	enclosed).		
No. (3)	The User Agency (AEGCL) has submitted the		
	Right of Way of the proposed transmission line		
	(copy enclosed).		

Enclo : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam Environment and Forest Department

Memo eCF No.358347/116-A Copy to:- Dated Dispur, the May, 2024

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Assam (i/c), Panjabari, Guwahati-37.

e-signed Secretary to the Govt. of Assam Environment and Forest Department

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS AND HEAD OF FOREST FORCE, ASSAM

ARANYA BHAWAN, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-37

No. FG.27/FCA/Proposal/Salakati Trans Line/AEGCL

Email: addlpccf.nodal@gmail.com Dated 20.05.2024

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The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam, Environment and Forest Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.

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Ref:

To,

Government of India letter No. 3-AS B/220/2022/GHY/4834-35 dated 10.11.2023.

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With reference to the above, I am submitting herewith the information/documents as sought by the Government of India, MoEF & CC, Sub Office, Guwahati vide their letter No. 3-AS B/220/2022/GHY/4834-35 dated 10.11.2023 as under-

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The above-mentioned information may kindly be sent to the Government of India, MoEF&CC, Sub Office, Guwahati (Under Regional Office, Shillong), Guwahati accordingly.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. C Muthukumaravel, IFS) Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Assam

Copy to: -

- 1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Lower Assam Social Forestry Circle, Bongaigaon for kind information.
- 2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Aie Valley Division, Bongaigaon for information.
- The Asstt. General Manager, Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Ltd., 132 KV Grid Substation, Dhaligaon, Chirang-783385 for information.

Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Assam



GOVT.OF ASSAM OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER:::AIE VALLEY DIVISION BONGAIGAON.

No. A/AVE To,	D/132KV/2023/ 1035-36	E-mail- dfo.t.aievalley@gmail.com
	The Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Head of Forest Force, Assam	Date: 00/05/24
Sub:	Proposal for diversion of 2.1249 ha of Fores single circuit transmission line 1	t land for construction of 132 KV tower from 220 KV Salakati GSS
Ref:	to 132 KV PAM GSS in Bhairab Hill RF under by AEGCL. This Office letter No. A/AVD/132KV/2023/89	a Ale valley Division, Bongaigaon
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In continuation of the reference mentioned above, undersigned wish to submit that there 3(three) alternate routs were proposed for the transmission line under Dhaligaon Division of AEGCL, out of these 3(three) routes, the shortest route i.e. Route-I(42.76 km) was finally chosen. All these 3(three) routes passes through Bhairab Hill RF & Nakkati RF of this Division, which have moist deciduous forest with almost similar kind of flora & fauna. The density of these Reserved Forest through which these 3(three) alternate routs are proposed is 80-90%+. So, the shortage rout chosen by the User Agency is justified.

Moreover not only this is the shortest rout but also covers shortest distance under Reserved Forest area i.e. 0.939 km under Bhairab Hill RF. So, the finally chosen rout also covers minimum forest disturbance, hence, minimum ecological disturbance.

The SOI Map and right of way of the proposed transmission line is being submitted by the User Agency which is communicated to your good office vide this office letter quoted under reference.

Yours faithfully

Divisional Forest Officer Aie Valley Division

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Lower Assam Social Forestry Circle, Bongaigaon for favour of his kind information and necessary action.

> Divisional forest Officer Aie Valley Division Bongaigaon Date: 20/05/24

No.B/AVD/132KV/2023/ 2446

Copy to the Asstt. General Manager, 132 KV Grid Substation Division, AEGCL, Dhaligaon for information.





GOVT.OF ASSAM OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER:::AIE VALLEY DIVISION <u>BONGAIGAON.</u> E-mail- dfo.t.aievalley@gmail.com

No. A/AVD	132KV/2023/ 893-94	Date: 25/04/24
То,		
	The Chief Conservator of Forests &	
	Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam	
	O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &	
	Head of Forest Force, Assam	
Sub:	Proposal for diversion of 2.1249 ha of Forest land circuit transmission line double circuit tower from PAM GSS in Bhairab Hill RF under Aie Valley Divis	220 KV Salakati GSS to 132 KV
Ref:	Your letter Nos.	
	(i) FG.27/FCA/Proposal/Salakati Trans Line/AF	EGCL, dtd. 27.02.24
	(ii) FG.27/FCA/Proposal/Salakati Trans Line/AI	EGCL, dtd. 17.11.23
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with reference to the subject ched above, undersigned wish to resubilit herewith the point wise reply as sought from the Asstt. General Manager, 132 KV Grid Substation Division, AEGCL, Dhaligaon vide his office letter No. AEGCL/AGM/DLG/T-60/2024/241, dtd.22.04.2024 in connection with forest diversion of 2.1249 ha forest land for construction of 132 kv single circuit transmission line double circuit tower from 220 KV Salakati GSS to 132 KV PAM GSS in Bhairab Hill RF under Aie Valley Division, Bongaigaon by AEGCL.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Enclo: As stated above

Divisional Forest Officer Aie Valley Division Bongaigaon

Yours faithfully

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Lower Assam Social Forestry Circle, Bongaigaon for favour of his kind information and necessary action.

Divisional Forest Officer Aie Valley Division Bongaigaon Date: 25/04/24

No.B/AVD/132KV/2023/ 2231

Copy to the Asstt. General Manager, 132 KV Grid Substation Division, AEGCL, Dhaligaon for information.

/ Divisional Forest Officer Aie Valley Division Bongaigaon

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Dated: 22.04.2024

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No: AEGCL/AGM/DLG/T-60/2024/ 및 4-| To

The Divisional Forest Officer Aie Valley Division Bongaigaon, Assam

Clarification regarding submission of documents in relation to diversion of 2.1249 Ha of forest land in Bhairab Hill forest under Aie Valley Division for construction of 132kV S/C Sub: Salakati-APM transmission line on D/C tower from Salakati GSS to APM GSS.

1) 3AS B/120/2022/GHY/4466-67; dtd. 04.09.2023. Ref: 2) FG.27/FCA/Proposal/Salakati Trans Line/AEGCL; dtd. 14.09.2023 3) AEGCL/AGM/DLG/T-60/2023/1490; dtd. 12.10.2023 4) A/AVD/132KV/20223/2560-61; dtd. 13.10.2023 5) 3-AS B/220.2022/GHY/4834-35; dtd.10.11.2023 6) FG.27/FCA/Proposal/Salakti Trans Line/AEGCL; dtd. 17.11.2023 7) A/AVD/132KV/2023/455-56; dtd. 21/02/2024 8)FG.27/FCA/Proposa/Salakati Trans Line/AEGCL; dtd. 27.02.2024

Sir,

In reference to MoEF letter under ref (5) and CCF letters under ref (6 & 8), the undersigned would like to clarify the points raised regarding the subject matter:

- 1) AEGCL, as a norm for execution of a transmission line, explored 3 alternate routes for construction of 132kV S/C Salakati-APM transmission Line between Salakati GSS and APM GSS. The route lengths are:
 - Route-I (Marked in Magenta: 42.767 km)-forest length-1.658km i)
 - Route -II (Marked in Blue: 50.086km)-forest length-5km ii)
 - Route-III (Marked in Green: 48.669km)-forest length-13.480km iii)

The final route i.e. Route-I (42.767km) has been selected for the project based on the lowest route length i.e. 42.767 km amongst the three alternate routes and lowest forest length route i.e. 1.658 km amongst the three alternate routes. The details of comparison of the 3-alternate routes along with comparison of ecological parameters (Aie Valley Forest Division) is enclosed herewith (Annexure-I). Also, a certified copy of route survey report is attached herewith (Annexure-II).

Here it may be noted that for the final route i.e. route-I, the total forest length is 1.658 km out of which forest route length under Aie Valley Division is 0.939 km for which the present proposal is submitted.



With reference to the route length of the transmission line mentioned in letter under ref (5) by MoEF which has been forwarded by the CCF vide letter under ref (6), the following clarification may be noted:

Three alternate routes were examined viz. (Route-I, Route-II and Route-III) and out of the three routes, alternate Route-I (42.767 Km) has been selected. It appears, that 48 Km length as mentioned in the letter (SI. No. 1) is of Alternate route III. However, the final route as submitted in the proposal is for Route-I (42.767) km.

- 2) Sol Maps (1:50000) indicating the 3-alternating routes i.e. Route-I (42.767 Km, marked in Magenta), Route-II (50.086 Km, marked in Blue) and Route-III (48.669 Km, marked in Green) is, where Route-I is the final route is submitted herewith. (Annexure-III)
- ROW proposal on SOI toposheet in 1:7000 scale is hereby submitted (Annexure-IV). Also, a satellite map showing the forest corridor is enclosed herewith (Annexure-V) for ease of reference.

Enclo: As stated above.

Yours faithfully (S. Biswas)

Assistant General Manager 132 kV Grid Substation Division, AEGCL, Dhaligaon.

Memo No: AEGCL/AGM/DLG/T-60/2024/ $241(\alpha - e)$ Dated: 22/04/2024Copy to,

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- 2. Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam, for kind favor of information.
- .3. The Deputy General Manager, Bongaigaon T&T Circle, Dhaligaon for kind favor of information.

Assistant General Manager 132 kV Grid Substation Division, AEGCL, Dhaligaon.

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Annexure-I

<u>JUSTIFICATION FOR CHOOSING THE PROPOSED ROUTE FOR THE TRANSMISSION</u> LINE UNDER DHALIGAON DIVISION

Alternative	Total Length	Forest Route	Forest Area	Name of the	Type of Forest	Habitation	Canopy Density
Route		Length		Reserved			
	(km)	(km)		Forest			
	42.767km	0.939km	2.149Ha	Bhairab	Moist	Golden	>90%
Route-I	42.707km	0.959 Kill		PRF	Deciduous	Langur,	
(Final					Forest	Indian	
Marked in						Rock	
Magenta)						Python,	
						Monitor	
						Lizard,	
						Indian	
						Pangolin,	
			2.47			Tokay	
			· ·			Gecko, etc.	
Alternative	50.086km	1.00km		Nakkati	Moist	Golden	>80%
	50.000Km	1.001		Hill RF	Deciduous	Langur,	
Route-		1			Forest	Indian	
II(Marked in Blue)						Rock	
In Diue)						Python,	
						Tokay	
						Gecko, etc.	
Alternative	48.669km	4.230km		Bhairab	Moist	Golden	>90%
Route-	40.00718			PRF	Deciduous	0	
(Marked in					Forest	Indian	
Green)						Rock	
Green)						Python,	
						Monitor	
						Lizard,	
						Tokay	
						Gecko, etc	

The transmission line is handled by two T&T Divisions of AEGCL separately. Both the divisions manage half part of the total length of line. i.e. 42.767km. it can be seen from the above table that, comparing the three alternative routes, the minimum forest land is covered by Route I. i.e. 1.658km (=0.939km Bhairab PRF and 0.719km=Nadangiri Hilly RF) Out of 1.658km area covered under forest land, Dhaligaon Division handles 0.939km of Forest land of Bhairab PRF that falls under Aie Valley Division.

132 KV Grid Sub-Station Division

Station Division GeneralManager ol, Dhaligaon

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- vii. Crossings of communication lines should be minimum and should be preferably at right angles. Proximity and parallelism with telecommunication lines should be eliminated to avoid danger of induction between them.
- viii. Areas subject to flooding such as nalah should be avoided.
 - ix. Restricted areas such as civil and military airfields should be avoided including aircraft landing approaches.
 - x. All alignments should be easily approachable in dry and rainy seasons to enable maintenance throughout the year.
 - xi. Areas that will present the problems of "Right of Way" and "Way Leave" during construction and maintenance should be avoided.
 - xii. Routing of transmission lines through protected/reserved forest area should be avoided/restricted as far as possible

xiii. Effort should be made to keep the route at a distance from mining areas.

RECONNAISSANCE REPORT FOR THREE ALTERNATIVES ALONG WITH BEE LINE:-

In course of our preliminary survey apart from the Bee Line with three alternative routes were considered which marked in Black, Magenta, Blue & Green have been indicated in the attached Topographical maps for final selection before detail survey of the selection route is undertaken by us. Please note that those routes indicated in the attached maps are tentative. Comparative details with respect to the above routes with their merits and demerits are indicated below for kind perusal and approval of the selected route.

(A) BEE LINE (Marked in Black).

From the enclosed map it may please be observed that the 'BEE' line is the straight line connecting the BTPS Sub Station and the APM Sub Station. Length of the BEE Line is about 28.80 KM. This 'BEE' route in comparison to the other investigated routes is shorter. However, the aforesaid route is not a practical proposition for the following reasons: -

- 1) BEE Line passes through near about 5km (Nadangiri R.F and Bhayrab R.F)Reserved forest land area
- 2) This line also passes through Village area near Talguri, Bangalpara, Dholmara, Sidaguri, Balapara etc.
- 3) The crossing point of NH-31 & Proposed Railway is not suitable for tower location.

PROPOSED 132 KV D/C TRANSMISSION LINE FROM BTPS TO APM (JOGIDHOPA).

SUBMITTEDBY: - G B CONSTRUCTION

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- BEE line crossing 132KV S/C BTPS Dhaligaon Tr. Line two times near BTPS S/S which is not possible.
- 5) This route passes through Dalni Bill area near about 2Km, that bill is a permanent water lodged area, so there was 6 nos. Pile foundation required.
- 6) This route passes maximum altitude area, so there was benching or leg extension proposal required.

Finding the 'BEE' line route not feasible, we have explored alternative routes in close proximity to the said 'BEE' line.

(B) FINAL ROUTE (Marked in Magenta)(Proposed).

The Length of the final route (Proposed) is 42.767KM (approx). This route passes through the villages, Salakati, Rasalpara, Banduguri, Dholmara, Bagutamari, Shilkatari, Tamulbajan, Nankuras, Singimari, Durgamari, Bamitila, Dhuntala, Pochhagaon, salbar, Radrapara, Mechpara, Kathalguri, Naldubi, Kharbazar, Barapukhuri, Bonagaon, Chakom, Kumarkata, Barbhola, Dhadaumar, Putipara, Palital and Jogidhopa. The Line passes through unavoidable Reserve Forest Nadangiri Hilly RF & Bhairab R.F land near about 1.658Km.

(C) ALTERNATIVE-II (Marked in Blue).

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The Length of the final route (Proposed) is 50.086KM (approx). This route passes through the villages, Salakati, Rasalpara, Banduguri, Dholgaon, Naitamara, Tilapara, Bijaygaon, Duramart, Bhadaragaon, Kujia, Bidyapur, Chengmari, Majhigaon, Ujanpara, Dholagaon, Dekarmari, Tilapara, Laidhapara, Jogipara, Barkhata, Nalbari, Saopara, Naidubi, Khuramari, Piknapara, Kerkhabari, Uttar Kerkhabari, Simlaguri, Besimai, Haripani, Chaiantapara, Khuclamari and Jogidhopa. The Line passes through Bhumeswar Hill Reserve Forest (4.000Km approx) and Nakat Reserved forest (1.000Km. approx).

(D) ALTERNATIVE-III (Marked in Green).

The Length of the final route (Proposed) is 48.669KM (approx). This route passes through the villages, Salakati, Dogra para, Kathalguri, Nadangiri, Chhagalkhuti, Pundibari, Mouriagaon, Dabargaon, Anujuli, Malsingpara, Chokrasila, Alubhul, Suksuka, Areyarjhar, Bataldal, Bhokatpara, Kurshakati, Hordemari, Jalikura, Balajani, Dampara, Kherpuji, Beltali; Pellital, Bharali Kundi & APM Colony. The Line passes through Nadangiri Hill Reserve Forest (1.00Km approx), Chakrasila Reserved forest (5.150Km. approx), Shrigram Reserve Forest (3.100Km approx) & Bhairabi Reserved forest (4.230Km. approx).

PROPOSED 132 KV D/C TRANSMISSION LINE FROM BTPS TO APM (JOGIDHOPA). SUBMITTEDBY: - G B CONSTRUCTION

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS AT A GLANCE

1.0 The comparative features of alternatives for selecting the optimum route are as under:

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Description	Final Route (Marked in magenta)	Alternative-II. (Marked in blue)	Alternative-III. (Marked in green)
coute Length (in Kms)	42.767 K.M.	50.086 K.M.	48.669 Km.
Angle Point	99	115	113
River Crossing (Major)	1	1	1
River Crossing (Minor)	Nil	. Nil	Nil
Forest (Reserve Forest & Protect Forest)	Kokrajhar Dist .719km. & Bongaigaon Dist .939km.	5.000Km	13.480 Km.
No. Of Railway Crossing	1	1	1
N.H. Crossing	1	3	Nil
S.H. Crossing	Nil	Nil	Nil
400 KV D/C Line	Nil	Nil ·	Nil
400 KV S/C Line	Nil	Nil	Nil
220 KV D/C Line	Nil	4	Nil
220 KV S/C Line Nil		Nil	Nil
132 KV D/C Line 1		1	1
132 KV S/C Line	1	1	1
66 KV Line Nil		Nil	Nil
No Of Pile Location	1	1	1

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PROPOSED 132 KV D/C TRANSMISSION LINE FROM BTPS(SALAKATI) TO APM (JOGIGHOPA). SUBMITTEDBY: - G B CONSTRUCTION

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ALTERNATIVE ROUTES ALONG WITH BEE LINE FOR THE 132 KV S/C TRANSMISSION LINE ON D/C TOWER FROM 220 KV SALAKATI SUBSTATION(BTPS) TO JOGIGHOPA SUBSTATION(APM)









ALTERNATIVE ROUTES ALONG WITH BEE LINE FOR THE 132 KV S/C TRANSMISSION LINE ON D/C TOWER FROM 220 KV SALAKATI SUBSTATION(BTPS) TO JOGIGHOPA SUBSTATION(APM)





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