

**ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT - ENVIRONMENT  
AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN REPORT FOR TRANSMISSION LINES  
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**132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to  
Nalbari (Ext)**

**And**

**400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line**

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AEGCL	Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Limited
AGM	Assistant General Manager
AIIB	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
AISTSEP	Assam Intra-State Transmission System Enhancement Project
ARAP	Abbreviated Resettlement Action Plan
BOQ	Bill of Quantity
CEA	Central Electricity Authority
CESMP	Contractor's Environmental and Social Management Plan
DC or D/C	Double Circuit
DisCom	Distribution Company
E&S officer	Environment and Social Officer
E&S Policy	Environmental and Social Policy
E&S	Environment and Social
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EPC	Engineering, Procurement and Construction
ESIA	Environmental and Social Impact Assessment
ESMP	Environmental and Social Management Plan
ESMPF	Environmental and Social Management and Planning Framework
ESS	Environmental and Social Standard
GIS	Gas Insulated Substation
GoA	Government of Assam
GoI	Government of India
GRC	Grievance Redress Committee
GRM	Grievance Redress Mechanism
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HTLS	High Temperature Low Sag
IA	Implementing Agency
INR	Indian Rupee
IP	Indigenous Peoples
IPP	Indigenous People Plan
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
Km	Kilometre
LC	Least Concern
LILO	Loop In Loop out
MoEF&CC	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
MVA	Mega Volt Ampere
NGO	Non-Government Organization
OPGW	Optical Power Ground Wire
PAPs	Project Affected Persons
PFA	Power for All
PIU	Project Implementation Unit
PMC	Project Management Consultancy
PMU	Project Management Unit
RoW	Right of Way
S/S	Substation (s)

SC or S/C	Single Circuit
STU	State Transmission Utility
T&T	Tower and Transmission
TL	Transmission Line
VU	Vulnerable

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Ha. (hectare)	10,000 sq. m = 2.47105 Acre
km (kilometer)	1,000 meters
kV	kilovolt (1,000 volts)

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Background:** The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), through Government of India (GOI), has been approached by Government of Assam (GoA) for financial and technical assistance to upgrade and strengthen Assam's power transmission network under the 'Power for All' (PFA) initiative. To enhance power supply reliability, AIIB has extended their support for the "Assam Intra-State Transmission System Enhancement Project" (AISTSEP) being implemented by Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Limited (AEGCL).

The Project under Phase I includes the construction of 10 new substations in 400kV, 220kV and 132kV voltage level along with the associated (332.945 km) transmission lines (TL), Conversion of one no. of existing AEGCL S/S (132/33kV Gohpur) from AIS to GIS; Augmentation of 18 existing substations (replacement of old transformers with new transformers); Augmentation of 186 km of transmission line (restringing of One Single Circuit (S/C) line and two Double Circuit (D/C) line) by High Temperature Low Sag (HTLS) conductors; Replacement of ground wire to Optical Power Ground Wire (OPGW) for 636 km of existing transmission lines and substation equipment's at substations.

As part of AIIB's E&S policy and its compliance requirements as stipulated in the agreed environmental and social management planning framework (ESMPF) for the project, an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment including an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESIA - ESMP) is to be in place for transmission lines before commencement of the work.

PT Feedback Infra Limited (PTFIL), Indonesia in Association with Jade Consult Nepal and NIPSA, Spain has been engaged by AEGCL as Project Management Consultant (PMC) including scope of preparation of ESIA-ESMP report for the transmission lines.

**Description of the Project:** This Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESIA-ESMP) is pertaining to the Transmission Lines namely:

- A. 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)-36.27 Km and
- B. 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line-2.15 Km

The above-mentioned 132kV Transmission Lines and 400kV LILO line corridor is located in Tamulpur, Baska and Nalbari district, State of Assam and 400kV LILO line corridor is located in Tamulpur district of Assam.

The Right of Way required for the 132 kV transmission line is 27 m (13.5 m on each side of the transmission line route) which is approx. 979290 sq.m of land i.e. **97.92 hectare**. The tower base area required varies from 31 to 45 sq. m (DA type towers), 37 to 53 sq. m (DB type towers) 41 to 61 sq. m (DC type towers) and 47 to 70 sq. m (DD type towers).

The Right of Way required for the 400 kV transmission line is 46 m (23 m on each side of the transmission line route) which is approx. 98900 sq.m of land i.e. **9.89 hectare**. The tower base area required varies from 246 to 356 sq. m (DA type towers), 304 to 465 sq. m (DB type towers) 365 to 556 sq. m (DC type towers) and 439 to 886 sq. m (DD type towers).

Key pre-construction & construction phase activities undertaken so far include reconnaissance, walkover, detailed route survey to finalize route alignment & tower spotting, soil investigation to ascertain tower

foundation design. Other activities included RoW marking, site clearing, foundation works, tower erection, stringing, tower footing protection (if required) final checking & testing & commissioning.

A brief of activities undertaken during Operation phase are ground inspection by lineman/team, inspection of towers, thermo-vision scanning, punctured insulator detection & attending all defects. Approx. 60 (3 gangs with 20 persons in each gang) numbers of labour will be engaged by the contractor during construction period.

The project site is located in the Tehsil of Tamulpur in Tamulpur district, Baganpara in Baska district and Nalbari & Ghograpar in Nalbari district, State of Assam for 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)-36.27 Km and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line- transmission line is spread across 20 villages namely Staibari, Uttar Barsila, Geruapar, Pub haoli, Barnagar, Digholipar, Dimiliapar, Bilpar, Bhakatpar, Kalakusi, Teteliguri, Katribari, Bherbheri, Dhamdhama, Bhelamari, Rangafali, Naherbari, Nomati and Xorihotuli village and for 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line is located in the Kachubari in Tamulpur district.

The RoW permission for the transmission line has been obtained in keeping with the requirements of the Electricity Act 2003, the Indian Telegraph Act 1885, MoP Guidelines for Payment of Compensation Towards Damages in regard to RoW, October 2015 and Assam Government Power (Electricity) Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6 and new guideline of Ministry of Power, Govt. of India (Ref No. 3/4/2016-Trans-Part (4) dated 14.06.2024) MoP new guideline March 2025 & Government of Assam Power Department Dispur, Guwahati-6 Notification dated Dispur the 04-11-2024.

**Cost of the project is as under:**

- A. 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)-36.27 Km  
Supply Portion – Rs. 312030095.1200 with GST.  
Erection Portion – Rs. 127820385.2425 with GST.
- B. 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line-2.15 Km  
Supply Portion – Rs. 92752650.3800 with GST.  
Erection Portion – Rs. 29083578.8850with GST.

**Existing and associated facilities in the project**

The proposed 132 kV transmission line shall be a new line from the Rangia New Substation to the existing 132/33 kV Substation at Nalbari. The existing 400 kV double circuit transmission line from Balipara to Bongaigaon, configured with twin moose conductors, shall be modified through a Loop-In Loop-Out (LILO) arrangement at the Rangia 400/220/132/33 kV Substation.

As per the AIIB's ESF, 2024 the sub-project does not encompass any associated facilities.

**Policy, Legal and Administrative Framework:** As per the EIA Notification, 2006 (and its amendments), power transmission projects including substations and lines do not require environmental clearance from MoEF&CC, Govt. of India. However, project linked activities like quarrying (if any) may need clearance. Forest clearance is applicable if the project involves forest land. Wildlife clearance from State/National Board of Wildlife is required, if it falls within notified wildlife or eco-sensitive zones and wetland clearance is required for projects in notified wetlands. However, based on the environmental screening such

clearances are not applicable to this transmission line. The detail of the various regulatory frameworks pertaining to the project has been discussed in the main ESIA-ESMP report.

As the Project is funded through the AIIB, the Bank's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) applies. The Project has been assigned to "Category B" as per the ESP, as the Transmission lines are not located in ecological sensitive areas.

**Environmental and Social Standards (ESS 1) Environmental and Social Assessment and Management** are applicable to the project as civil works may cause a limited number of potentially adverse environmental and social impacts. These impacts are not unprecedented and are limited to the project area.

**Environmental and Social Standards (ESS 2) Involuntary Resettlement** is applicable and accordingly **Abbreviated Resettlement Action Plan/Resettlement Action Plan (ARAP/RAP) has been prepared**. Once finalized it will be disclosed prior to the commencement of works.

**Environmental and Social Standards (ESS 3) Indigenous Peoples-** The landowner identification for tower footing locations of the LILO of both circuits of the Nalbari–Rangia 132 kV D/C Transmission Line and the Balipara–Bongaigaon 400 kV D/C Transmission Line indicates the presence of Bodo and Rabha communities along the alignment in Tamulpur & Baska district, which falls within the Sixth Schedule area of Assam. Although distinct customary institutions were not prominently identified during the census of tower footing areas and the sample survey within the RoW corridor, the presence of these Scheduled Tribe communities indicates that ESS 3 may be considered applicable to the subproject.

At present, 27 Scheduled Tribe (Plains) households have been identified as affected within the tower footing areas (21 households along the 132 kV line and 6 households along the 400 kV line), with additional households likely to be identified after completion of the detailed census within the RoW corridor. Project impacts are expected to be minor, primarily involving crop loss and restrictions on land use within the RoW and tower footing areas. Considering the project's location within a Sixth Schedule district and the presence of Bodo and Rabha communities, consultations will be undertaken in accordance with ESS 3 requirements, ensuring Free, Prior, and Informed Consultation, and impacts will be addressed through appropriate mitigation and compensation measures in line with applicable national regulations and relevant environmental and social standards.

**Description of the Environment:** The project site is located in the Tehsil of Tamulpur in Tamulpur district, Baganpara in Baska district and Nalbari & Ghograpar in Nalbari district, State of Assam for 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext) and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line- transmission line. The project footprint (RoW) is spread across 20 villages for the 132kV Transmission Line and 400kV Transmission line.

The direct impacts of the project are confined to the Right of Way (RoW) of the transmission line and indirect or induced impacts extends to the Area of Influence (Aoi) defined by a buffer zone of 2 Km on either side of the transmission line. A 10 Km radius is also considered for evaluating the impact on flora & fauna of the area.

The environmental and social attributes were assessed through both primary and secondary studies. Primary attributes including air environment, water, soil, noise, flora and fauna, and public consultation were evaluated through field studies, on-site monitoring and review of the past studies.

Secondary attributes such as land use patterns, geology, physiological characteristics, and socio-economic profile were analysed through literature review of previous studies conducted by various government Agencies & research publications. An interdisciplinary team through discussions and professional judgment formulated the scoping and the extent of data generation.

In the project area, the land is primarily used for agriculture / crops (vegetables). The other land uses in the area are trees / vegetation, built up residential areas and water bodies.

No protected areas (National Park, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Biosphere Reserves), Reserved Forests, notified historical and cultural sites etc. are falling in the Right of Way (RoW) of the proposed transmission line.

Based on the observation at site it has been perceived that the ambient air quality of the project area is good. The ambient air quality monitoring conducted at Rangia (Kumarikata) S/S shows that the value of PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> are 40 & 19 µg/m<sup>3</sup> respectively.

Based on the observation at site it has been perceived that the project area has very minimal surface & ground water and soil contamination. Therefore, requirement of conducting test for water and soil quality monitoring is not critical.

According to the preliminary survey report, the transmission lines (132 and 400 kV) area contains a total of 9111 which includes 1996 trees (including both fruit-bearing and non-fruit-bearing varieties) along with 7115 bamboo plants. No tree felling is required within the tower footing areas for both transmission lines. However, within the Right of Way (RoW) corridor, pruning and trimming of trees will be carried out as necessary. In the event that any tree felling becomes unavoidable during construction, prior permission will be obtained from the concerned authorities. Compensation for any resulting damages or losses will be provided to the affected landowners in accordance with the Entitlement Matrix, as outlined in the ESMPF and the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP).

No negative impact from the project is expected on Protected Cultural Resources (PCRs), Common Property Resources (CPRs) or archaeological/historical sites as assessed during the detailed and check survey.

There are no Protected Cultural Resources (PCRs), Common Property Resources (CPRs), or archaeological/historical sites located within the Right of Way (RoW) corridor of the proposed LILO (Line-In and Line-Out) transmission lines. However, within a 500-meter radius of the proposed 132kV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.) at Kumarikata GIS, several sensitive receptors have been identified. These include 6 educational institutions, 21 religious structures, 1 healthcare facility, 7 government/community institutions, and 2 commercial establishments.

During the construction phase, no impact is anticipated on the above-mentioned CPRs, as most of them are located at a considerable distance from the center line of the transmission lines. Similarly, within a 500-meter radius of the proposed 400kV LILO of Balipara- Bongaigaon D/C line at Rangia (Tamulpur) 400 kV GIS, no sensitive receptors have been identified.

**Impact Assessment:** Environmental sensitive sites and Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) are not involved in the corridor (RoW) of the transmission line. No land is acquired permanently for tower foundation & RoW, ownership of land will remain with the owner and agricultural activities are allowed to continue after construction activity. However, compensation for land for tower footing and RoW will be paid as per

Ministry of Power, Government of India (MoP, GoI) guidelines and Zirat<sup>1</sup> Value (tree and crop damages) will be paid to the individual landowners as per compensation procedures. As assessed from the site visit and observation, the impacts are manageable as no major environmental and social issues have been recorded. Details of impact and mitigation measures are discussed in the main report.

**Climate Risk and Adaptation at the Design Stage:** Remedial measures for climate risks have been adapted for Transmission Line at design stage.

**Stakeholder & Public Consultation and Information Disclosure:** The community consultations were carried out in all the villages along the both transmission line corridor with local habitants where a total of one hundred six (106) participants participated in the 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.) and 400kV LILO of Balipara- Bongaigaon D/C line. These participants included economically marginalised communities, women, vulnerable groups and other local community leaders residing near the proposed transmission line. The consultations were conducted on 22 th January 2026, 29 th January 2026, 3 rd February 2026, 15 th February 2026, 26 th February 2026, 11 th March 2026, 12 th March 2026 and 13 th March 2026 at 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.) and 7 th February 2026, 17 th February 2026, 6 th March 2026 and 10 th March 2026 at 400kV LILO of Balipara- Bongaigaon D/C line under Package-G. The consultations brought forth that community is generally aware of the proposed 132 kV and 400 kV transmission line projects and expressed overall support for the Project, recognizing its potential to improve power supply and boost local economic activities. No major concerns or critical issues were raised, though communities emphasized minimizing impacts on vegetation, community structures, and ensuring safety during construction. Some Right of Way (RoW) and employment-related concerns were noted, with requests for local job opportunities and fair compensation for land and tree losses. Overall, perceived impacts are minimal and temporary, while benefits such as improved electricity access and livelihood opportunities are significant.

This draft ESIA - ESMP will be disclosed online on the website of AIIB and AEGCL. The hardcopies of the same (English version) and Assamese version of the Executive Summary will be made available at the following locations:

1. PMU: Project Director,  
Address: 1st Floor, AEGCL, Bijulee Bhawan,  
Contact No.: 0361-2739520  
Website: [www.aegcl.coc.in](http://www.aegcl.coc.in)

2. PIU: Project Manager  
Address: AGM, 220/132 kV Rangia GSS, AEGCL  
Contact No.: 94351-38347  
Email: [agm.rangia@aeccl.co.in](mailto:agm.rangia@aeccl.co.in)

**Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM):** To ensure environmentally and socially responsible implementation a free, multi-tiered Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) will be established to promptly address concerns or complaints from project-affected people or workers, helping to resolve issues efficiently and avoid litigation.

The GRM will consist of two levels of committees:

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<sup>1</sup> Zirat" refers to the trees, crops, and other improvements existing on a piece of land, apart from the land itself.

- Tier I – Operates at the field level.
- Tier II – Functions at the Project Management Unit (PMU) / Headquarters level. Tier II: The composition of the Tier II and Tier II GRCs is available in Chapter 9.

The Project-affected People's Mechanism (PPM) has been established by AIIB to provide an opportunity for the independent and impartial review of submissions from Project-affected people who believe they have been or are likely to be adversely affected by the AIIB's failure to implement its ESP in situations when their concerns cannot be addressed satisfactorily through the Project-level GRM or the AIIB's management processes. Information about the PPM is available at: <https://www.aiib.org/en/policies-strategies/operational-policies/policy-on-the-project-affected-mechanism.html>

**Environmental and Social Management Plan:** ESMP for identified impacts and the administrative aspects to ensure that mitigative measures are implemented at Site and their effectiveness monitored regularly through Environmental and Social Monitoring program has been detailed in the main report.

The ESMP cost to implement the key environmental & social measures and environmental & social monitoring plan which a part of Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) Contractor's good Engineering practice an amount of **INR 23.50 Lakhs** is estimated for implementation of ESMP.

Arrangement for Monitoring and Reporting of Assam Intra-State Transmission System Enhancement Project (AISTSEP) including Reporting Line (from contractor to AIIB) is in place and detailed in the main report.

Capacity building programmes are being conducted by PMC as per the requirement and PMC contract provisions. Apart from these, training and capacity building programme are being conducted by E&S team of AIIB to ensure implementation of E&S requirements.

**Summary, Recommendations and Conclusion:** The ESMP provides a structured approach to ensure that the temporary impacts during construction are minimized, while also maximizing the positive benefits such as local employment opportunities, through effective management and monitoring.

It is recommended to implement all the mitigation measures outlined in Environmental and Social Management Plan, monitor Environmental and Social Monitoring Plan, continuous public consultation and maintaining GRM.

In conclusion, the proposed project will yield positive result in terms of reliable & enhanced power supply and the environment & social impacts identified in the ESIA study are manageable and can be mitigated effectively through compensation, preventive measures, and careful planning during the construction & operational phase.

## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1 Background**

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) extends financial assistance for “Assam Intra-State Transmission System Enhancement Project” (AISTSEP) to Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Limited (AEGCL), the Implementing Agency (IA), to support the implementation of Power for All (PFA) plan. The Project under Phase I includes the construction of 10 new substation in 400kV, 220kV and 132kV voltage level along with the associated (332.945 km) transmission lines (TL), Conversion of one no. of existing AEGCL S/S (132/33kV Gohpur) from AIS to GIS; Augmentation of 18 existing substations (replacement of old transformers with new transformers); Augmentation of 186 km of transmission line (restringing of One Single Circuit (S/C) line and two Double Circuit (D/C) line) by High Temperature Low Sag (HTLS) conductors; Replacement of ground wire to Optical Power Ground Wire (OPGW) for 636 km of transmission lines and substation equipment’s at substations.

As part of AIIB’s E&S policy and its compliance requirements, an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment - Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESIA-ESMP) is to be in place for transmission lines.

PT Feedback Infra Limited (PTFIL), Indonesia in Association with Jade Consult Nepal and NIPSA, Spain has been engaged by AEGCL as Project Management Consultant (PMC) including scope of preparation of ESIA – ESMP report for the transmission lines. The present Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESIA - ESMP) report focuses on **(A) 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)-36.27 Km** and **(B) 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line-2.15 Km.**

### **1.2 Purpose of the report**

Power transmission projects are not listed in the list of environmentally sensitive projects and hence no Environmental Clearance (EC) is required as per the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) notification of 2006 and its subsequent amendments by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt of India. However, project linked activities like quarry operation (if any) for the project may require prior Environmental Clearance.

To ensure compliance with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank’s (AIIB) Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) and Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs), AEGCL is commissioning an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) study for this subproject. This study will identify potential environmental and social risks and propose mitigation measures in the form of an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP). The ESMP will serve as a framework to manage and address the identified impacts in alignment with AIIB’s standards.

### **1.3 Objective and scope of ESIA**

The objective of this report is to carry out Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the proposed “132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)-36.27 Km and (B) 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line-2.15 Km” in line with approved Environment and Social

Management Planning Framework (ESMPF) of the project. The ESIA-ESMP aims to identify, assess, and mitigate potential environmental and social risks while enhancing positive impacts associated with the subproject.

The scope includes the following:

- Review and update (if any) policy, legal and institutional framework as detailed in approved ESMPF,
- Current (baseline) environmental and social status (Description of the environment baseline of the project in terms of the key sensitivities and potential constraints on the construction and operation and maintenance of the transmission line),
- Analysis of alternatives (assessment of alternatives available for the project),
- Assessment for potential environmental and social impacts and mitigation measures,
- Climate risk and adaptation at the design stage aligning with the 2015 Paris Agreement and COP21 commitments,
- Stakeholder consultations and public disclosure,
- Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM),
- Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP),
- Recommendations

#### **1.4 Approach and key tasks for this ESIA study**

The ESIA study aims to ensure that the subproject aligns with environmental and social standards while addressing the needs and aspirations of the community and beneficiaries. The study evaluates potential impacts on the physical, ecological, biological environment, and local populations during all project phases. The methodology employed for the ESIA includes the following steps:

1. **Screening:** This entailed assessing compliance with national, state, international, and AIIB legal policies. Based on the EIA Notification of MoEF&CC, it is concluded that environmental clearance is not required for this project. The project is classified as "Category B" under AIIB's Environmental and Social (E&S) policy, necessitating an ESIA and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) as per the approved Environmental and Social Management Planning Framework (ESMPF).
2. **Scoping:** A reconnaissance survey was conducted within a 2 km radius of the subproject footprint and extended to 10 km buffer from either side of both transmission lines to evaluate potential environmental and social sensitivities, including ecological conditions. Sensitive receptors such as schools, hospitals, offices, religious structures, and settlements were mapped within 500 meters from either side of both transmission lines to identify site-specific risks. This step helped define the study area, guide data collection, and support impact identification.
3. **Baseline Data Collection:** Comprehensive data on physical environmental resources and social-economic aspects were collected within the project footprint (2 km radius) and extended to 10 km for biodiversity assessment. Baseline data collection and Site reconnaissance survey has been conducted in **March, 2026** by a team comprising of Environmental & Social Experts of PMU & PMC along with Environmental & Social Investigation officers of PMC. A detailed inventory and mapping of sensitive receptors within 500 meters from either side of both transmission lines were also performed to inform risk assessment and mitigation planning.

4. **Stakeholder and Public Consultations:** Public consultations have been conducted with the local community nearby the proposed transmission lines from January and March 2026 for collecting the base line data.

5. **Impact Assessment:** The identification, prediction, and evaluation of impacts were carried out using data from primary and secondary sources as well as insights from stakeholder consultations.

6. **Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP):** Practical mitigation measures, along with a management plan, monitoring framework, budget allocation, and institutional arrangements, were developed in accordance with the approved ESMPF.

### **1.5 Limitations**

The basis of this ESIA-ESMP report is scientific principles and professional judgement of experts based on available secondary data and data gathered during primary survey for impact assessment, mitigation measures as per the requirement and provide management plan. There are some limitations in preparation of this ESIA-ESMP report assessed as follows:

- ESIA-ESMP is prepared with available information as per approved check survey observations made during site survey and consultation at site.
- The consultations were undertaken, as part of the ESIA, with local community stakeholders, who were available at the time of the site visit;
- The socio-economic profile of the project-affected area for both transmission lines under Package G is compiled based on a mixed-method approach comprising a 100% census survey at tower footing locations and a sample-based socio-economic survey along the Right of Way (RoW) corridor .
- ESS 2 is applicable as there is involuntary permanent and temporary restrictions on land use for the tower footing as well as RoW of the Transmission line and accordingly Abbreviated/Resettlement Action Plan (ARAP) has been prepared.
- A total of 27 Scheduled Tribe (Plains) households have been identified as affected within the tower footing areas (21 households along the 132 kV line and 6 households along the 400 kV line), with additional households likely to be identified after completion of the detailed census within the RoW corridor. These households will experience minor and mostly temporary economic impacts, primarily related to crop loss within the Right of Way (RoW) and tower footing areas, as well as restricted land use in limited portions of agricultural land. No impacts on cultural, territorial, or institutional aspects have been observed. The affected ST population is largely integrated with the mainstream society and does not maintain distinct socio-cultural or institutional systems; however, they reside within areas covered under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India. Overall, project impacts on these households are minimal and manageable through appropriate mitigation and compensation measures incorporated in the RAP and ESMP.

Further, the project impacts on IP/ST households will be addressed through inclusive environmental and social assessment including meaningful consultations, mitigation and monitoring measures consistent with AIIB requirements. Given the nature and significance of anticipated impacts, ESS 3 requirements will be addressed through proportionate measures integrated into the RAP and ESIA/ESMP instead of a separate Indigenous Peoples Plan (IPP). This will be substantiated through socio-economic and cultural evidence collected during the census survey, demonstrating that affected ST households are largely integrated into

mainstream society. Impacts on Indigenous Peoples will be reflected in the ARAP/RAP, with appropriate and proportionate mitigation measures included to effectively address the same.

### 1.6 Report structure

<b>Chapter No.</b>	<b>Chapter Name</b>	<b>Contents</b>
	Executive summary	This chapter includes a concise summary of the entire ESIA-ESMP report.
Chapter 1	Introduction	This chapter includes background of the project, purpose of the report, objective and scope of ESIA, approach and key tasks for this ESIA study, limitations and structure of ESIA-ESMP report.
Chapter 2	Project Description	This chapter covers profile of the project route, overview of project site, profile of the project route, overview of activities during different phases of the sub-project, land requirement and allotment process.
Chapter 3	Policy, legal and institutional framework	This chapter describes the applicable national, state level and AIIB's environmental and social laws and regulations and institutional framework and International treaties and conventions on environment and labours.
Chapter 4	Description of the Environment	This chapter describes the Baseline Environmental features in detail. It includes details about location characteristics, study area, physical environment, biological environment (flora and fauna) and social environment baseline of the study area.
Chapter 5	Analysis of Alternatives	This chapter elucidates detailed analysis about different options of alignment with considering design, environmental, social and economic aspects. The selection of final alignment with their justification is reflected in this chapter.
Chapter 6	Assessment for Potential Environmental and Social Impacts and Mitigation Measures	This chapter details the impact assessment methodology, anticipated project impacts on physical, biological environment (biodiversity assessment, critical habitat assessment using tools like AVISTEP etc.) and social environment, based on baseline environmental features of the project during design, construction and operation phases and mitigation measures for all identified adverse impacts.
Chapter 7	Climate risk and adaptation at the design stage	This chapter describes climate risk and adaptation taken at the design stage.
Chapter 8	Stakeholder consultations and public disclosure	This chapter elaborates stakeholder identification, stakeholder mapping and analysis, stakeholder consultations undertaken as part of the ESIA process in order to assess the impact on project and them and their participation in the project as a continuous process.
Chapter 9	Grievance redress mechanism	This chapter shall highlight the mechanism to redress grievances arises during implementation of the project.

<b>Chapter No.</b>	<b>Chapter Name</b>	<b>Contents</b>
Chapter 10	Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) with specific potential E&S impacts	<p>This chapter outlined the ESMP for identified impacts and the administrative aspects of ensuring that mitigative measures are implemented and their effectiveness monitored.</p> <p>This chapter also outlined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental and Social Monitoring program for the project.</li> <li>• Budgetary allocation for implementation of different activities of the ESIA.</li> <li>• Institutional arrangements for the project, monitoring and reporting indicators for performance of ESMP.</li> </ul>
Chapter 11	Summary, recommendations and conclusion	This chapter summarizes the project with impact, mitigation and management plan of the project activities with recommendations and conclusion.
	Appendices	Appendices of the project related documents shall be detailed at the end of the report.

## 2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### 2.1 Overview of Project Site

AEGCL, the State Transmission Utility (STU) of Assam, proposes to implement the “Assam Intra-State Transmission System Enhancement Project” in alignment with the Government of India’s “Power for All” (PFA) initiative. The project aims to facilitate the evacuation of power from both state based generating stations and central sector utilities, as well as other sources. Additionally, it seeks to reinforce the state’s grid infrastructure and minimize transmission losses. AEGCL is responsible for transmission of electricity to the Distribution Company (DisCom) i.e., APDCL of Assam.

The project scope involves construction of substations and associated transmission lines, augmentation, upgradation and installation of equipment of substations. The sub-projects are located in different areas of Assam.

The present Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESIA-ESMP) is pertaining to the Transmission Lines namely:

- (A) 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)-36.27 Km and
- (B) 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line-2.15 Km

The Right of Way required for the 132 kV transmission line is 27 m (13.5 m on each side of the transmission line route) which is approx. approx. 979290 sq.m of land i.e. **97.92 hectare**. The tower base area required varies from 31 to 45 sq. m (DA type towers), 37 to 53 sq. m (DB type towers) 41 to 61 sq. m (DC type towers) and 47 to 70 sq. m (DD type towers)

For the LILO of the 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext) transmission line, temporary access roads will be required for 59 tower foundation locations out of the total 125 tower locations. The remaining 66 locations are accessible through existing rural roads, cart roads, and village roads. Most of the tower foundation sites are situated in paddy fields. In total, approximately **1.38 hectares** of land will be temporarily impacted due to the construction of access roads, primarily affecting paddy crop.

The Right of Way required for the 400 kV transmission line is 46 m (23 m on each side of the transmission line route) which is approx. **9.89 hectare in total**. The tower base area required varies from 246 to 356 sq. m (DA type towers), 304 to 465 sq. m (DB type towers) 365 to 556 sq. m (DC type towers) and 439 to 886 sq. m (DD type towers).

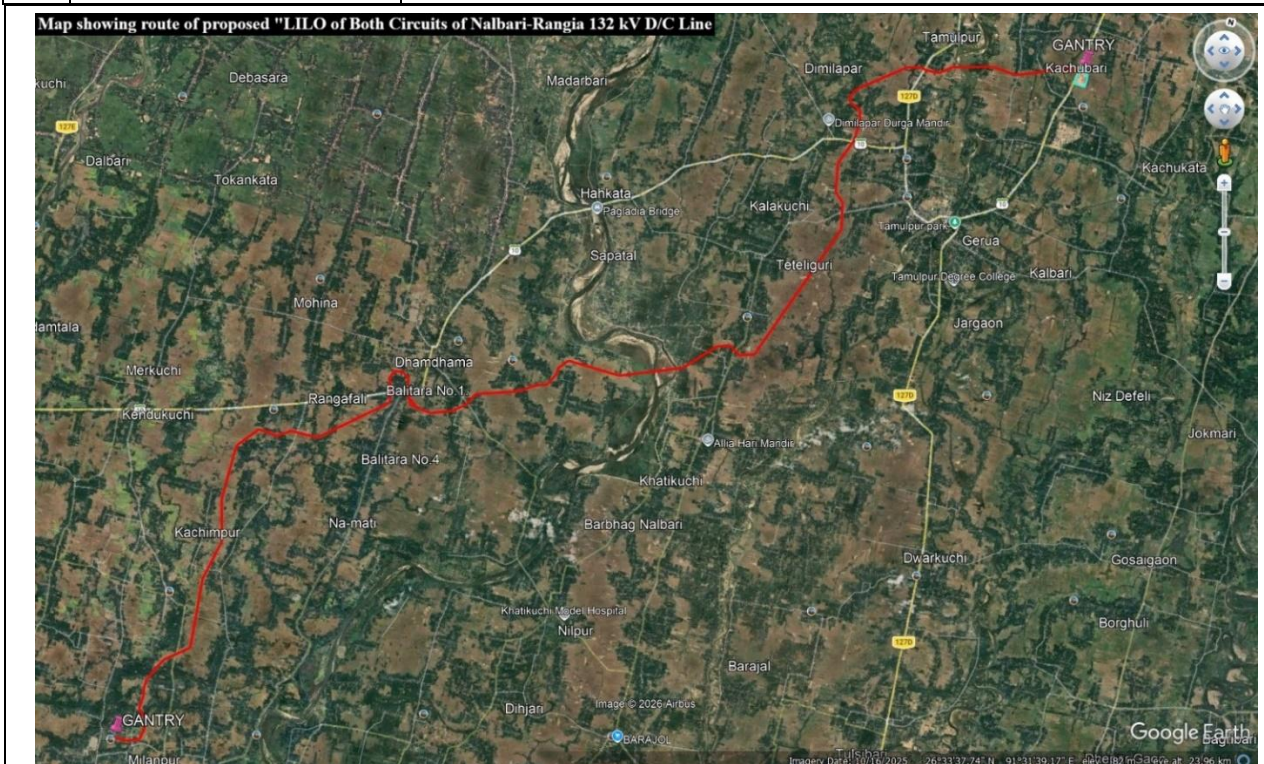
For the LILO of the and for 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C transmission line, temporary access roads will be required for 5 tower foundation locations out of the total 5 tower locations. Most of the tower foundation sites are situated in paddy fields. In total, approximately 0.19 hectares of land will be temporarily impacted due to the construction of access roads, primarily affecting paddy crop.

The above-mentioned 132kV and 400 kV Transmission Line corridors are located in Tamulpur, Baska and Nalbari district, State of Assam and 400kV LILO line corridor is located in Tamulpur district of Assam. A brief description of the both Transmission Line corridors is given in **Table 2.1 and Table 2.2** below followed

by a map showing the two transmission lines (**Figure 2.1** and **Figure 2.2**).

**Table 2.1: Brief Description of Different District/Towns/Village crossing the Transmission Line**

Sl. No.	Particulars	Different District/ towns/Village crossing the TL
		132kV and 400 kV Transmission Line
1	District Name / State	Nalbari/Baska/ Tamulpur in Assam.
2	Tehsil (Administrative subdivision)	Tehsil of Tamulpur in Tamulpur district, Baganpara in Baska district and Nalbari & Ghograpar in Nalbari district, State of Assam.
3	Project affected Village	Staibari, Uttar Barsila, Geruapar, Pub haoli, Barnagar, Digholipar, Dimiliapar, Bilpar, Bhakatpar, Kalakusi, Teteliguri, Katribari, Bherbheri, Dhamdhama, Bhelamari, Rangafali, Naherbari, Nomati and kV Transmission Line Xorihotuli village for 132kV and for 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line is located in the Kachubari in Tamulpur district.



**Figure 2.1: Location Map of the LILO of Both Circuits of Nalbari - Rangia 132 kV D/C Transmission Line**

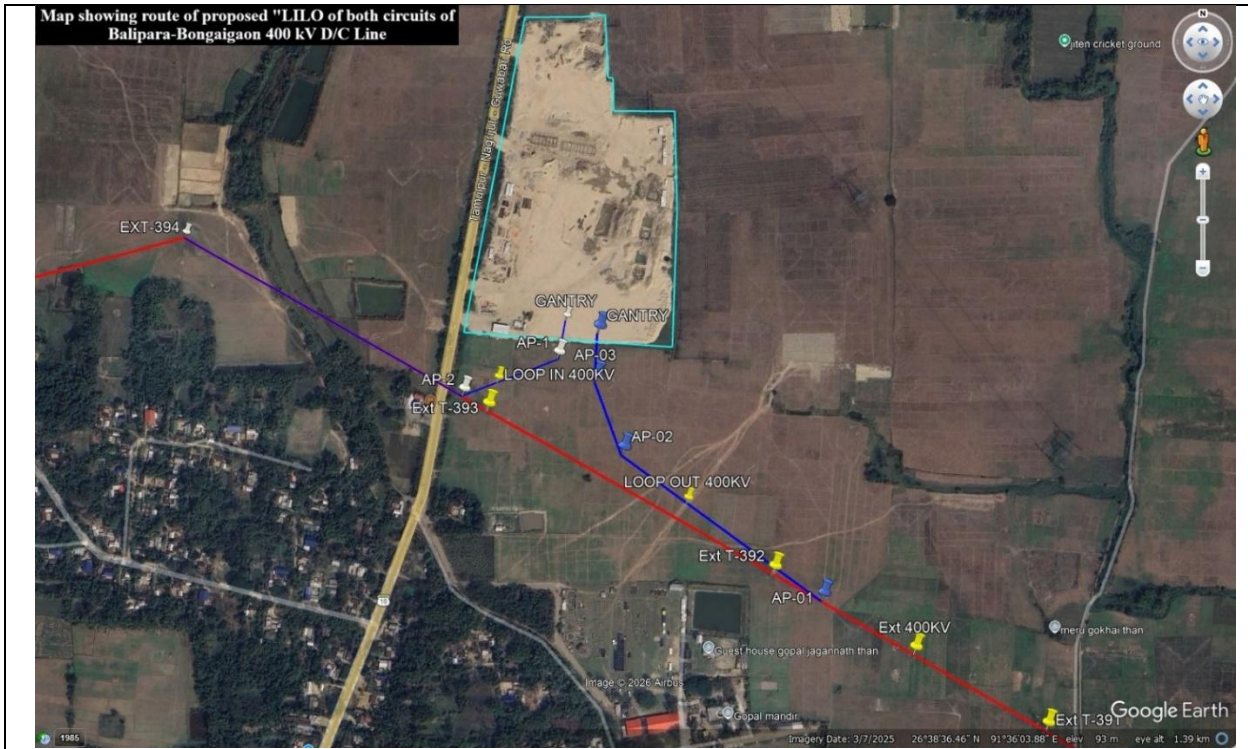


Figure 2.2: Location Map of the LILO of Both Circuits of Balipara – Bongaigaon 400 kV D/C Line

Table 2.2: Brief Description of Transmission Line corridors

Sl. No.	Particulars	Description	
		132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)	400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line
1	Location Coordinates (start and end)	Starting point of T/L:- 26°38'34.8"N 91°36'24.8"E Ending point of T/L:- 26°28'4.8"N 91°25'45.6"E	Starting point of LOOP IN:- 26°38'14.06"N 91°36'37.54"E Ending point of LOOP IN:- 26°38'22.81"N 91°36'27.37"E Starting point of TLOOP OUT:- 26°25'42.49"N 91°38'22.38"E Ending point of LOOP OUT:- 26°38'29.17"N 91°36'30.09"E
2	Project affected Village	Staibari, Uttar Barsila, Geruapar, Pub haoli, Barnagar, Digholipar, Dimiliapar, Bilpar, Bhakatpar, Kalakusi, Teteliguri, Katribari, Bherbheri, Dhamdhama, Bhelamari, Rangafali, Naherbari, Nomati and Xorihotuli village	Kachubari
3	Tehsil	Nalbari, Baska and Tamulpur	Tamulpur
4	District Name / State	Nalbari, Baska and Tamulpur	Tamulpur
5	Capacity of Transmission line	132 kV	400 kV
6	Power Evacuation	The 132 kV line shall be new line from Rangia new SS to Nalbari existing 132/33 kV SS.	For 400 kV existing from Balipara to Bongaigaon twin moose (presently the said line will be LILO at Rangia 400/220/132/33 kV SS).

Sl. No.	Particulars	Description	
		132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)	400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line
7	Climatic zone	Subtropical Humid	Subtropical Humid
8	Elevation	Ranges from 46 to 88 mtrs	Ranges from 46 to 88 mtrs
9	Site Conditions	Mostly flat agricultural land and Tree/Crop (betel nut/banana/bamboo) plantation are prominent in the RoW of transmission towers.	Mostly flat agricultural land and Tree/Crop (betel nut/banana/bamboo) plantation are prominent in the RoW of transmission towers.
10	Road Accessibility	Site could be accessed through Rangia - Tamulpur road and SH-10 which connects to village roads of the project area.	Site could be accessed through Rangia - Tamulpur road and SH-10 which connects to village roads of the project area.
11	Road crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Highway: Nil</li> <li>• State Highway: 1 Nos. (SH-10)</li> <li>• Village Roads/ cart track: 54 locations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Highway: Nil</li> <li>• State Highway: 1 Nos. (SH-10)</li> <li>• Village Roads/ cart track: Nil</li> </ul>
12	Nearest Airport	Nearest Airport is Guwahati Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport Approx. Aerial distance is 36 Km.	Nearest Airport is Guwahati Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport Approx. Aerial distance is 36 Km.
13	Nearest Railway Station	Nearest Railway station is Rangia and Goreshwar.	Nearest Railway station is Rangia and Goreshwar.
14	Railway crossing	Nil	Nil
15	River/canal/small stream/ pond crossing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• River: 2 (3 time Pagladeya River &amp; 2 time Mutanga Nadi)</li> <li>• Canal: 9 locations</li> <li>• Small stream: 4 locations</li> <li>• Pond/ Water body: 29 locations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• River: Nil</li> <li>• Canal: Nil</li> <li>• Small stream: Nil</li> <li>• Pond/ Water body: Nil</li> </ul>
16	Number of Powerline (66 kV and above) crossing	Power Line Crossing location at LILO of 400 KV D/C Balipara – Bongaigaon Tr. Line - 1 location, 220KV D/C Salakati to Rangia Tr. Line- 1 Location. 132kV S/C Rangia to Barnagar T/L - 1 location, 132kV S/C Rangia - Dhaligaon T/L - 1 location.	Power Line Crossing location at Prop. 220KV Amingaon - Rangia at New Rangia S/S(LOOP OUT), 1 location
17	Reserved Forest / Protected areas (WLS/NP/TR etc.)	NIL	NIL
18	Land Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transmission Corridor (97.92 ha considering 27 m RoW width)</li> </ul> <p>The tower base area required varies from 31 to 45 sq. m (DA type towers), 37 to 53 sq. m (DB type towers) 41 to 61 sq. m (DC type towers) and 47 to 70 sq. m (DD type towers)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transmission Corridor (9.89 ha considering 46 m RoW width)</li> </ul> <p>The tower base area required varies from 246 to 356 sq. m (DA type towers), 304 to 465 sq. m (DB type towers) 365 to 556 sq. m (DC type towers) and 439 to 886 sq. m (DD type towers).</p>
19	Land Availability	Obtained RoW permission from District Administration.	Obtained RoW permission from District Administration.
20	Access Road	The project shall primarily use the existing roads in the area. In addition to this, temporary access routes shall be built during the transmission line construction phase.	The project shall primarily use the existing roads in the area. In addition to this, temporary access routes shall be built during the transmission line construction phase.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Description	
		132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)	400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line
21	Water Requirement: Construction Phase	The transmission line generally requires about 50 m <sup>3</sup> of water for casting of foundations for each tower, which shall be sourced from local sources through tankers.	The transmission line generally requires about 50 m <sup>3</sup> of water for casting of foundations for each tower, which shall be sourced from local sources through tankers.
22	DG sets	DG Set (5 kVA)	DG Set (5 kVA)
23	Soil Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamulpur district- Mostly alluvial soils (Vary from sandy loams, Clayey to Red loamy soils).</li> <li>• Nalbari district- Deep reddish clayey soil, Alluvial soil, Red clayey alluvial, deep grey silty soil.</li> <li>• Baksa district- Coarse-loamy soils are more common in the upper areas, sandy-loamy soils and silty-loamy soils.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamulpur district- Mostly alluvial soils (Vary from sandy loams, Clayey to Red loamy soils).</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
24	Seismic Zone	Seismic Zone V – Earthquake Hazard Zone.	Seismic Zone V–Earthquake Hazard Zone.
25	Highest Flood Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamulpur district- 59.77m</li> <li>• Nalbari district- 55.45m</li> <li>• Baska-144.96</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamulpur district- 59.77m</li> </ul>
26	Wind zone	The Project area falls in a Very high damage risk zone B ( $V_b = 50$ m/s).	The Project area falls in a Very high damage risk zone B ( $V_b = 50$ m/s).

Source: Check Survey report and site visit

Survey of India Toposheet showing transmission line, Environmental and Social Features within 2 KM buffer are given **Figure 2.3** and **Figure 2.4** below. Moreover, IS: 5613 & MOEF&CC guidelines on Right of Way and Spacing between the lines/cables as per Electrical standard is given in **Table 2.3** below.

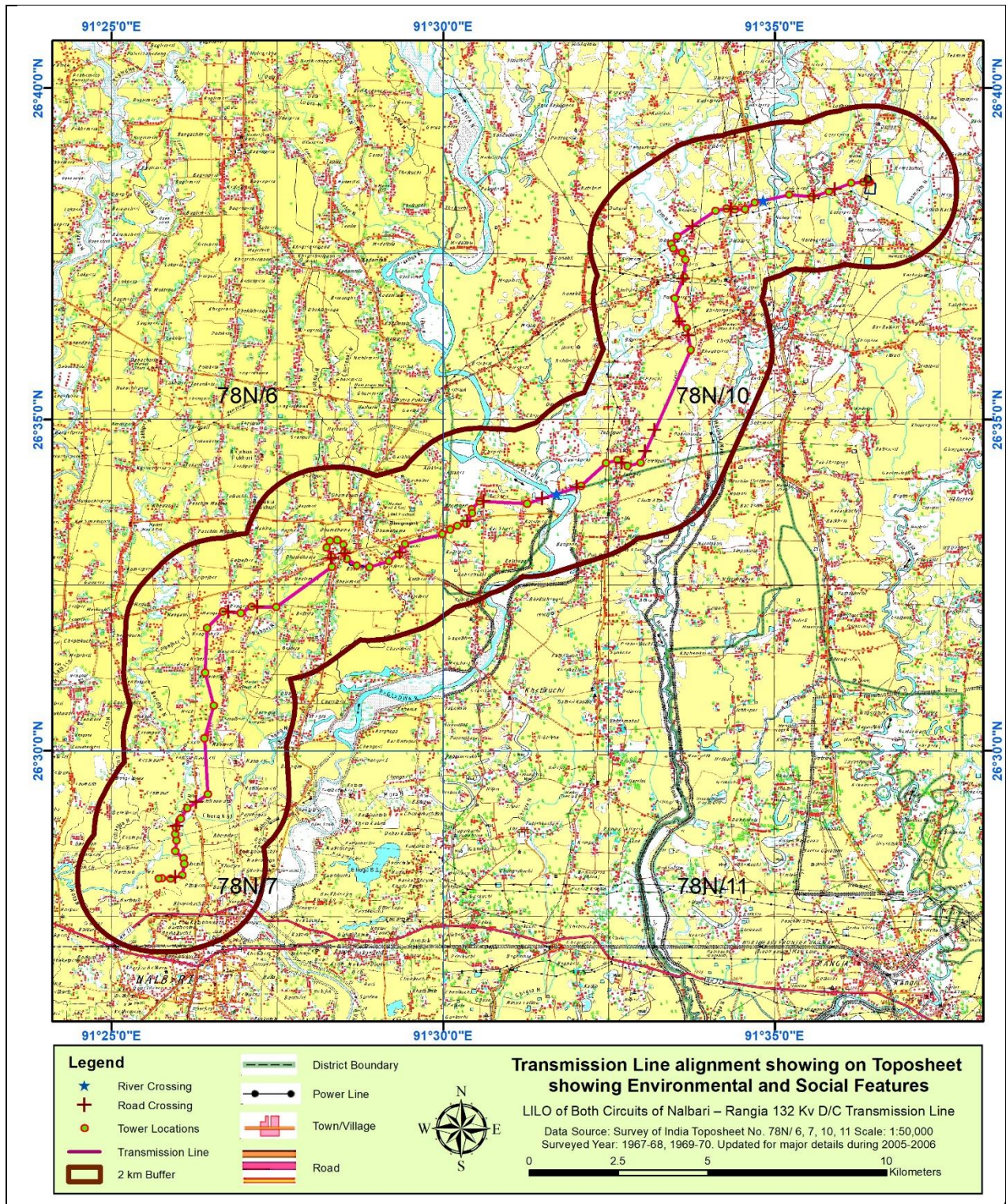


Figure 2.3: Survey of India Topo-sheet showing LILO of Nalbari - Rangia 132 kV D/C transmission line, Environmental and Social Features within 2 km buffer area.

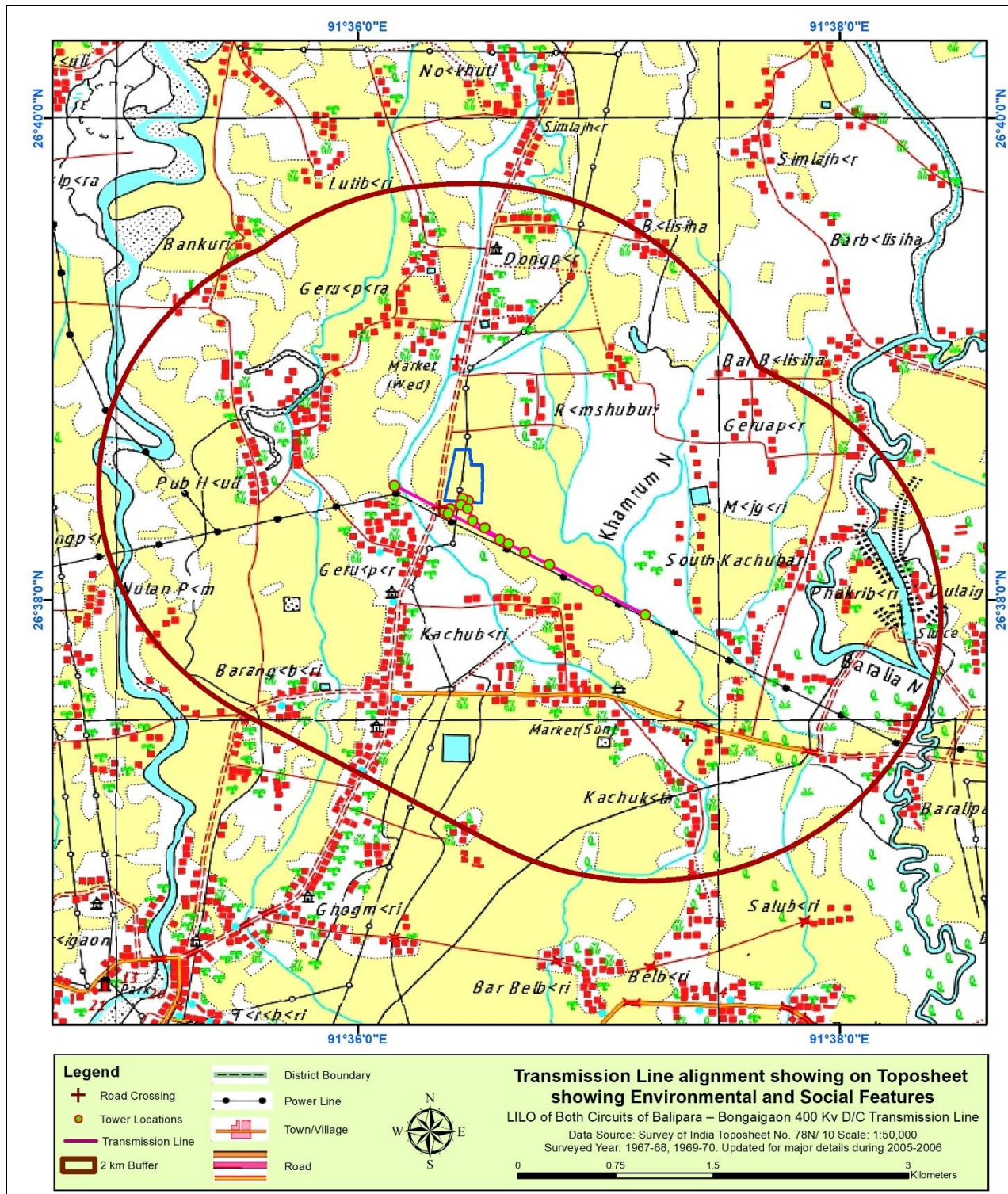


Figure 2.4: Survey of India Topo-sheet showing LILO of Balipara – Bongaigaon 400 kV D/C Line, Environmental and Social Features within 2 km buffer area.

**Table 2.3: IS: 5613 & MOEF&CC guidelines on Right of Way and Spacing between the lines/cables as per Electrical standard**

Sl. No.	Transmission line voltage (In KV)	Maximum RoW (in meter) as per MoEF&CC	Maximum RoW (in meter) as per Electrical standard (in meter)	Minimum clearance between conductor and trees (in meter)	Minimum ground clearance as per Electrical standard (in meter)	Spacing between the lines/cables (in meter)
1.	132	27.00	27.00	4.0	6.10	3.05
2.	220	35.00	35.00	4.6	7.00	4.58
3.	400 SC/DC	46.00/52.00	46.00 – DC 52 – SC Horizontal configuration	5.5	8.84	5.49

Source: IS: 5613 & MOEF&CC guidelines on Right of Way and Spacing between the lines/cables as per Electrical standard

Technical details along with layout, design, and other parameters of the towers (different type) and conductors etc. are given in **Appendix 1 and Appendix 2**. Detailed methodology for installation of towers and stringing of conductors given in **Appendix 3A & 3B**.

Details of other project resources requirements including construction /workers camps, material supply and storage, access roads etc. are as follows:

#### Resources

- No of Foundation Gangs engaged: 3 nos.
- No of workers per gang: 20 nos.

**Worker camps:** Worker camps are set in high ground finding a suitable spot which has suitable access road and near to the line. Additional camps will also be set up at required locations along the transmission line alignments. Proper illumination will be provided with emergency communication system, Fire Extinguishers & Fire Buckets and First-aid box. Adequate hygiene condition will be maintained.

**Material supply and Storage:** The materials are supplied from approved vendors only, Centralized storage facility will be made for storing all the items, cement will be stored indoor to avoid damage, from the centralized store the required items will be shifted through tractors or small trucks to the temporary stores at the sites. Usually, the temporary stores are made near to the tower locations. The following will be maintained for choosing storage areas.

- There will be no overhead line in Material storage area/Work Area.
- Proper approach road at site/Store for material handling.
- There will be no waterlogging
- Ground conditions levelled for material movement and storage

**Access roads:** Access roads will typically be 12–20 feet wide, with additional width provided at turning points where required. The Contractor, in consultation with landowners, will determine the most practical alignment for these access roads. All routes shall be carefully planned to avoid environmentally and socially sensitive areas to the maximum extent possible.

## 2.2 Profile of the project route

The details of the proposed components of the transmission lines are provided in table below.

**Table 2.4: Components of the transmission lines**

Sl No	Particulars	Description	
		132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)	400kv LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line
1.	Length of TL route	36.27 Km	2.15 Km
2.	No. of Transmission Towers	125	5
3.	Circuit type	Double Circuit	Double Circuit
4.	Type of conductor	ACSR Zebra 85 <sup>0</sup>	ACSR Zebra 850
5.	Type of tower	132 kV DA, DB, DC, DD - series Tower	400 kV DA, DB, DC, DD - series Tower
6.	Insulator used	Porcelain Insulators	Porcelain Insulators
7.	No. of Angle Points (AP)	67	5
8.	Span	335 m	400 m
9.	Ground coverage area	Average- 195 sqm.	Average- 566 sqm.
10.	Height of tower	A-39.6m, B, C, D-33.85m	A-34.4m, B, C-33.85m, D-34.3m
11.	Design of tower	A, B, C, D series towers	A, B, C, D series towers
12.	RoW of transmission line	27m	46m
13.	Tower Accessories	Danger plates, number plates, phase plates, circuit plates, anti-climbing plates etc.	Danger plates, number plates, phase plates, circuit plates, anti-climbing plates etc.
14.	Minimum ground clearance	6.1m	8.84m
15.	Access Road	The project shall primarily use the existing roads in the area. In addition to this, temporary access routes through agricultural lands for equipment and personnel movement will be developed in consultation with stakeholders and local people as per requirement.	The project shall primarily use the existing roads in the area. In addition to this, temporary access routes through agricultural lands for equipment and personnel movement will be developed in consultation with stakeholders and local people as per requirement.

Source: Checked Survey report

The profiling of transmission line towers is provided table 2.5 below.

**Table 2.5: Profiling of Transmission Line Towers as per check survey**

Sl. No.	Tower No.	Current Land use and Land Ownership of Tower Base	Current Land use of Transmission Corridor	Environmental Sensitive within RoW (Waterbody/Streams/F orest)	Access Road
<b>(A) 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)</b>					
1.	Gantry	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	----	---
2.	AP-1/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	SH-10, 33KV	---

Sl. No.	Tower No.	Current Land use and Land Ownership of Tower Base	Current Land use of Transmission Corridor	Environmental Sensitive within RoW (Waterbody/Streams/Forest)	Access Road
3.	AP-2/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond, Drain Nala	----
4.	AP-3/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Nala	---
5.	3/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Nala	LT Line, Vill Road
6.	AP-4/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road
7.	AP-5/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond	---
8.	5/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land		Vill Road
9.	AP-6/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural & non agriculture land	Mutanga Nadi	LT Line
10.	6/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Mutanga Nadi	Vill Road, 33kv
11.	AP-7/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road
12.	AP-8/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road, Lt Line (Cable)
13.	AP-9/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Drain	2Nos.11kv, SH-06
14.	AP-10/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond 3 Nos, Nala	---
15.	AP-11/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Nala	11KV
16.	11/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
17.	11/2	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	RCC Road
18.	11/3	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Nala, Pond	---
19.	AP-12	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
20.	AP-13	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
21.	13/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	400KV D/c Balipara to bongaigaon Tr. Line
22.	13/2	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
23.	AP-14	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond	Vill Road

Sl. No.	Tower No.	Current Land use and Land Ownership of Tower Base	Current Land use of Transmission Corridor	Environmental Sensitive within RoW (Waterbody/Streams/Forest)	Access Road
24.	AP-15	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Drain	---
25.	AP-16	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	11KV
26.	16/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
27.	AP-17	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	11KV, Metal Road
28.	17/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Drain, Pond	---
29.	AP-18	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road
30.	18/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
31.	AP-19	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	11KV, RCC Road, KV
32.	AP-20	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	2Nos. 11KV, Metal Road, LT Line
33.	20/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
34.	AP-21/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
35.	21/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road
36.	21/2	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road
37.	21/3	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
38.	21/4	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road
39.	21/5	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
40.	21/6	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road
41.	21/7	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Ditch	Vill Road, RCC Road
42.	21/8	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road
43.	21/9	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road, RCC Road, 11KV
44.	21/10	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
45.	AP-22/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
46.	AP-23/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond	Metal Road
47.	AP-24/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---

Sl. No.	Tower No.	Current Land use and Land Ownership of Tower Base	Current Land use of Transmission Corridor	Environmental Sensitive within RoW (Waterbody/Streams/F orest)	Access Road
48.	AP-25/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	2Nos. 11KV, Vill Road
49.	25/2	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond	---
50.	AP-26/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond, Pagladeya River	LT Line, RCC Road
51.	26/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pagladeya River	---
52.	26/2	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pagladeya River	---
53.	26/3	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pagladeya River	---
54.	26/4	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road
55.	AP-27/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
56.	27/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road, LT Line
57.	27/2	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	11KV
58.	27/3	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
59.	AP-28	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	RCC Road, LT Line
60.	AP-29	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond	---
61.	29/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	NRL Gas Pipe Line	---
62.	AP-30/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural & non agriculture land	Ditch	LT Road,RCC Road
63.	30/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Ditch, Pond	---
64.	AP-31	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
65.	AP-32/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	3Nos. Pond	---
66.	32/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	220KVD/C Salakati to Rangia Tr. Line
67.	32/2	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
68.	AP-33/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
69.	33/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
70.	AP-34/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Drain	Vill Road
71.	34/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road

Sl. No.	Tower No.	Current Land use and Land Ownership of Tower Base	Current Land use of Transmission Corridor	Environmental Sensitive within RoW (Waterbody/Streams/F orest)	Access Road
72.	34/2	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
73.	AP-35	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Ditch	RCC Road,11KV, Metal Road
74.	AP-36	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	LT Line, Un Metal Road
75.	AP-37	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Nala, Pond	LT Line, Un Metal Road
76.	37/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
77.	AP-38/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	LT Line, Vill Road
78.	AP-39/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
79.	AP-40/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	2Nos. Ditch	SH-10, LT Line
80.	AP-41	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	2Nos. 11KV, 33KV, RCC Road
81.	AP-42	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond	---
82.	AP-43	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond	Vill Road
83.	AP-44	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road, LT Line,2Nos. 11KV
84.	AP-45	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond	11KV
85.	AP-46	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	2Nos. 11KV, 33KV, RCC Road
86.	AP-47	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	3Nos. Pond	11KV
87.	47/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
88.	47/2	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road, 11KV
89.	47/3	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
90.	47/4	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Nala	---
91.	47/5	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Plantation	Vill Road
92.	AP-48	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road
93.	48/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond	RCC Road, 11KV
94.	AP-49	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond	11KV & LT Line, Vill Road
95.	AP-50/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	11KV

Sl. No.	Tower No.	Current Land use and Land Ownership of Tower Base	Current Land use of Transmission Corridor	Environmental Sensitive within RoW (Waterbody/Streams/F orest)	Access Road
96.	50/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	11KV, RCC Road, LT Line
97.	AP-51/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond	11KV
98.	51/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
99.	AP-52	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	LT Line, Vill Road
100.	AP-53/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
101.	53/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
102.	53/2	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road
103.	AP-54/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road
104.	54/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road
105.	54/2	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	11KV, Vill Road
106.	AP-55/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
107.	55/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
108.	55/2	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	11KV RCC Road
109.	55/3	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
110.	55/4	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Vill Road
111.	AP-56/0	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
112.	56/1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond	11KV, Metal Road
113.	AP-57	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	2Nos. Pond, Nala	Vill Road, LT Line
114.	AP-58	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond, Nala, Ditch	Vill Road, 33KV, 11KV, LT Line
115.	AP-59	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Pond	---
116.	AP-60	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	132KV S/C Rangia to Barnagar Tr. Line
117.	AP-61	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	
118.	AP-62	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	Nala, Plantation	11KV, Vill Road
119.	AP-63	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	132KV S/C Rangia to Dhaligaon Tr. Line

Sl. No.	Tower No.	Current Land use and Land Ownership of Tower Base	Current Land use of Transmission Corridor	Environmental Sensitive within RoW (Waterbody/Streams/Forest)	Access Road
120.	AP-64	Agricultural land	Agriculture land	Pond	
121.	AP-65	Agricultural land	Agriculture land	Boundry, Water Pipe Line	Metal Road, 33KV, 11KV, Fencing
122.	AP-66	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Fencing
123.	AP-67	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
124.	Gantry	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---

**B. LILO of both circuits of 400kV Balipara (PG) – Bongaigaon (PG) DC line at 400kV Rangia GIS (LOOP IN)**

Sl. No.	Tower No.	Current Land use and Land Ownership of Tower Base	Current Land use of Transmission Corridor	Environmental Sensitive within RoW (Waterbody/Streams/Forest)	Access Road
1	AP-1	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	Prop. 220KV Amingaon-Rangia at New Rangia S/S (LOOP OUT)
2	AP-2	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---
3	AP-3	Agricultural land	Agricultural land	---	---

Source: Checked Survey report

It is evident from the above table that,

- The transmission line passes through the agriculture/crops/trees/vegetation/non-agricultural land and water bodies.
- No major settlements and cultural heritage within 100 m distance from the center line of RoW of transmission line;
- Most of the transmission towers can be accessed through village roads, and cart tracks etc.

**Box 2.1 Ground Clearance for different features**

- Crossing another power line: 66kV -3.05, 132 kV and 220 kV- 4.58 m; 400 kV- 5.49 m;
- Telecommunication line: 3.050 m;
- Minimum ground clearance above rail level of the lowest portion of any conductor under condition of maximum sag: 17.9 m;
- Major roads: 12.2 m;
- Minimum ground clearance from power conductor: 7.05 m;
- Minimum vertical midspan clearance between power conductor and earth wire in still air: 8.5 m;

Source: APTRANSCO- Technical Reference book- 2011-vol. ii.

Maps showing road network in the both study area are given below:

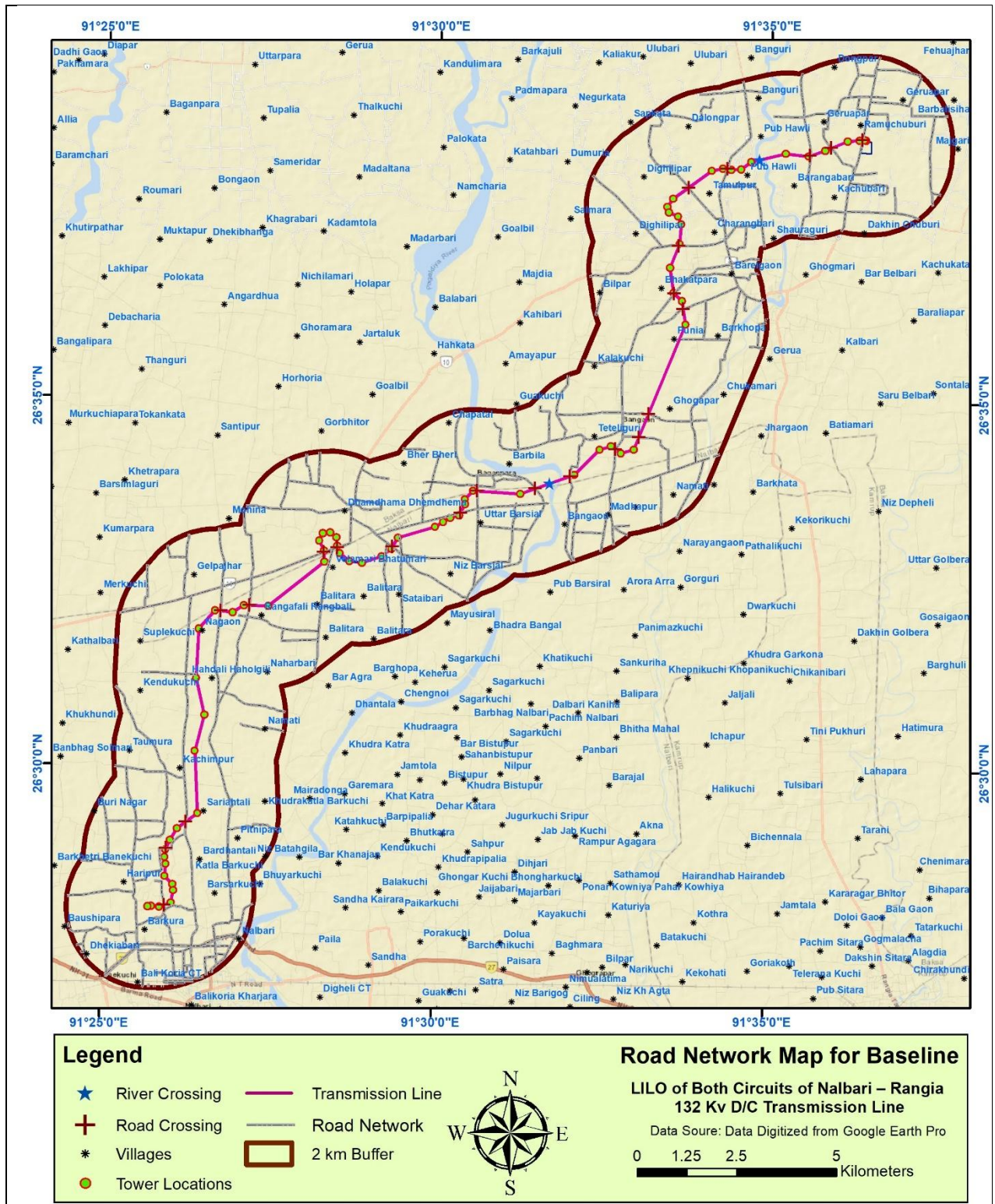


Figure 2.5: Map showing road network in area of LILO of Nalbari - Rangia 132 kV D/C transmission line

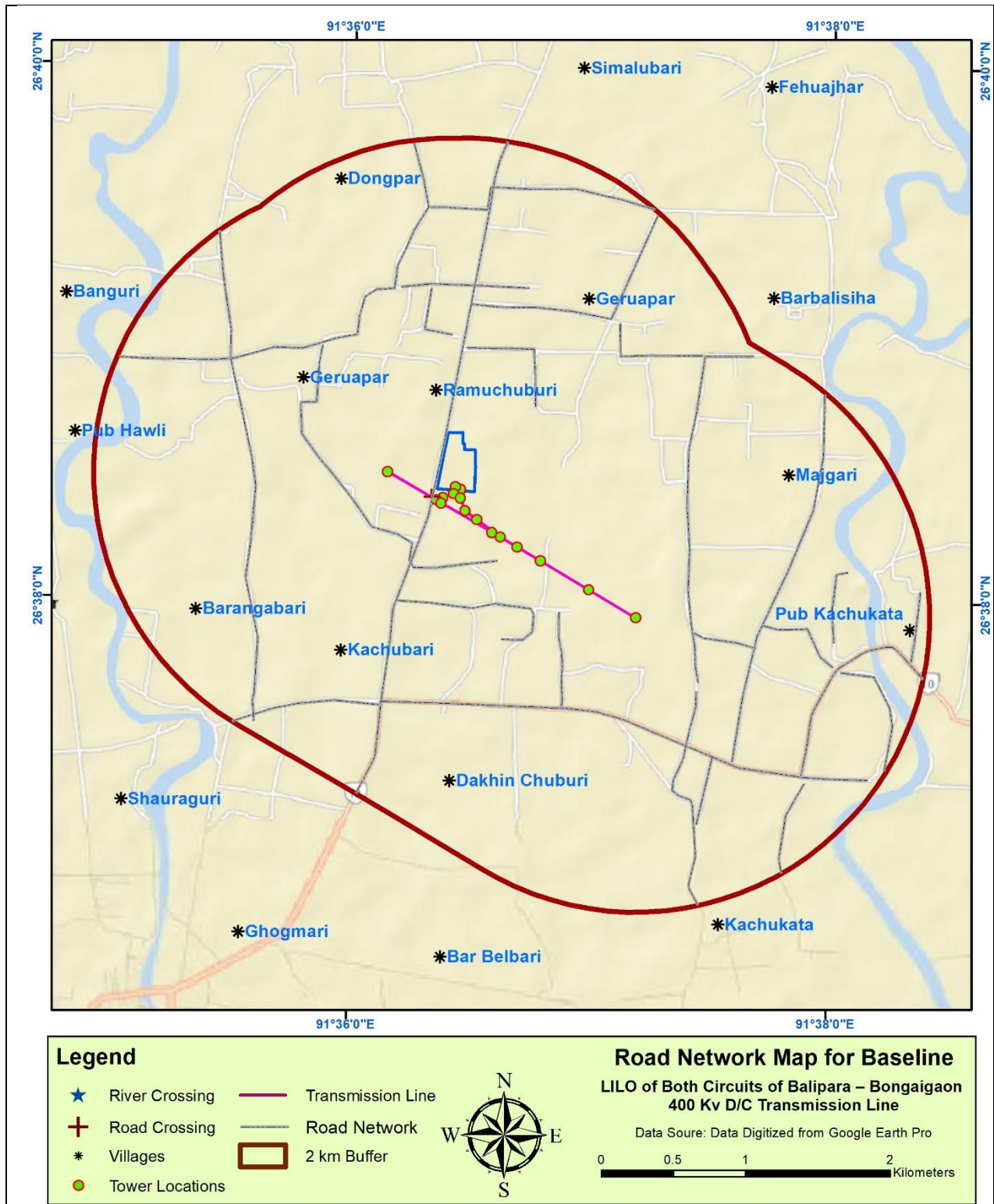


Figure 2.6: Map showing road network in area of LILO of Balipara – Bongaigaon 400 kV D/C transmission line

## 2.3 Overview of activities during different phases of the project

### (i) Construction Phase

A brief on activities under taken during construction phase are given in table below.

**Table 2.6: Brief on Construction Activities**

Activity	Details
<b>Transmission Lines</b>	
Pre-construction Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A reconnaissance, walkover and detailed route survey was carried out to identify the corridor and fixing the alignment;</li> <li>• Preliminary &amp; Detail Survey was conducted for finalizing the tower spotting and alignment of route.</li> <li>• Soil investigation at tower locations was carried out to ascertain the type of foundation to be adopted.</li> </ul>
Marking of the Route and Right of Way (RoW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The right of way is taken as 27 and 46 m for 132 kV and 400 kV respectively for both transmission lines.</li> <li>• The Tower location has been identified on the ground in accordance with the line route during Check Survey.</li> <li>• Tree enumeration will be finalized as per the Corridor ROW.</li> </ul>
Clearing of Towering Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the tower sites, all vegetation within the footprint of the tower base and for a distance of approximately 2 m beyond the base in all directions will be cleared to ground level.</li> </ul>
Foundations for Towers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pit marking will be done for the legs of the tower and excavation will be done accordingly. The excavated soil will be stored at the site of each foundation and used for backfilling purposes. Excavated soil ranges from 22.726 m<sup>3</sup> to 619.120 m<sup>3</sup> at tower locations depending on the type of tower and soil strata;</li> <li>• Foundation for towers will be laid depending upon the type of soils encountered. The formwork, reinforcing bars, the embedded parts of the towers and any earthing elements will be placed in the pits. A concrete cement pad will be laid at the base of the foundation. The depth of foundation below ground will be generally 3.0 - 3.5 m.</li> <li>• Lag time of 28 days, as specified by the Indian Standards, will be maintained for curing of concrete before erection of the towers. About 50 KL of water will be required at each site for foundation and curing activities.</li> <li>• The foundation pits will be backfilled following the removal of the formwork with soil excavated from the site itself. The top part of the stub of the tower leg will remain above the ground level after the backfilling.</li> <li>• The excess soil will be disposed in the surrounding agricultural fields. On an average, 80 m<sup>3</sup> of excess earth will be generated at each tower location.</li> <li>• Earthing will be done as per specification.</li> </ul>
Erection of Towers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The time duration for tower erection ranges between 2 - 3 days for all series of tower. Erection of towers will be done by assembling prefabricated components of the lattice structure followed by straightening and then concreting through hydra cranes. The manpower involved in one tower erection will be minimum 20 workers.</li> </ul>
Stringing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Tower will be checked for any missing parts and tightness of nuts and bolts before stringing.</li> <li>• The stringing operations between two sections normally take 2-4 days. The operation involves 'paying off' the conductors and earth wires on the ground</li> </ul>

Activity	Details
	<p>and then hoisting them with the help of winch machine/Tensioner Puller for fixing with the towers at both ends along with insulators and hardware. Stringing of the section between two angle towers will be done at a time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The tensioning and sagging will be done in accordance with the approved initial stringing charts before the conductors and ground wire will be finally attached to the towers through the ground wire clamps for the ground wire and insulator strings for the conductor as well as earthwires;</li> <li>• The stringing process requires min 20-25 workers.</li> </ul>
Protection of Tower Footing (if required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on site conditions, special measures for protection of foundations are to be taken in respect of locations close to / in nallah, river beds, etc.</li> </ul>
Final checking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The final checks are to be done by the concerned Field Officer jointly with the Contractor for foundation and tower footing / protection work, towers and tower accessories, earthing, Conductor, Insulators, Earthwires, RoW &amp; Clearances.</li> </ul>
Testing and Commissioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On completion of the construction work, a series of thorough inspections and commissioning tests will be carried out before the Transmission Line will be put into service as Safety Measures for Operation.</li> <li>• After carrying out final checking there will not be any defects / short comings in the work of the transmission line, the line will be considered as having been completed and clear for energizing.</li> </ul>

Source: Detailed & Check Survey report

## (ii) Operation and Maintenance Phase

EPC contractor is obligated to address any issues arises during defect liability period as per the contract terms. The defect liability period is considered as one year from the date of completion and operational acceptance of the facilities or part thereof. AEGCL will perform required Operation and Maintenance after final handover by EPC contractor. Following are activities to be performed during operation period.

**Table 2.7: Brief on Operation Activities**

Activity	Details
Ground inspection by lineman / team	For 132 and 400 kV T/L
Inspection of Towers	Repeated tripping of line-on-line faults and fault is untraceable during ground patrolling.
Thermo-vision scanning	After first charging of T/L
Punctured insulator detection	Lines having insulator de-capping incidents.
Attending all Defects	Foundation- backfilling / soil removal, crack of chimney, tree trimming, cleaning of insulators etc.

Source: Checked Survey report

## 2.4 Manpower requirements and organization structure

EPC contractor is responsible for the overall engineering, procurement, supply, construction, erection, installation, commissioning of the project. The sub-contractors shall be recruited for the fulfilment of the specific scope of works. Approx. 60 numbers (in 03 gangs) of labour will be engaged by the contractor during construction period. For tower base construction local skilled and unskilled labours are engaged. However, for erection and stringing of towers skilled migrant labours will be engaged. These estimates are indicative

and subject to variation depending on actual site conditions and subproject requirements during implementation.

## 2.5 Land requirement and allotment process

### Land requirement

The land requirement for the transmission lines is comprised primarily of the following:

- The Right of Way required for the 132 kV transmission line is 27 m (13.5 m on each side of the transmission line route) which is approx. 979290 sq.m of land i.e. **97.92 hectare** of affected land area is involved.
- The Right of Way required for the 400 kV transmission line is 46 m (23 m on each side of the transmission line route) which is approx. 98900 sq.m of land i.e. **9.89 hectare** of affected land area is involved.
- The route for both the transmission lines comprises of land from **20 villages** namely Staibari, Uttar Barsila, Geruapar, Pub haoli, Barnagar, Digholipar, Dimiliapar, Bilpar, Bhakatpar, Kalakusi, Teteliguri, Katribari, Bherbheri, Dhamdhama, Bhelamari, Rangafali, Naherbari, Nomati and 400kV Transmission Line Xorihotuli village for 132kV and for 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line is located in the Kachubari in Tamulpur district.
- The tower base area required for the 132 kV transmission line varies from 31 to 45 sq. m (DA type towers), 37 to 53 sq. m (DB type towers) 41 to 61 sq. m (DC type towers) and 47 to 70 sq. m (DD type towers). The total base area require for 125 Numbers of tower is **1.47 Hectare** as per landowner identification report.
- The tower base area required for the 400 kV transmission line varies from 246 to 356 sq. m (DA type towers), 304 to 465 sq. m (DB type towers) 365 to 556 sq. m (DC type towers) and 439 to 886 sq. m (DD type towers). The total base area require for 5 Numbers of tower is **0.24 Hectare** as per landowner identification report.

**Table 2.8: Summary of Land Requirement for the Project**

Project Sub Component	Affected Village	Total Land (ha)	Approx. Number of Project Affected Households
132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)			
Transmission line RoW (Corridor Width of 27 m)	Staibari, Uttar Barsila, Geruapar, Pub haoli, Barnagar, Digholipar, Dimiliapar, Bilpar, Bhakatpar, Kalakusi, Teteliguri, Katribari, Bherbheri, Dhamdhama, Bhelamari, Rangafali, Naherbari, Nomati and Xorihotuli village	97.92	Landowner identification for RoW corridor is scheduled to be conducted from 20th June, 2026 to 30th June, 2026
Base area for Tower footing	Staibari, Uttar Barsila, Geruapar, Pub haoli, Barnagar, Digholipar, Dimiliapar, Bilpar, Bhakatpar, Kalakusi, Teteliguri, Katribari, Bherbheri, Dhamdhama, Bhelamari, Rangafali, Naherbari, Nomati and Xorihotuli village	1.47	*146 <sup>2</sup>
400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line			
Transmission line RoW (Corridor Width of 46m)	Kachubari	9.89	Landowner identification for RoW is corridor is scheduled to be conducted from 20th June, 2026 to 30th June, 2026
Base area for Tower footing	Kachubari	0.24	*8

Source: Check survey and Land Owner Identification report

\*Based on the Land Owner Identification Report, the data has been provided.

<sup>2</sup> This data is based on the Land Owner Identification Report. Land owner identification and check survey has been completed.

The Joint verification for identification of land owners for two numbers of proposed Transmission line RoW, as well as tower footing is under process. The ARAP/RAP report will be/has been prepared before commencement of works.

### **Land allotment process**

The RoW permission for the transmission line has been obtained in keeping with the requirements of the Electricity Act 2003, the Indian Telegraph Act 1885, MoP Guidelines for Payment of Compensation Towards Damages in regard to RoW, October 2015 and Assam Government Power (Electricity) Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6 and new guideline of Ministry of Power, Govt. of India (Ref No. 3/4/2016-Trans-Part (4) dated 14.06.2024) & Government of Assam Power Department Dispur, Guwahati-6 Notification dated Dispur the 04-11-2024.

### **A. Electricity Act 2003**

#### **Section 67 (3&4)**

- (1) A licensee shall, in exercise of any of the powers conferred by or under this section and the rules made thereunder, cause as little damage, detriment and inconvenience as may be, and shall make full compensation for any damage, detriment or inconvenience caused by him or by anyone employed by him.
- (2) Where any difference or dispute [including amount of compensation under sub-section
- (3) Arises under this section, the matter shall be determined by the Appropriate Commission.

#### **Section 68 (5&6)**

- (1) Where any tree standing or lying near an overhead line or where any structure or other object which has been placed or has fallen near an overhead line subsequent to the placing of such line, interrupts or interferes with, or is likely to interrupt or interfere with, the conveyance or transmission of electricity or to interrupt or interfere with the conveyance or transmission of electricity or the accessibility of any works, an Executive Magistrate or authority specified by the Appropriate Government may, on the application of the licensee, cause the tree, structure or object to be removed or otherwise dealt with as he or it thinks fit.
  - (2) When disposing of an application under sub-section
  - (3) an Executive Magistrate or authority specified under that sub-section shall, in the case of any tree in existence before the placing of the overhead line, award to the person interested in the tree such compensation as he thinks reasonable, and such person may recover the same from the licensee.
- Explanation-For purposes of this section, the expression tree shall be deemed to include any shrub, hedge, jungle growth or other plant.

### **B. The Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, Part-III, Section 10 ("e"):**

"Section 110 - The telegraph authority may, from time to time, place and maintain a telegraph line under, over, along, or across, and posts in or upon any immovable property, Provided that:

- a)The telegraph authority shall not exercise the powers conferred by this section except for the purposes of a telegraph established or maintained by the [Central Government], or to be so established or maintained;
- b)The [Central Government] shall not acquire any right other than that of user only in the property under, over, along, across in or upon which the telegraph authority places any telegraph line or

post; and

- c) Except as hereinafter provided, the telegraph authority shall not exercise those powers in respect of any property vested in or under the control or management of any local authority, without the permission of that authority, and
- d) In the exercise of the powers conferred by this section, the telegraph authority shall do as little damage is possible, and, when it has exercised those powers in respect of any property other than that referred to in clause (c), shall pay full compensation to all persons interested for any damage sustained by them by reason of the exercise of those powers."

**C. MoP Guidelines for Payment of Compensation Towards Damages in regard to RoW, October 2015:**

Ministry of Power (MoP), Government of India (GoI) vide notification no. 3/7/2015-Trans dated 15.10.2015 has issued 'Guidelines for payment of compensation towards damages in regard to Right of Way for transmission lines. It is to be noted that the guidelines have proposed compensation to be paid for the base area in between the transmission tower (between four legs) and towards diminution of land value in the width of the RoW corridor due to laying of transmission line @ 85 % and 15 % respectively of the land value as determined by the District Magistrate or any authority based on circle rate/ guideline value/ stamp value/stamp act.

**D. Ministry of Power, Govt. of India (Ref No. 3/4/2016-Trans-Part (4) dated 14.06.2024),** has notified guidelines for compensation related to Right of Way (RoW) for transmission lines, including urban areas, ensuring uniformity in payments to affected landowners.

Compensation Structure:

Tower Base Compensation: 200% of land value for the area enclosed by the four legs of the tower at ground level, plus a one-meter extension on each side.

RoW Corridor Compensation: 30% of land value for land within the RoW corridor, as per Schedule VII of the Central Electricity Authority.

**E. Assam Government Power (Electricity) Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6 No.PEI.219/2015/91:** The Governor of Assam is pleased to notify the following rates for payment of compensation towards damages in regards to Right of Way for transmission lines. In accordance with the Guidelines of Ministry of Power, Govt of India, vide Ref No. 03/07/2015 Trans, dated 15.10.2015 for maintaining uniformity in compensation payment to the affected land owners during construction of transmission lines, it has been decided that a similar payment methodology towards compensation shall also be adopted in the state of Assam. The guidelines of payment methodology of compensation towards "damages" as stipulated in Section 67 & 68 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Section 10 and 16 of Indian Telegraph Act 1885 shall be in addition to the compensation towards normal crop and tree damages. This amount will be payable only for transmission lines supported by tower base of 66kV and above and not for sub-transmission and distribution lie below 66kV.

The following steps would be taken for payment of compensation for RoW of the transmission line.

**Table 2.9: Steps wise Procedure for payment of compensation of RoW**

Sl. No.	Procedure for payment of compensation
1.	Apply NOC for ROW as per standard format.
2.	Grant of NOC

Sl. No.	Procedure for payment of compensation
3.	Issue notice in State Gazette/local newspaper as per standard format.
4.	Detail survey
5.	Check Survey
6.	Assessment, jointly with concerned district administration, of properties likely to be affected and preparation of estimates as per standard formats and verify the same.
7.	Finalization of tower design/ tower structure/ tower foundation/ tower testing.
8.	Assisting district administration in preparation of valuation report based on Govt. approved rates.
9.	Working out compensation amount to be paid to the individual beneficiaries
10.	Completion of the Assessment report/estimate and countersignature by Circle Officer and verify the same by concerned officials of AEGCL.
11.	Preparation of Provisional Notice as per format, countersigned by Circle Officer and acknowledgement from beneficiaries.
12.	Preparation of Compensation Receipt as per format and countersignature by Circle Officer
13.	Serving the provisional notice to individual beneficiaries and obtaining their acknowledgement.
14.	Documents collection from affected person.
15.	Submission of proposal to HQ for requisition of fund along with all approved documents
16.	Re-Checking of all documents and Payment to individual beneficiaries and acknowledgment to be obtained on each receipt.
17.	Disbursement of compensation directly from AEGCL.

Source: AEGCL T/L Manual

The following process will be complied:

- RoW of transmission Line passing through private lands, the clearance shall be obtained by EPC contractor in liaising with concern revenue department and other line departments for determining the Land compensation and zirat value.
- The Land compensation amount will be paid directly by AEGCL to project affected person as per the assessment of the district administration and RAP.
- Moreover, the zirat compensation will be paid by EPC contractor for which the reimbursement of the same shall be made by the AEGCL.
- The documents required to be obtained from the landowners for disbursement of Compensation for tower footing, RoW and zirat compensation, etc. shall be Aadhar card/Voter ID/or other valid identity card, Bank details as per UID, Jamabandi copy/ Khajana receipt, next to kin certificate (where required), NOC for land use, etc.
- Further, PIU need to communicate to all stockholders/departments for providing various government rates for compensation of crop damage, plantation damage, tree cutting, trimming, utilities, etc. that will be damage&d during construction works.
- EPC to obtain all statutory clearance if any required, such as Railway crossing, NHAI etc. & any clearance require from Power Grid etc.

## **2.6 Costs and implementation schedule**

Cost of 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)-36.27 Km and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line-2.15 Km.

- For 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)-36.27 Km



### 3. POLICY, LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

This chapter describes provisions of Constitution of India, various applicable laws, regulations and policies of Government of India (GoI) and Government of Assam (GoA), International conventions and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

#### 3.1 Provisions of Constitution of India

As a sequel to the UN Conference on the Human Environment (1972), Indian Parliament in 1976 amended the Constitution of India by introducing articles 48A and 51A. These articles incorporated environmental concerns into the Directive Principles of state policy and postulated as a fundamental duty of all citizens to preserve and protect the environment.

#### 3.2 GOI and GOA Laws/Regulations/Policies

**Table 3.1: Environmental and Social Policies and Regulatory Requirements (National and Assam State Regulation)**

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of GoI and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
<b>Environmental Regulations</b>					
1.	The Electricity Act, 2003	An Act to consolidate the laws relating to generation, transmission, distribution, trading and use of electricity and generally for taking measures conducive to development of electricity industry, promoting competition therein, protecting interest of consumers and supply of electricity to all areas.	Central Electricity Authority, Regulatory Commissions and establishments	Applicable, transmission line projects are constructed under the ambit of Electricity Act, 2003 following the provisions of Section 67 & 68 of act which mandates licensing for the entities involved in the construction, operation and maintenance of the project. Contractor to follow all the requirements as per the Act.	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
2.	EIA Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments	Projects indicated in the schedule of this notification require EIA study and environmental clearance.	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) or State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)	Not Applicable, transmission line project does not come under purview EIA Notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments. Thus, Environmental Clearance is not	

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of Gol and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
				required. However, project associated activities like creation of borrow area (if any) extraction of boulders, River Sand etc. for the project will require prior Environmental Clearance.	
3.	National Environment Policy (NEP), 2006	NEP is a comprehensive guiding document in India for all environmental conservation programs and legislations by Central, State and Local Government. The dominant theme of this policy is to promote betterment of livelihoods without compromising or degrading the environmental resources. The policy also advocates collaboration method of different stakeholders to harness potential resources and strengthen environmental management.	MoEF & CC/CPCB MoEF&CC, Gol, CPCB/SPCB, Department of Environment and Forest, GoA MoEF& CC, IRO Guwahati,	Applicable, should adhere to NEP conservation of environmental resources and abatement of pollution.	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
4.	The National Green Tribunal Act, 2010	An act established for effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources including enforcement of any legal right relating to environment and giving relief and compensation for	National Green Tribunal (NGT)	Applicable, respected to area where development activities may cause any damage to environment and property. Should adhere to NGT mandate.	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of Gol and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
		damages to persons and property and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.			
5.	Environment Protection Act, 1986 and subsequent amendments and rules Eco-Sensitive Zone Notifications	An umbrella act for environmental protection in India. Various rules, notifications and standards established under the Act. Emissions and discharges from the facilities to be created or refurbished or augmented shall comply with the notified standards notified.	MoEF & CC/CPCB MoEF&CC, Gol, CPCB/SPCB, Department of Environment and Forest, GoA MoEF& CC, IRO Guwahati,	Applicable, comply with applicable standards for ambient air, air emission, effluents, receiving water bodies, and drinking water at the consumer end.	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
6.	Biological Diversity Act, 2002 Assam Biodiversity Rules, 2010	The Act provides a comprehensive legal framework for conservation and sustainable use of bio-resources reflects a strict regime for access, control and benefit sharing. It restricts access and use of biological resources by outsiders and creates decentralized institutional structures for conservation of biological diversity.	National Biodiversity Authority (NBA), Assam State Biodiversity Board (ASBB) and Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs)	Applicable, should adhere measures as per the Act.	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
7.	The Forest (Conservation) Act,1980 and subsequent amendments and rules	As per Rule 6, every user agency, who wants to use any forest land for non-forest purposes shall seek approval of the Central Government	MoEF&CC, Gol, Department of Environment and Forest, GoA MoEF& CC, IRO Guwahati	Not Applicable, no notified forest land within the subproject area.	-
8.	National Forest Policy 1988	It articulates the twin objectives of ecological stability and social justice; recognizes people's dependence and their symbiotic relation with forest,	Department of Environment and Forest, Assam, MoEF&CC, New Delhi	Not Applicable, no notified forest land within the sub-project area.	-

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of Gol and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
		emphasizes protection of people's rights over forest resource and offers space for participation of forest dependent communities in the conservation, protection and management of state-owned forests.			
9.	Assam Forest Policy, 2004	This policy is to ensure progressive sustainable development of the forests of Assam, to meet the twin objectives of environmental stability and ecological balance together with improved livelihood support system for people.	Department of Environment and Forest, Assam	Not Applicable	-
10.	The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules, 2014	This act provides for the establishment of funds under the public accounts of India and the public accounts of each State and crediting thereto the monies received from the user agencies towards compensatory afforestation, additional compensatory afforestation, penal compensatory afforestation, net present value and all other amounts recovered from such agencies under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The collected funds will be utilized for afforestation, regeneration of forest system, wildlife protection and	Department of Environment and Forest, Assam and MoEF&CC, New Delhi	Not Applicable, no notified forest land within the sub-project area.	-

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of Gol and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
		infrastructure development			
11.	The Assam Compensatory Afforestation Fund Rules, 1994	Provision to constitute a Fund for the purpose of Compensatory Afforestation to be raised against the Forest Area diverted for non-forest use under the provisions of Section 4(1) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980	Department of Environment and Forest, Assam	Not Applicable, no notified forest land within the sub-project area.	-
12.	Assam (Control of Felling & Removal of trees from Non-Forest Land) Rules 2002 and subsequent amendment	These rules prescribe how tree plantations raised in non-recorded forest areas by individuals or institutions are to be governed. They specify which plantations need to be registered, which tree species do not require felling permission, what process is to be followed in order to fell trees outside non recorded forest areas, how is the transit of timber originating from non-recorded forest areas regulated and how and why timber can be confiscated to the Government.	Department of Environment and Forest, Assam	Applicable	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
13.	The Assam Trees Outside Forest (Sustainable Management Rules), 2022	Provides regulation for Tree Cutting Permission outside forest in a sustainable manner.	Department of Environment and Forest, Assam (PCCF, DFO)	Applicable if tree felling requires during the construction of the sub-projects	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
14.	Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and Subsequent Amendments	The Act provides for the protection of wildlife and for all matters that are connected to wildlife and their habitat. This Act prohibits destruction, exploitation or removal of any wildlife, and provides	Department of Environment and Forest, Assam, NBWL, SBWL	Not applicable as per MOEF&CC Notification dated 17 May 2022.  Transmission Lines are not located within the boundaries of any ESZ / protected areas.	-

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of Gol and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
		for protection to listed species of flora and fauna.			
15.	Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and subsequent amendments The Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Assam Rule, 1991	This Act was enacted to achieve prevention, control and abatement of air pollution activities by assigning regulatory powers to Central and State boards for all such functions. The Act also establishes ambient air quality standards.	State Pollution Control Board, Assam.	Applicable, implement measures to mitigate air pollution from project activities; construction facilities.	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
16.	Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control Act) 2000 and subsequent amendments	Rule 3 of the Act specifies ambient air quality standards in respect of noise for different areas/zones.	Central Pollution Control Board & State Pollution Control Board, Assam	Applicable, contractors to ensure all noise-producing activities during civil works conform to standards	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
17.	Water Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and subsequent amendments The Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Assam Rule, 1977	Act was enacted to provide for the prevention and control of water pollution and the maintaining or restoring of wholesomeness of water, by Central and State Pollution Control Boards and for conferring on and assigning to CPCB/SPCBs powers and functions relating to water pollution control. Control of water pollution is achieved through administering conditions imposed in consent issued under provision of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act of 1974.	State Pollution Control Board, Assam. Prevention of water pollution due to project activities	Applicable, implement measures to mitigate water pollution from project activities; construction facilities.	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
18.	Wetland (Conservation and Management)	The Rules specify activities which are harmful and prohibited in the wetlands such as	Central Wetlands Regulatory Authority (CWRA)	Not Applicable, none of the T/L falls within notified wetland	

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of GoI and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
	Rules, 2010, 2017	industrialization, construction, dumping of untreated waste and effluents, and reclamation. The Central Government may permit any of the prohibited activities on the recommendation of Central Wetlands Regulatory Authority.		areas.	
19.	Hazardous & Other Waste (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016	Protection to general public against improper handling, storage and disposal of hazardous waste. The rules prescribe the management requirement of hazardous wastes from its generation to final disposal.	State Pollution Control Board, Assam, Local Municipal Board (MCB) and other Local Bodies. Contractor needs to submit plan for reuse or safe disposal.	Applicable, Hazardous & Other Waste generated will be managed and disposed off as per requirement.	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
20.	Construction and Demolition Management Rule 2016 of MOEF & CC (26 March 2016)	Applies to everyone who generates construction and demolition waste. Every waste generator shall segregate construction and demolition waste and deposit at collection center or handover it to the authorized processing facilities. Shall ensure that there is no littering or deposition so as to prevent obstruction to the traffic or the public or drains.	State Pollution Control Board, Assam, Local Municipal Board (MCB) and other Local Bodies. Contractor needs to submit plan for reuse or safe disposal.	Applicable, follow all the rules in managing construction debris and waste (soil, road debris etc.,) during construction works	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
21.	Solid Waste Management Rules 2016	Rules for management of municipal solid waste. Responsibility of solid waste generator include waste segregation, and no throwing, burning or bury the solid waste generated on streets, open public spaces	State Pollution Control Board, Assam and Local Municipal Board (MCB) and other Local Bodies. Contractor needs to submit plans for its safe disposal/burial.	Applicable, follow all the rules in managing solid waste during construction works activities	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of Gol and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
		outside the premises or in the drain or water bodies, storage and disposal as per the rules.			
22.	E-waste Management Rules, 2016	The rules are applicable to the consumers of electrical and electronic equipment. Large consumers of electrical and electronic equipment are required to ensure that e-waste generated by them is channelized through authorized collection centres or service providers to authorized dismantler or recycler. Additionally, records for e-waste are to be maintained for the State Pollution Control Board.	Central Pollution Control Board & State Pollution Control Board, Assam	Applicable	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
23.	Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001	By notification dt. 16th May 2001 under Sections 6, 8 and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act 1986, the MoEF&CC has put certain restrictions on the disposal and handling of used batteries under this rule.	State Pollution Control Board, Assam	Not Applicable	-
24.	Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989	To minimize the road accidents, penalizing the guilty, provision of compensation to victim and family and check vehicular air and noise pollution.	Commissionerate of Transport (District Transport Offices, Assam)	Applicable during transportation of manpower and construction material. Also applicable during the use of construction equipment and vehicles.	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
25.	The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957	For development and regulation of mines and minerals in a sustainable manner. The rules regulate the	Directorate of Geology and Mining, Assam and Department of Environment and	Applicable, as the construction works shall require stones, aggregates, sand,	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of Gol and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
		mining of mineral and dealerships for mining and trading.	Forest, Assam	earth, etc.	
26.	Assam Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2013 and subsequent amendment, 2021	Provide regulations established by state governments or relevant authorities to govern the extraction and management of minor minerals. The amendment prescribes the rates (as per the 3rd schedule) at which Royalties shall be paid when minor minerals are used or consumed by Government Agencies.	Directorate of Geology and Mining, Assam and Department of Environment and Forest, Assam	Applicable, as the construction works shall require stones, aggregates, sand, earth, etc.	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
27.	Disaster Management Act, 2005	This act provides an effective management of disasters and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.	Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA)	The subproject areas fall under the seismic zone V and hence any construction activities/ interventions will be under purview of this act.	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
28.	Assam State Disaster Management Policy 2010	The policy provides measures' to be adopted for prevention and mitigation of disaster; mitigation measure to be integrated with development plans and projects; build capacity and preparedness measure; and specify roles and responsibilities to each dept. in relation to adopted measure.	Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA)	The subproject areas fall under the seismic zone V and hence any construction activities/ interventions will be under purview of this act.	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
29.	Energy Conservation Act, 2001	This act provides for efficient use of energy and its conservation and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.	Inspectorate of Electricity (IEC), Assam	Applicable all project activities involve use of energy efficient equipment etc.	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL
30.	National Building Code, 2016	The National Building Code of India (NBC), a comprehensive	Approval building plan from appropriate	Not Applicable	-

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of Gol and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
		building Code, is a national instrument providing guidelines. For regulating the building construction activities across the country. The code provides the 'accepted standards' in relation to material specification, testing or other related information. The code provides development control rules and general building requirements (e.g. floor area ratio, specifications on building design, etc.).	agency.		
31.	Guidelines to Regulate and Control Ground Water Extraction in India, 2019	This act regulates and control ground water extraction for various construction purpose.	Central Ground Water Board (CGWB)	Not Applicable	-
<b>Social Regulations</b>					
32.	The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013	The act aims to provide fair compensation to landowners and ensure transparency in land acquisition processes. Additionally, it focuses on the rehabilitation and resettlement of affected persons.	State Revenue Department/ District Administration	No Applicable as involuntary land acquisition is not triggered	AEGCL
33.	Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016	It gives effect to the proclamation on the full participation and equality of the persons with disabilities and provides the right to equality, life with dignity, and respect for his or her own integrity equally with others.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment/ Commissionerate of Labour, Government of Assam	Yes. For all the sub-project where Persons with Disabilities are present and affected persons. Would comply with relevant provision of the Act.	AEGCL
34.	The Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, Part-III,	Section 110 - The telegraph authority may, from time to time,	Central Telegraph Authority	Applicable for T/L project.	EPC contractor / PMC / AEGCL

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of Gol and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
	Section 10 ("e"):	place and maintain a telegraph line under, over, along, or across, and posts in or upon any immovable property			
35.	MoP Guidelines for Payment of Compensation Towards Damages in regard to RoW, October 2015 And new guideline of Ministry of Power, Govt. of India (Ref No. 3/4/2016-Trans-Part (4) dated 14.06.2024) & Government of Assam Power Department Dispur, Guwahati-6 Notification dated Dispur the 04-11-2024.	Guidelines for payment of compensation towards damages in regard to Right of Way for transmission lines	Ministry of Power, Govt. of India	Applicable for T/L project.	EPC contractor / PMC / AEGCL
36.	Ministry of Power, Govt. of India (Ref No. 3/4/2016-Trans-Part (4) dated 14.06.2024)	Guidelines for compensation related to Right of Way (Row) for transmission lines	Ministry of Power, Govt. of India	Applicable for T/L project.	EPC contractor / PMC / AEGCL
37.	Assam Government Power (Electricity) Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6	Payment of compensation towards damages in regards to Right of Way for transmission lines	Assam Government Power (Electricity) Department	Applicable for T/L project.	EPC contractor / PMC / AEGCL
38.	Right to information Act, 2005	The Act provides for setting out the practical regime of right to information for citizens to secure access to information under the control of public authorities, in order to promote transparency and accountability in the	Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Assam	The project activities come under the preview of Right to Information Act and any citizen can obtained any information about any aspect of the project. All documents	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of Gol and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
		working of every public authority, contain corruption.		pertaining to the project would be disclosed to public.	
39.	Forest Right Act, 2006 /Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006	This is an act to recognize and vest the forest rights and occupation in forest land in forest dwelling scheduled tribes and other traditional forest dwellers who have been residing in such forests for generations but whose rights could not be recorded; to provide for a framework for recording the forest rights so vested and the nature of evidence required for such recognition and vesting in respect of forest land. The Act provides for use, access and ownership to forest resources, biodiversity and provision for benefit sharing for ST and other forest dwelling communities.	Department of Environment and Forest, Assam and District Administration	Not Applicable, no notified forest land within the subproject area	
40.	Direct Purchase Policy, 2023	In the States policy of Direct Purchase of land, the affected land, immovable assets and other assets attached with the land will be evaluated by the District Level Direct Purchase Committee (DLLPC) according to sections 26 to 30 & Schedule I of RFCTLARR Act 2013 along with Multiplication factor of Assam. The land owners will get an incentive of 25%,	Revenue & Disaster Management (LR) Department, Govt. of Assam	Will not be trigger for the TL.	

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of Gol and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
		inclusive of R&R Benefits, on the compensation calculated as per provisions of Section 26 to 30, Valuation of immovable assets & Schedule I of RFCTLARR Act 2013, as he has readily agreed to be a part of the project assets & Schedule I of RFCTLARR Act 2013, as he has readily agreed to be a part of the project.			
41.	The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010	The Act aims to stop the rampant encroachment and construction around the monuments and other sites of archaeological importance. As per the Act, construction is prohibited in a radius of 100 meters from a protected monument and is regulated in a radius of >100-300 meters from a protected monument. Permission of the National Monuments Authority needs to be taken in case of repair/renovation in the prohibited area or regulated area.	Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Go	No notified Archaeological site is located within 300m of the sub project. However, if any chance findings finds during the construction of TL mitigation measures will be taken.	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL
42.	Government of India Act, 1935 (6 <sup>th</sup> Schedule)	The Sixth Schedule under Article 244(2) and 275(1) provides for the formation of autonomous administrative divisions — Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) — that have some legislative, judicial, and administrative	District Autonomous council	Applicable; The proposed area falls within Schedule-6 districts i.e. Tamulpur & Baska under BTAD, which is designated for the protection of Indigenous communities.	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of Gol and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
		autonomy within a state			
<b>Labour Laws Applicable to Establishments engaged in Building and Other Construction Work</b>					
43.	Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996	It regulates the employment and conditions of service of building and other construction workers and provides for their safety, health and welfare.	Commissionerate of Labour, Government of Assam	Applicable to ensure safety and welfare measures for workers employed at construction sites. License, Safety and welfare measures for work force employed at construction sites are to be regulated in conformity with this act. Should adhere and follow the act.	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL
44.	Workmen Compensation Act, 1923	It provides for payment of compensation by employers to their employees for injury/fatalities / disablement by accident including occupational disease.	Commissionerate of Labour, Government of Assam	Applicable because contractor shall be applying large number of labours during construction which will include both Men and Women. Should follow as per the requirement of the Act,	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL
45.	Employees State Insurance Act, 1948	Employees State Insurance Act provides sickness benefit, maternity benefit (Female employees), disablement benefit, dependent's benefit and medical benefits as specify in the act to the employees.	Commissionerate of Labour, Government of Assam	Applicable Should follow as per the requirement of the Act,	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL
46.	The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 and subsequent Amendments	The Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act is aimed at regulating the employment of children and prohibiting the engagement of children in certain	Commissionerate of Labour, Government of Assam	There should not be any child labour (less than 14 years) engaged in any project activity and adolescents (above 14 and less than 18 years) in	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of Gol and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
		occupations and processes. It seeks to protect the rights of children and ensure their well-being.		any hazardous activity. Should follow as per the requirement of the Act.	
47.	Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act)	The Act is meant to serve as guidelines for the employees subject to the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. It aims to set out effective measures to avoid & to eliminate & if necessary to impose punishment for any sexual harassment in the workplace.	District Administration	Applicable. If women workers at project workplaces are engaged. It will safeguard and protect women involved in the project from Sexual Harassment. Should adhere as per the requirement of the Act.	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL
48.	Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act 1970 along with the rules, 1971	The objective of the Contract Labour Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 is to prevent exploitation of contract labour and also to introduce better conditions of work.	Commissionerate of Labour, Government of Assam	Contractors shall employ work-force during Construction. The Act applies to the Principal Employer of an Establishment and the Contractor where in 20 or more workmen are employed or were employed even for one day during preceding 12 months as Contract Labour. Should comply as per the requirement of the Act.	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL
49.	Minimum Wages Act, 1948 along with Central Rules, 1950 The minimum wages rules Assam 1952	To ensure that workman gets at least minimum wages as fixed by Govt. Minimum wages sets the lowest limit below which wages cannot be allowed to sink.	Commissionerate of Labour, Government of Assam	Applicable, Contractor should comply minimum wages act.	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL
50.	Payment of	This act provides for a	Commissionerate	Applicable,	EPC

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of Gol and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
	Gratuity Act, 1972 The payment of gratuity rules Assam 1972	scheme for the payment of gratuity to employees engaged and completed 5 or more years of service with employer.	of Labour, Government of Assam	Contractor should adhere the both Gratuity Act and Rules.	Contractor/PMC /AEGCL
51.	Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provision Act, 1952 along with EPF Scheme Rules and Forms	It is a beneficent piece of social welfare legislation aimed at promoting and securing the well-being of the employees.	Commissionerate of Labour, Government of Assam	Applicable, Contractor should adhere the Act.	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL
52.	Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 and subsequent amendment, 2017; Assam Maternity benefit Rules 1965	This act provides provision for maternity leave for women, during pregnancy and after giving birth and some other benefits to women employees, in case of medical recommendation of bed rest or miscarriage etc.	Commissionerate of Labour, Government of Assam	Applicable, Contractor should follow as per the requirement of the Act.	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL
53.	The Bonded Labour (Abolition) Act 1976 Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Rules 1976	An Act to provide for the abolition of bonded labour system with a view to preventing the economic and physical exploitation of the weaker sections of the people and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto	Commissionerate of Labour, Government of Assam	Applicable, Contractor will ensure that there is no Bonded Labour in the project.	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL
54.	Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions, 2020	This is a comprehensive code regulating the occupational safety, health and working conditions of the persons employed in an establishment and for matters connected therewith.	Commissionerate of Labour, Government of Assam	Applicable, Contractor should follow as per the requirement.	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL
55.	National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Publication No.	NIOSH has laid down criteria for a recommended standard: occupational noise exposure. The	Commissionerate of Labour, Government of Assam	Applicable, contractors are required to provide hearing-protection equipment and	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL

Sl. No.	Relevant Acts and Policies of Gol and GoA	Mandate of the Act/Policy	Competent Authority	Applicability / Requirement	Responsibility / Supervision / Monitoring
	98-126	standard is a combination of noise exposure levels and duration that no worker exposure shall equal or exceed.		ensure exposures of workers to noise-generating activities are within allowed NIOSH standards.	
56.	National Policy on Safety, Health and Environment at Workplace, 2009	The policy provides an action program for enforcement of national standards on occupational health and safety at construction works, testing and laboratories.	Commissionerate of Labour, Government of Assam	Applicable for ensuring safety of the workforce during the transmission line construction under the project. Contractor should follow as per the requirement in the construction sites.	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL
57.	Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 along with allied Rules	An Act to provide for the payment of equal remuneration to men and women workers and for the prevention of discrimination, on the ground of sex, against women in the matter of employment and for matters, connected therewith or incidental thereto.	Commissionerate of Labour, Government of Assam	Applicable, Needed compliance of regulations as per the requirement.	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL
58.	Inter-state Migrant Workers Act, 1979	The purpose of this act is to protect workers whose services are requisitioned outside their native states in India. Whenever an employer faces shortage of skills among the locally available workers, the act creates provision to employ better skilled workers available outside the state.	Commissionerate of Labour, Government of Assam	Applicable, Contractor should comply if migration labours are engaged in construction work.	EPC Contractor/PMC /AEGCL

**Table 3.2: International Conventions**

Sl. No.	Conventions/Treaties/Declarations	Applicability to the project
<b>A. Nature conservation (Forestry and Wildlife)</b>		
1.	Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, 1971	No

Sl. No.	Conventions/Treaties/Declarations	Applicability to the project
2.	CITES, 1973 (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora)	No
3.	TRAFFIC, 1976 (The Wildlife Trade Monitoring Network)	No
4.	Bonn Convention, 1979 (Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species)	No
5.	CAWT, 2005 (Coalition Against Wildlife Trafficking)	No
6.	CBD, 1992 (Convention on Biological Diversity)	No
7.	Commission on Sustainable Development, 1992	No
8.	ITTA, 1983 (International Tropical Timber Agreement)	No
9.	UNFF, 2000 (United Nations Forum on Forests)	No
10.	IUCN-World Conservation Union, 1948 (International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources)	No
11.	GTF, 1994 (Global Tiger Forum)	No
<b>B. Hazardous material</b>		
1.	Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, 2003	No
2.	Nagoya Protocol, 2010	No
3.	SAICM, 2006 (Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management)	No
4.	Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), 2001	No
5.	Basel Convention on the Control of Trans-boundary Movement of Hazardous Waste and Their Disposal, 1989	No
6.	Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent (PIC) for certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, 1998	No
<b>C. Atmospheric emissions</b>		
1.	UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change), 1992	No
2.	Kyoto Protocol, 1997	No
3.	UNCCD (United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification), 1994	No
4.	Montreal Protocol (on Ozone Depleting Substances), 1987	No
<b>D. Marine environment</b>		
1.	IWC (International Whaling Commission), 1946	No

**Table 3.3: International Labour Law Conventions**

Sl. No.	International Labour Law Convention	Stipulation/ Terms and Conditions
1.	Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29)	Prohibits all forms of forced or compulsory labour, which is defined as “all work or service which is exacted from any person under the menace of any penalty and for which the said person has not offered himself voluntarily.” The convention also requires that the illegal extraction of forced or compulsory labour is punishable as a penal offence and that ratifying states ensure that the relevant penalties imposed by law are adequate and strictly enforced.
2.	Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105)	Prohibits forced or compulsory labour as a means of political coercion or education or as a punishment for holding or expressing political views or views ideologically opposed to the established political, social, or economic system; as a method of mobilizing and using labour for economic development; as a means

		of labour discipline; as a punishment for having participated in strikes; and as a means of racial, social, national, or religious discrimination
3.	Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100)	Lays out the principles for equal remuneration for work of equal value and addresses gender discrimination
4.	Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No. 111)	Prohibits all discrimination and exclusion on any basis including of race or colour, sex, religion, political opinion, national or social origin in employment and repeal legislation that is not based on equal opportunities
5.	Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138)	To ensure the effective abolition of child labour and to raise progressively the minimum age for admission to employment or work. India has ratified this convention with a minimum age of 14 years
6.	Convention concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour, 1999 (No. 182)	Prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including slavery, forced labour and trafficking in human beings. It prohibits the use of children in armed conflicts, prostitution and pornography, illegal activities such as drug trafficking and dangerous work.

### **3.3 Applicability of AIIB Environmental and Social Policy**

AIIB is an international financial organization that provides a multilateral financing and investment platform for infrastructure development and enhanced interconnectivity in Asia. AIIB recognizes that E&S sustainability is a fundamental aspect of achieving outcomes consistent with its mandate to support infrastructure development and enhance interconnectivity in Asia. The objective of AIIB’s Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) is to facilitate achievement of these development outcomes, through a system that integrates sound Environment and Social (E&S) management into projects. ESP sets forth mandatory E&S requirements for AIIB’s investments accomplished with the following:

#### **A. Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs)**

##### **ESS 1: Environmental and Social Assessment and Management**

ESS1 aims to ensure the environmental and social soundness and sustainability of projects and to support the integration of environmental and social considerations into the project decision-making process and implementation. ESS 1 is applicable if the project is likely to have adverse environmental risks and impacts or social risks and impacts (or both).

The scope of the environmental and social assessment and management measures are proportional to the risks and impacts of the project. ESS 1 provides for both quality environmental and social assessment and management of risks and impacts through effective mitigation and monitoring measures during the course of project implementation. The ESS 1 defines the detailed requirements of the environmental and social assessment to be carried out for any project to be financed by the AIIB.

ESS 1 is applicable to the project as civil works may cause a limited number of potentially adverse environmental and social impacts. These impacts are not unprecedented and are limited to the project area.

### **ESS 2: Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement**

ESS 2 is applicable if the project's screening process reveals that the project would involve involuntary resettlement (including involuntary resettlement of the recent past or foreseeable future that is directly linked to the project). Involuntary resettlement covers physical displacement (relocation, loss of residential land or loss of shelter) and economic displacement (loss of land or access to land and natural resources; loss of assets or access to assets, income sources or means of livelihood) as a result of: (a) involuntary acquisition of land; or (b) involuntary restrictions on land use or on access to legally designated parks and protected areas. It covers such displacement whether such losses and involuntary restrictions are full or partial, permanent or temporary. The ESS 2 defined detailed requirements of resettlement planning of the projects involving involuntary resettlement.

Permanent restricted use of land is required for the tower footing area. However, ownership of the land will remain with the respective landowners. There will be temporary restrictions of land use within the RoW. Agricultural activities will be allowed to continue within the RoW after construction; however, for the tower base area, it is recommended that agricultural activities not be carried out due to electrical safety considerations. . The ESS2 is applicable as there is involuntary permanent and temporary restrictions on land use for the tower footing as well as RoW of the Transmission line and compensation for restricted/temporary use of land, tree / crop/structure (if any) damages will be paid to the individual landowners as per compensation procedures laid in Ministry of Power, Government of India (MoP, GoI) guidelines for payment of compensation towards damages with regard to RoW, October 2015 and new guideline of Ministry of Power, Govt. of India (Ref No. 3/4/2016-Trans-Part (4) dated 14.06.2024) & Government of Assam Power Department Dispur, Guwahati-6 Notification dated Dispur the 04-11-2024.

### **ESS 3: Indigenous Peoples**

The ESS 3 is applicable if indigenous peoples are present in, or have a collective attachment to, the proposed area of the project, and are likely to be affected by the project. The term indigenous peoples are used in a generic sense to refer to a distinct, vulnerable, social and cultural group possessing the following characteristics in varying degrees:

- Self-identification as members of a distinct indigenous cultural group and recognition of this identity by others;
- Collective attachment to geographically distinct habitats or ancestral territories in the Project area and to the natural resources in these habitats and territories;
- Customary cultural, economic, social or political institutions that are separate from those of the dominant society and culture; and
- A distinct language, often different from the official language of the country or region.

The Landowner identification for tower footing locations for the LILO of both circuits of the Nalbari–Rangia 132 kV D/C Transmission Line and the LILO of both circuits of the Balipara–Bongaigaon 400 kV D/C Transmission Line indicates the presence of Bodo and Rabha communities along the alignment, which are recognized as Scheduled Tribes in India. Both transmission line alignments also pass through Tamulpur district, which falls under the Sixth Schedule area of Assam.

Based on the census of tower footing locations and the sample survey of the RoW corridor, the affected Scheduled Tribe households are expected to experience minor and localized economic impacts. These impacts are primarily limited to partial crop loss within the RoW and permanent but small-scale land use restriction at tower footing locations. The overall extent of land affected is minimal relative to total landholdings, and no physical displacement or loss of homestead land is anticipated. There are no identified impacts on cultural, social, or institutional aspects of the ST communities. Therefore, the severity of impact is low and manageable, and can be adequately addressed through compensation and mitigation measures incorporated in the RAP and ESMP.

27 Scheduled Tribe (Plains) households have been identified as affected within the tower footing areas (21 households along the 132 kV line and 6 households along the 400 kV line), with additional households likely to be identified after completion of the detailed census within the RoW corridor. Project impacts are assessed to be minor, mainly involving crop loss and certain restrictions on land use within the RoW and tower footing areas. As the project area includes Sixth Schedule districts and involves Bodo and Rabha communities, consultations have been undertaken in accordance with ESS 3 requirements, ensuring Free, Prior, and Informed Consultation with the affected communities, and impacts will be addressed through appropriate mitigation and compensation measures in line with applicable national regulations and relevant environmental and social standards. A separate consultation was undertaken at Nomati and Rangafati villages on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026, in which eight tribal participants took part, including members of the Bodo (Boro) and Rabha communities. The attendance sheet and photographs of the consultation are appended as Annexures 4A and 4C.

**B. Environmental and Social Exclusion List**

Projects that do not comply with the AIIB’s ESP and ESSs will not be financed. The Bank will not knowingly finance a Project that: (a) either involves or results in forced evictions<sup>3</sup>; or (b) involves activities or items specified in the list set forth in the Environmental and Social Exclusion List of Environmental and Social Framework, February 2016 of AIIB.

**C. Project Categorization**

AIIB determines the project’s category by the category of the Project’s component presenting the highest environmental or social risk, including direct, indirect, cumulative and induced impacts, as relevant, in the project area. It assigns each proposed Project to one out of the 4 designated Categories i.e. Category A, Category B, Category C and Category FI.

**Table 3.4: Project Categorization as per AIIB**

S. No	Category	Requirement of Assessment
1	Category A	Project will be categorized as ‘A’ if it is likely to have significant adverse environmental and social impacts that are irreversible, cumulative, diverse or unprecedented. These impacts may affect an area larger than the sites or facilities subject to physical works and may be temporary or permanent in nature. These types of projects require a detailed ESIA.

<sup>3</sup> Forced eviction is defined as the permanent or temporary removal, against the will of individuals, families and/or communities, from homes or land (or both) which they occupy, without the provision of, or access to, appropriate forms of legal or other protection (such as the provisions of ESS 2: Involuntary Resettlement). The exercise of eminent domain, compulsory acquisition or similar powers, is not considered to be forced eviction, providing it complies with the requirements of national law and the provisions of ESS 2: Involuntary Resettlement, and is conducted in a manner consistent with basic principles of due process (including provision of adequate advance notice, meaningful opportunities to lodge grievances and appeal, and avoidance of the use of unnecessary, disproportionate or excessive force).

S. No	Category	Requirement of Assessment
2	Category B	Project is categorized B when it has a limited number of potentially adverse environmental and social impacts; the impacts are not unprecedented; few if any of them are irreversible or cumulative; they are limited to the Project area; and can be successfully managed using good practice in an operational setting. Requirement of E&S Assessment or another similar instrument as appropriate to be determined by a prior initial review of the environmental and social implications of the Project. The scope of the assessment may vary from Project to Project, but it is narrower than that of the Category A ESIA.
3	Category C	A Project is categorized C when it is likely to have minimal or no adverse environmental and social impacts. Such projects do not require an environmental and social assessment but do require conducting a review of the environmental and social implications of the Project.
4	Category FI	A Project is categorized FI if the financing structure involves the provision of funds to or through a financial intermediary (FI) for the Project.

The Project has been assigned to **Category B**, as AEGCL is not siting the transmission line in sensitive areas.

### 3.4 Gap Analysis between National and AIIB Policies and Standards

Following gaps has been identified:

- Power transmission projects are not listed as environmental sensitive projects under EIA notification 2006. However, the ESS of AIIB lists power transmission projects as projects which may have adverse environmental and social impacts as category B project and requires ESIA -ESMP report.
- As per National Laws analysis of alternatives is not mandatory for power transmission line projects. However, as per AIIB guidelines, it is mandatory to analyse alternatives.
- As per the GoI and GoA guidelines ESMP development and budget allocation is not required. The same is required as per AIIB's guidelines.
- As per national regulations, power transmission line projects do not need public consultation. EIA notification does not cover the grievance redress mechanism but AIIB guidelines require public consultation and a mechanism to receive and facilitate resolution of grievances or complaints.
- As per Indian standards information disclosure is not mandatory for Power Transmission projects whereas the AIIB guideline requires information disclosure.
- There are no specific national guidelines on applicability of minimum environmental standards on power transmission line projects. However, IFC Environmental, Health, and Safety Guidelines for Electric Power Transmission clearly sets minimum environmental limits on air, water, noise and soil quality, which should be followed.
- National Regulations do not cover all displaced persons, such as non-titled on government land. While AIIB mandates compensation for all affected people regardless of property title status.
- As per Indian Standards the power transmission projects do not require any monitoring and reporting whereas as per AIIB guidelines the project requires monitoring and reporting.
- The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, as amended by the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016, prohibits employment of children below 14 years and allows employment of adolescents (14–18 years) in non-hazardous work. In comparison, the AIIB Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) 2024 requires that persons under 18 years should

generally not be employed in project activities. However, employment of persons aged 16–18 may be permitted, subject to appropriate risk assessment and regular monitoring of health, safety, working conditions, and hours of work. Therefore, while national legislation permits regulated employment of adolescents in non-hazardous work, AIB policy places stronger safeguards and monitoring requirements to prevent child labour and ensure safe working conditions under project implementation.

### **3.5 AEGCL's Environmental and Social Policy and Procedures**

AEGCL has worked with MDBs, such as World Bank (WB) and Asian Development Bank (ADB). Under the previous projects, AEGCL developed its Environmental and Social Policy and Procedures (ESPP)<sup>4</sup> based on the principle of “Avoidance, minimization & Mitigation”. As part of ADB funded projects, AEGCL had gained experience in development and management of E&S instruments per MDBs' requirements. AEGCL's working operation safety manual<sup>5</sup> also serves as its commitment towards fulfilling the E&S responsibilities including occupation health and safety.

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<sup>4</sup>[https://www.powergridindia.com/sites/default/files/Our\\_Business/Domestic\\_Consultancy/NER\\_Agreements\\_and\\_MoUs/2015/6/ESPPF\\_ASSAM.pdf](https://www.powergridindia.com/sites/default/files/Our_Business/Domestic_Consultancy/NER_Agreements_and_MoUs/2015/6/ESPPF_ASSAM.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.aegcl.co.in/Safety\\_Manual\\_AEGCL.pdf](https://www.aegcl.co.in/Safety_Manual_AEGCL.pdf)

## 4. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

This chapter presents the existing environmental and social conditions of the subproject locations. The assessment is based on data collected through a combination of primary and secondary sources, including literature reviews, site visits, stakeholder consultations, and field data collection. In addition, remote sensing techniques and GIS-based mapping have been employed to analyze and visualize the current conditions of the subproject sites.

The baseline assessment provides a comprehensive understanding of the physical, biological, and social environment within the study area. This information serves as a foundation for evaluating potential impacts and ensuring informed decision-making.

### 4.1 Location Characteristics

The sub-projects sites are located at Ghograpar and Nalbari tehsil in Nalbari district, Baganpara tehsil in Baska district and Tamulpur in Tamulpur district of Assam. The project footprint (RoW) is spread across following villages in the 2 nos. transmission lines namely:

- A. For 132kV Transmission Line: Villages namely Staihari, Uttar Barsila, Geruapar, Pub haoli, Barnagar, Digholipar, Dimiliapar, Bilpar, Bhakatpar, Kalakusi, Teteliguri, Katribari, Bherbheri, Dhamdhama, Bhelamari, Rangafali, Naherbari, Nomati and Xorihotuli village
- B. For 400kV Transmission Line: Villages namely Kachubari.

In the project area of transmission line, twenty villages came under Ghograpar and Nalbari in Nalbari district, Baganpara in Baska district and Tamulpur in Tamulpur district of Assam. Baska and Tamulpur district falls under scheduled-6 area as defined by the Indian Constitution.

No national park, wildlife sanctuaries, biosphere reserves, notified reserved forests, notified historical and cultural sites etc. are falling in the entire Right of Way (RoW) of the transmission lines. The location of transmission lines on Survey of India toposheet with surrounding environmental and social features are already given in **Figure 2.3 & Figure 2.4**.

### 4.2 Study Area

The direct impacts of the project are confined to the Right of Way (RoW) which is designated as 27 m for the 132 kV Transmission Line and 46 m for 400kV Transmission Line . Indirect or induced impacts extends to the Area of Influence (AoI) defined by a buffer zone of 2 Km on either side of the transmission line considered for environmental & social baseline assessment and a 10 Km radius for evaluating the impact on flora & fauna of the area. **Figure 4.1** and **Figure 4.2** shows the study area map for baseline study.

#### 4.2.1 Project foot print Area

All permanent / temporary land required for following activities comes under the Project Footprint:

- The erection of 125 and 05 numbers of transmission towers for 132 and 400 kV Transmission lines respectively;
- Stringing of conductors across the transmission lines for 36.27 kms for 132 kV TL and 2.15 kms for 400 kV TL. Stringing of conductor across the Transmission line for 36.27 kms for 132 kV

transmission line within the RoW of 27 mtrs and for 2.15 kms for 400 kV Transmission Line withing the RoW of 46 mtrs.

- Temporary access through government and private land for construction and maintenance works in operation phase;
- Temporary use of vacant government land for storage of materials and equipment nearby the location of construction;
- Temporary set up (for 25-35 days) of Labour accommodation arrangement nearby the location of construction.

#### **4.2.2 Project Area of Influence (AOI)**

Project's Area of Influence (AoI) is considered the area where potential indirect and induced impacts of the Project and Project activities are anticipated.

The AOI of project is considered within a corridor of 2 Kms either side of the transmission line with respect to the environmental and social features based on the following impacts:

- In normal conditions dust emissions—typically up to 100 m from major construction areas and up to 500 m during windy summer conditions;
- Noise impact area –typically 100-200 m from construction site;
- The impacts on soil and land- typically up to 50 -70 m from project foot print area;
- Apart from the direct impacts of acquiring rights of use / RoW for tower bases and land-use restrictions in transmission corridor for the habitats - within a corridor of 2 km either side.

#### **4.2.3 Project Area of Influence (AOI) – Biodiversity**

- Terrestrial and Aquatic Flora & Fauna: (a) the direct footprint of the project; (b) The areas immediately adjacent to the project footprint within which a zone of ecological disturbance is created through increased dust, human presence and project related activities: - Within 2 km of the project footprint;
- Migration of fauna (especially avifauna) – Considered 10 km buffer on either side from centre line of transmission line.

Additionally, sensitive receptors such as schools, hospitals, offices, religious structures, and settlements have been specifically mapped within a 500-meter radius of each substation site to identify site-specific environmental and social risks.

Study area map (RoW, 2 km and 10 km buffer is given below:

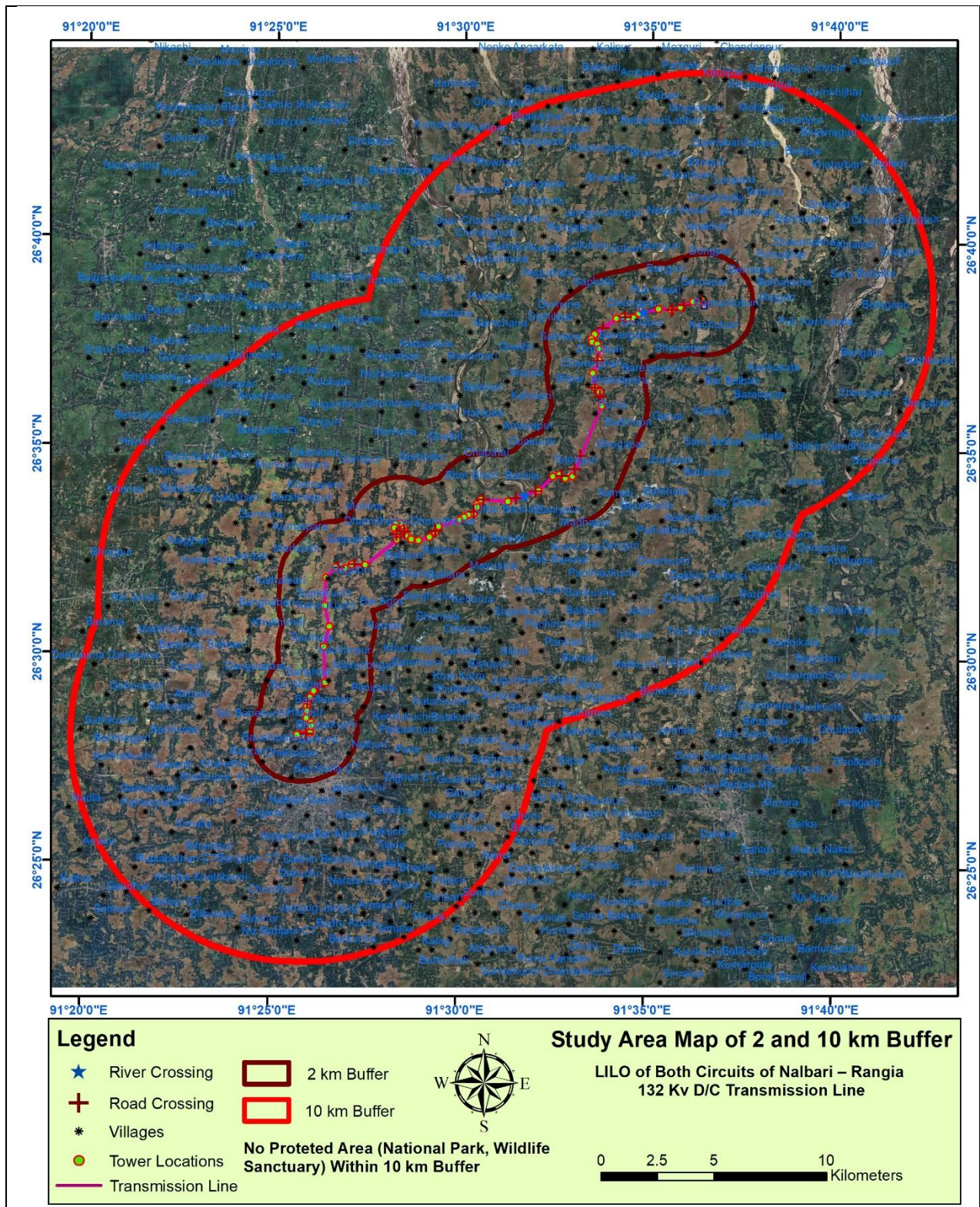


Figure 4.1: Study area map (RoW, 2 km and 10 km buffer) of LILO of Both Circuits of Nalbari - Rangia 132 kV D/C Transmission Line

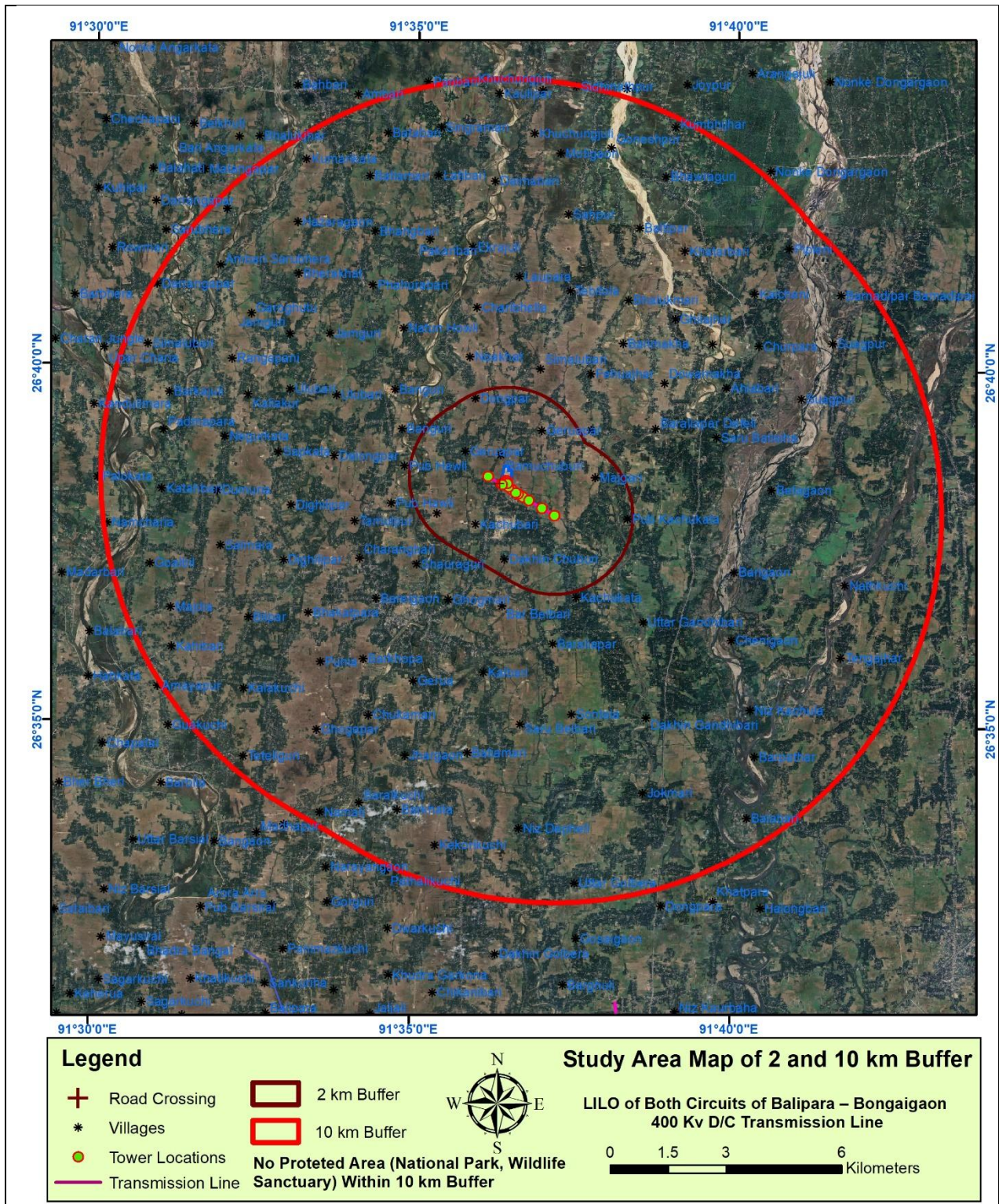


Figure 4.2: Study area map (RoW, 2 km and 10 km buffer) of LILO of Both Circuits of Balipara - Bongaigaon 400 kv D/C Transmission Line

#### 4.2.4. Methodology of baseline data collection/surveys carried out

The studies were conducted by considering the following:

The various environmental and social attributes were divided into primary and secondary studies. Primary attributes such as air environment, water, soil, noise, flora and fauna, and consultation were assessed and conducted by field studies, on-site monitoring and review of the past studies conducted.

Secondary attributes such as land use studies, geology, physiological characteristics, and socio-economic profile have been assessed by literature review of previous studies conducted by various government publications.

An interdisciplinary team through discussions and professional judgment formulated the scoping and the extent of data generation. The baseline studies started with site visits and reconnaissance survey in the study area. As a secondary data review, various Government agencies information and relevant data of the study area were collected.

Overall, environmental information is based on primary data generated through field survey and also on secondary information from published sources. The primary data have been obtained from environmental monitoring of ambient air quality, ground water quality, soil quality and noise level conducted at Rangia (Kumarikata) S/s. Secondary data / information has been collected from reliable sources like District Disaster Management Report (2024-25), Central Ground Water Board, District Survey Report and Census Data of Assam (2011) for geology, hydrology, landuse, meteorology, ecology and socio-economics.

Brief ecological surveys were carried out. Data of flora and fauna has been gathered from secondary sources, including AVISTEP whereas tree enumeration data were gathered from preliminary route survey report of Transmission line.

Moreover, a study is also conducted to identify Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) by obtaining data from 'The World Database of Key Biodiversity Areas'. This data was then overlaid with the route of the proposed transmission line to determine whether any KBA sites fall within or near the vicinity of these transmission line routes.

### 4.3 Physical Environment Baseline of the Study Area

#### 4.3.1 Land use and Land cover

In the study area, the land is primarily used for agriculture / crops. The other land uses in the area are trees / vegetation, built up and water bodies. The land use map of the both study areas are presented in **Figure 4.3 and Figure 4.4**. The details of the land use of transmission tower base and RoW of transmission line is provided in **Table 2.5**.

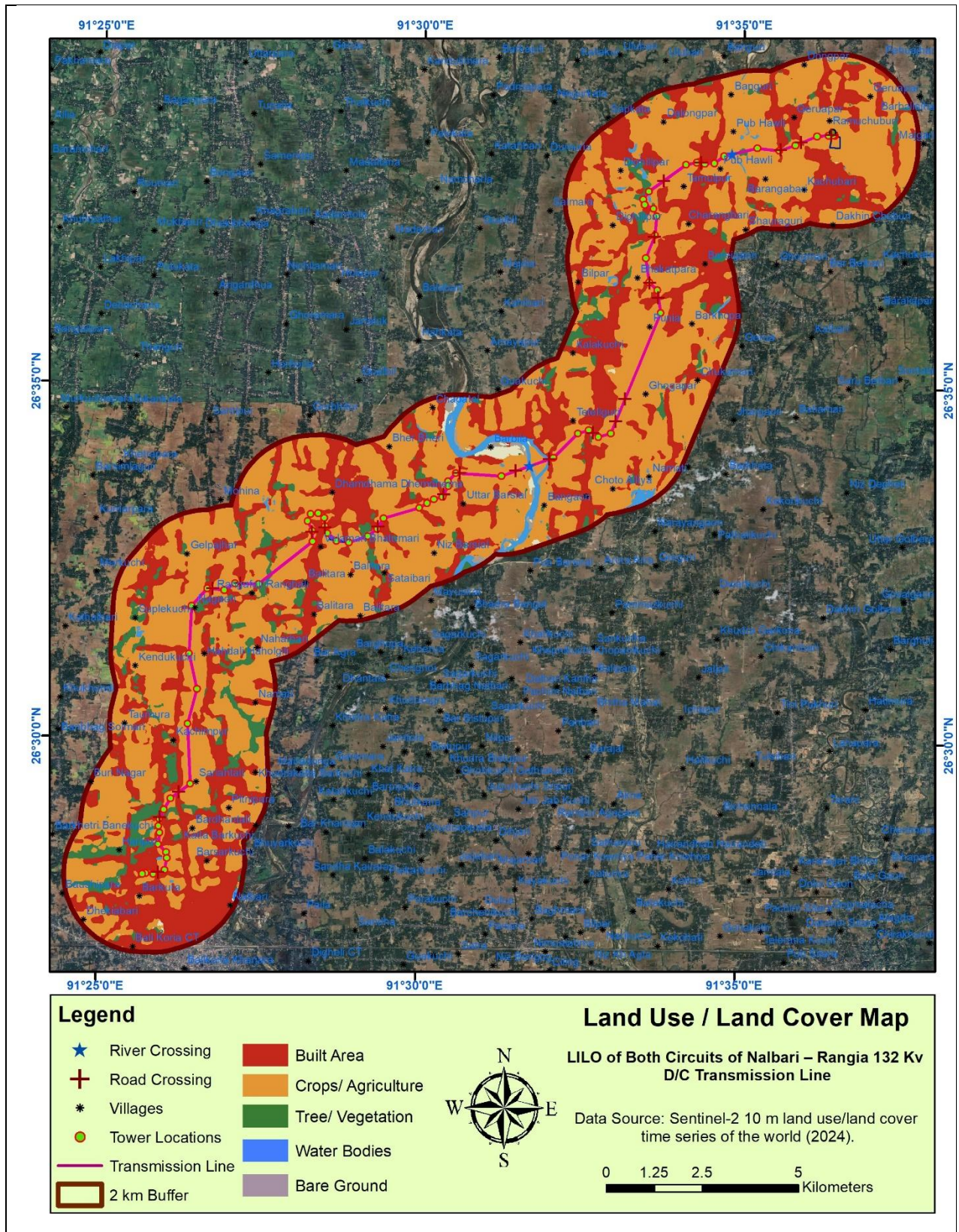


Figure 4.3: Land use and Land cover of study area of LILO of Both Circuits of Nalbari - Rangia 132 kV D/C Transmission Line

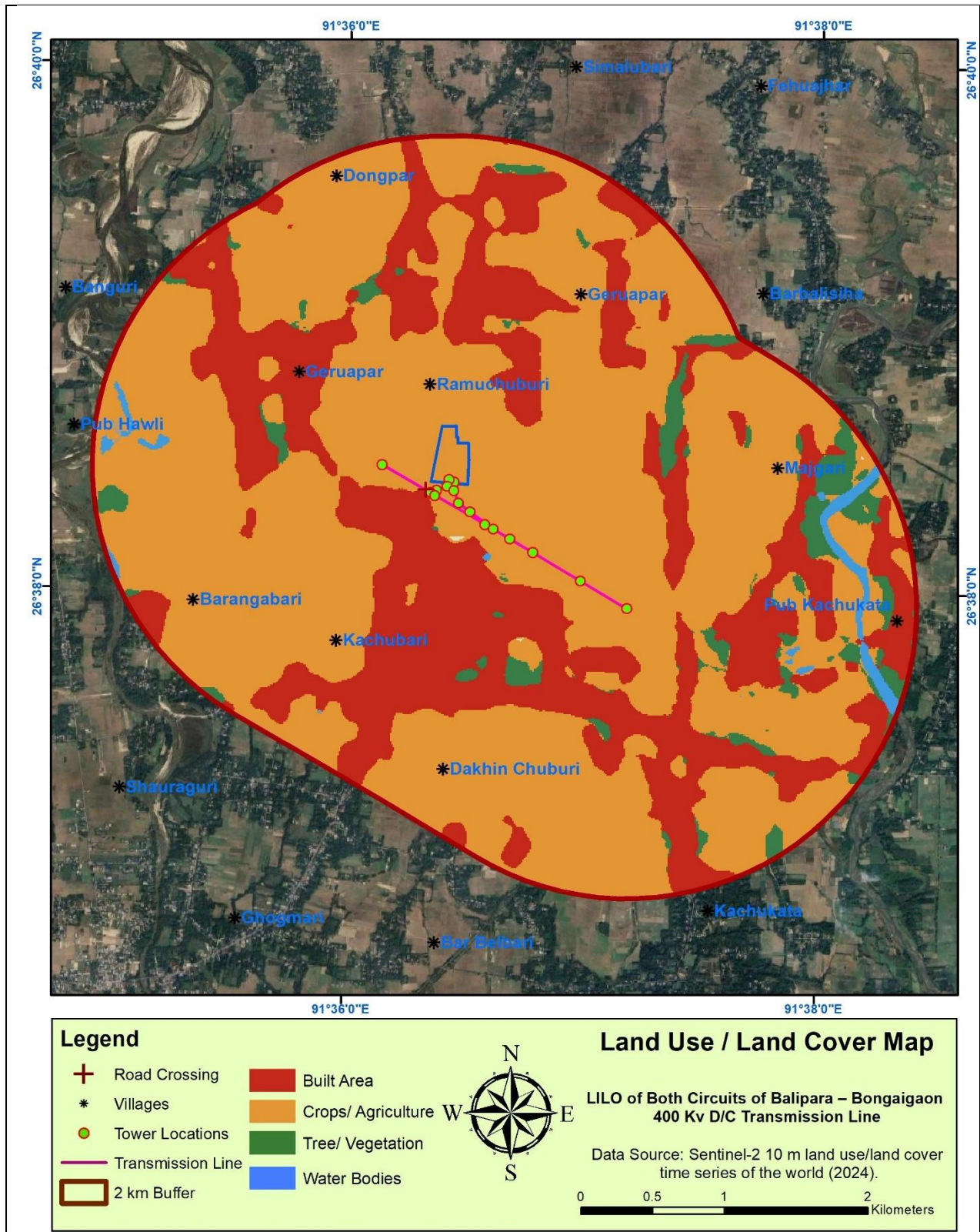


Figure 4.4: Land use and Land cover of study area of LILO of Both Circuits of Balipara - Bongaigaon 400 kV D/C Transmission Line

### 4.3.2 Topography

Assam is situated in the North-East of India and is the largest north-eastern state in terms of population while second in terms of area. Assam covers an area of 78,438 km<sup>2</sup> (30,285 sq miles). The state is bordered by Bhutan and the state of Arunachal Pradesh to the north; Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur to the east; Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, and Bangladesh to the south; and West Bengal to the west. A significant geographical aspect of Assam is that it contains three of six physiographic divisions of India – The Northern Himalayas (Eastern Hills), The Northern Plains (Brahmaputra plain), and the Deccan Plateau (Karbi Anglong).

Tamulpur district, located in the northwestern part of Assam, exhibits a diverse topography. The district surrounded by Baksa district to the west, Bhutan to the north, Udalguri district to the east, and Nalbari and Barpeta districts to the south. The landscape is characterized by a mix of plains, hills, and riverine systems, contributing to varied topography and land use patterns across the district. The central and southern parts of the district are dominated by alluvial plains formed by the Brahmaputra River and its tributaries, such as the Pagladiya River. These plains are generally flat and low-lying, with elevations ranging from 60 to 100 meters above sea level.

The topography of Nalbari district is mostly flat and made up of fertile alluvial plains, as it lies in the Brahmaputra Valley. The land is generally low-lying, with very little difference in height, which makes it highly suitable for agriculture. The soil here has been formed by the continuous deposition of silt brought by the Brahmaputra River and its tributaries like Pagladia and Tihu, making it very rich and productive. Because of the many rivers flowing through the district, the area often experiences floods during the monsoon season; these floods can cause damage but also help in renewing the soil's fertility. Most parts of Nalbari are level and open, though the northern side has slightly uneven land due to its closeness to the foothills near Bhutan. The elevation of Nalbari district is generally low and uniform, ranging from about 50 meters to 110 meters above sea level.

The topography of Baksa district has a natural mix of plains and hilly features, which makes it a bit different from many other districts in lower Assam. The southern part of the district is mostly flat and fertile, similar to the Brahmaputra Valley, and is widely used for agriculture. And as of towards the north, the land slowly becomes uneven and slightly hilly, eventually connecting with the forested foothills near Bhutan. These northern areas are greener and less populated, with patches of forests adding to the natural landscape. Several rivers like the Beki and Pagladia flow down from the hills into the plains, shaping the land over time and sometimes causing floods during the rainy season. Overall, Baksa's landscape feels like a gradual change from flat farmland to gentle hills, giving it both agricultural value and natural beauty. The elevation of Baksa district varies more than the plains districts of Assam, ranging from about 50 meters to around 200 meters above sea level.

A mix of plain and undulating topography has been found in the study area of transmission line. Elevation of project corridor of 132 and 400 kV Transmission line ranges between 46 to 88 meters at above the sea level. The DEM map of both the study areas are presented in **Figure 4.5** and **Figure 4.6**.

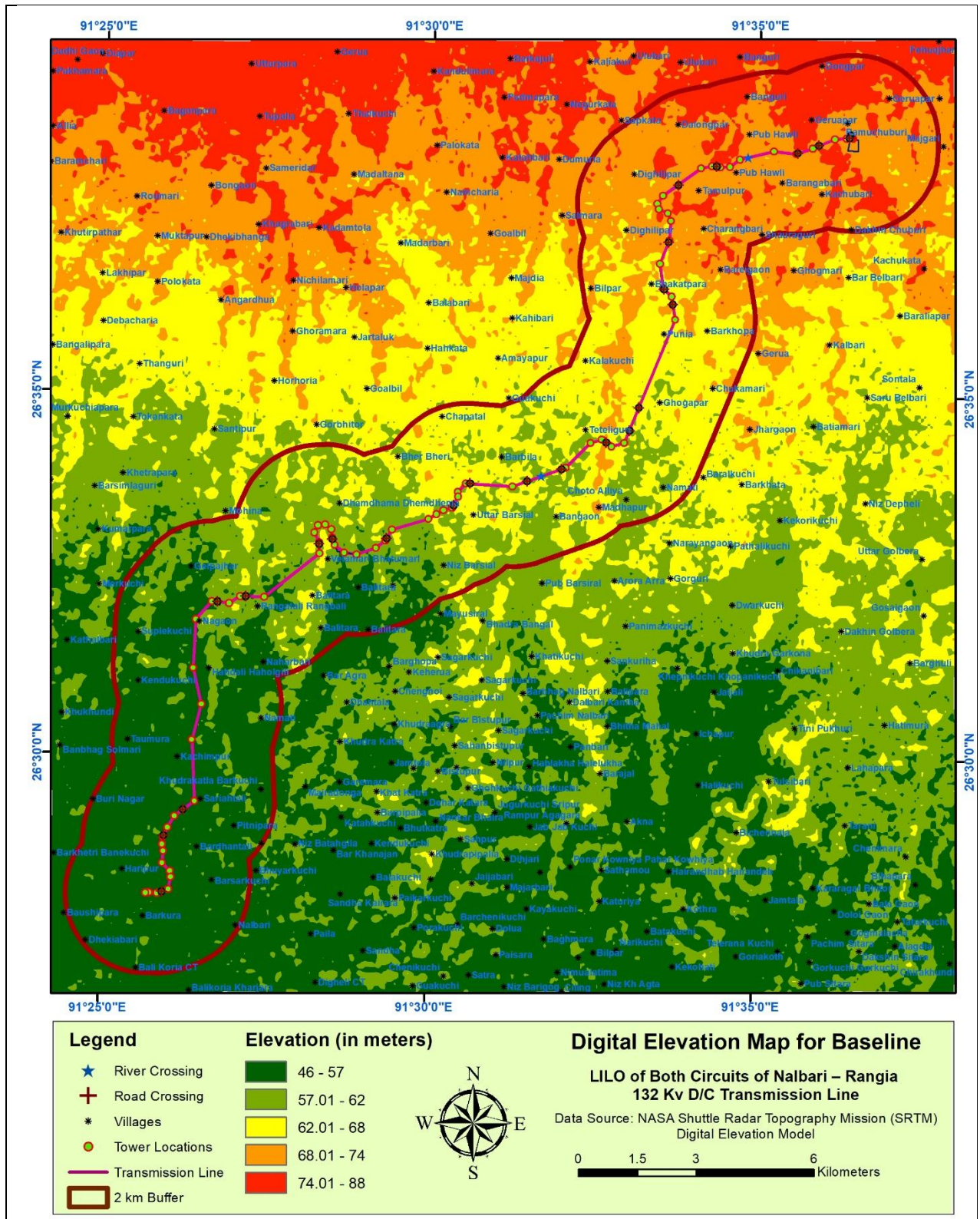


Figure 4.5: DEM map of the study area of LILO of Both Circuits of Nalbari - Rangia 132 kv D/C Transmission Line

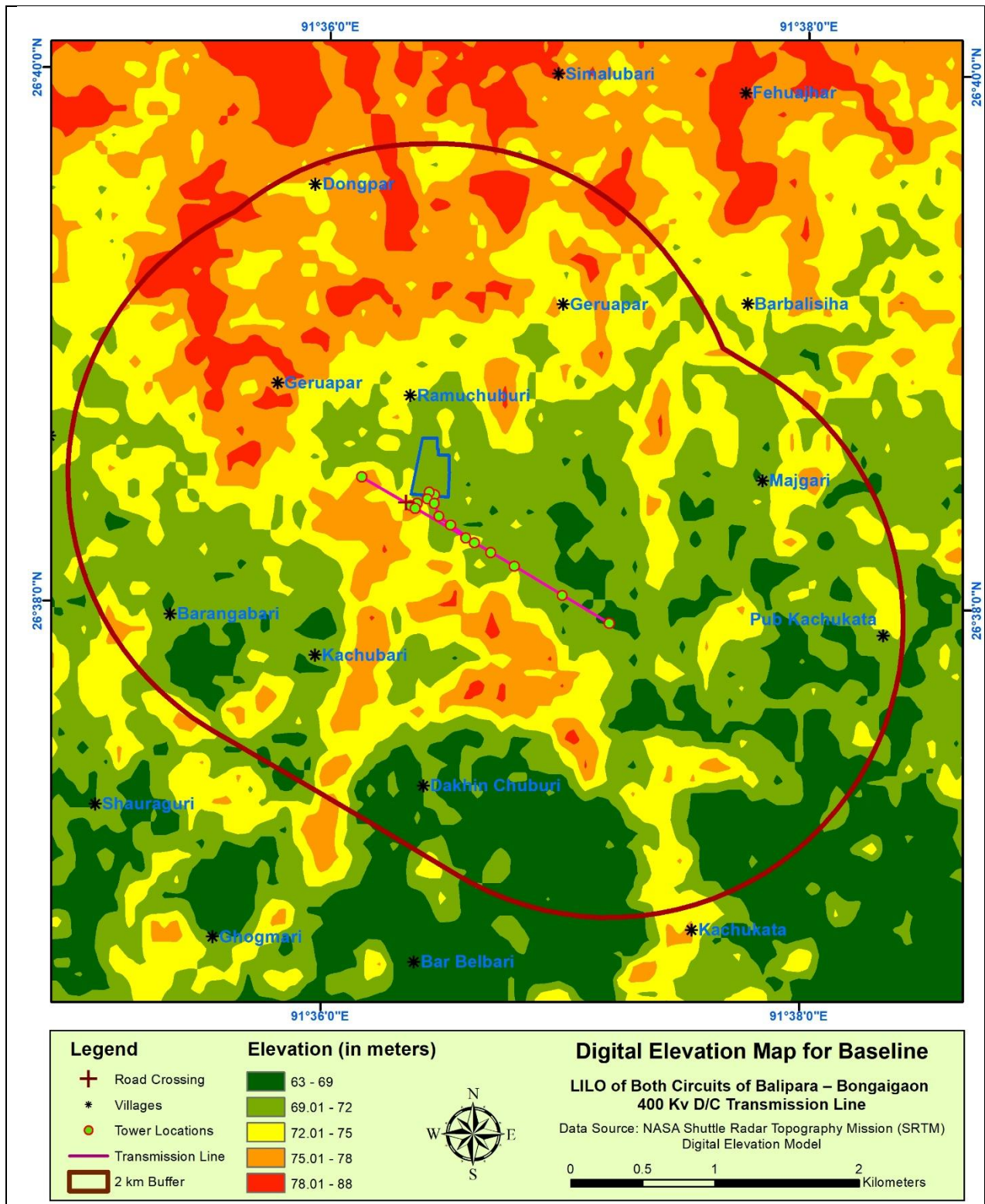


Figure 4.6: DEM map of the study area of LILO of Both Circuits of Balipara - Bongaigaon 400 kV D/C Transmission Line

### 4.3.3 Drainage

The drainage of Tamulpur district is dominated by number of perennial streams flow through the district from north to south and joins the Brahmaputra River. The entire drainage system of the district plays an important role in the ground water occurrence and balance of the district. Important Rivers of the district are Puthimari, Pagladiya, Borolla, Baralia, Suklai, Matanga (noona), Balti, Darranga and Barnadi etc.

The drainage of Nalbari district is governed by tributaries of the Brahmaputra River, mainly the Pagladia River and Tihu River, flowing north to south across flat alluvial plains. The system is monsoon-driven, often causing floods while depositing fertile soil.

The drainage system of Baksa district is mainly formed by rivers flowing from the Himalayan foothills towards the south, which are part of the Brahmaputra River System. Important rivers like the Pagladia River, Puthimari River, and Beki River drain the area. These rivers flow across mostly flat land, and during the monsoon they often overflow, causing floods but also leaving behind fertile soil. Drainage map of both the study areas are given **Figure 4.7 and Figure 4.8**.

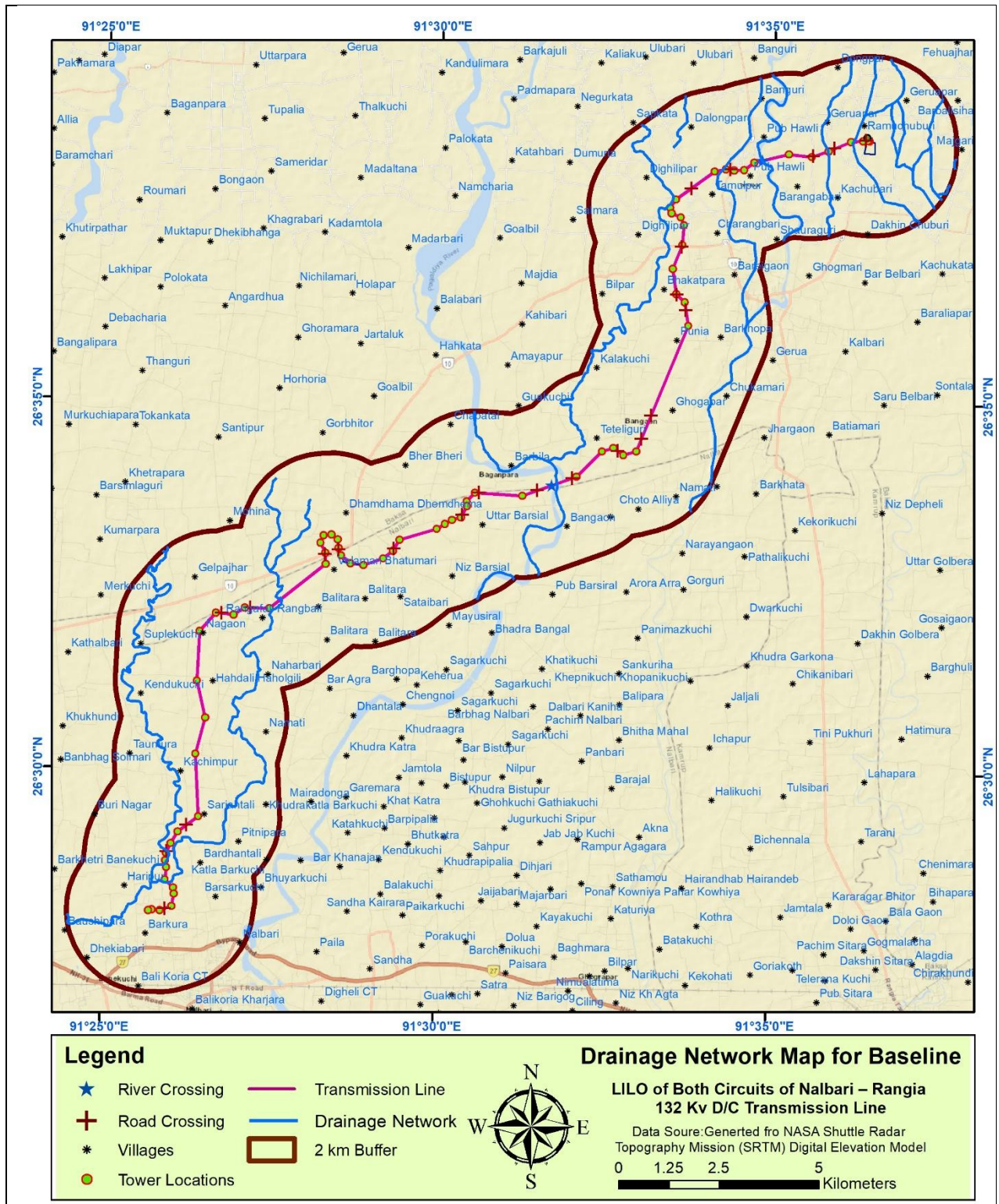


Figure 4.7: Drainage map of the study area of LILO of Both Circuits of Nalbari - Rangia 132 kv D/C Transmission Line

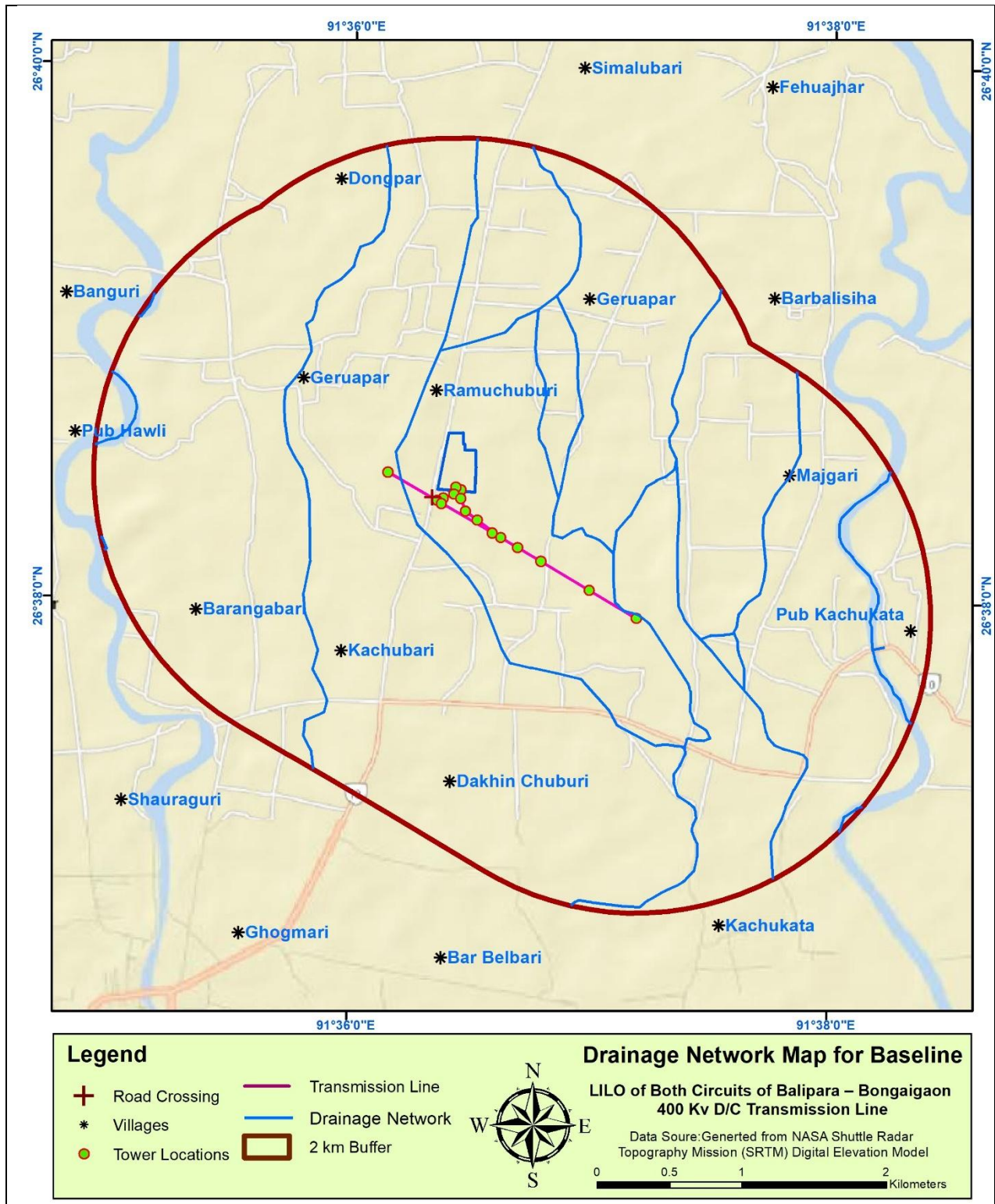


Figure 4.8: Drainage map of the study area of LILo of Both Circuits of Balipara - Bongaigaon 400 kV D/C Transmission Line

#### 4.3.4 Geology & Soil Characteristics

Tamulpur district in Assam exhibits a geology characterized by mixed plains and foothills, influenced by its proximity to the Indo-Bhutan border. The soils are primarily alluvial, classified as Entisols and Inceptisols, and are mostly sandy and silty loam or clay loam in nature. The area also experiences a sub-tropical humid climate with warm, humid summers and cool, dry winters. The district shares its northern boundary with the Indo-Bhutan International boundary and features a mixed topography of plains and foothills. Gentle slopes extend from the foothills of Bhutan to the southern tips of neighboring districts. The geology of the region is also influenced by the surrounding districts like Odalguri (formerly Udalguri) or Chirang to the east and west.

The soils are primarily alluvial with Entisols (new alluvium) and Inceptisols (old alluvium) being the dominant soil orders. The soil is generally acidic in nature. Sandy and silty loam or clay loam textures are prevalent in the district.

The Nalbari district is located on northern part of the mighty Brahmaputra River. The area forms a part of the Survey of India Toposheet No. 78 N/6, 7 & 10 and bounded by latitudes 26°08'30" –26°34'20"N and longitudes 91°14'30"–91°38'10"E covering area of 2,257 sq. Km. The northern side of the district is bounded by the Indo-Bhutan International boundary and the southern side by the Brahmaputra River. The Kamrup district is located to the east while the Barpeta district lies to the west of it. Physiographically, the district can be divided into two units (1) Northern alluvial region and, (2) the southern swamps or flood plain of river Brahmaputra. The general gradient is towards the river Brahmaputra in the south. The northern alluvial part forms a flat land with a gentle slope towards south. The regional gradient is from east to west which indicates the general flow direction of the Brahmaputra river which is the main regional drainage.

The soil of the district can broadly be classified into two groups. 1) Deep reddish clayey soil in forest and hilly area and (2) Alluvial soil of Recent age occurring along the alluvial plains of the Brahmaputra River. The red clayey alluvial highlands of the district are ideally suited for the tea and sugarcane cultivation. The swampy and very low lands are characterized by deep grey silty soil suitable for jute cultivation

Baksa district, located in the Brahmaputra valley of Assam, is largely characterized by Quaternary alluvium deposits, including older alluvium in the north (piedmont zone) and newer alluvium in the south. The region features a north-south gradient transitioning from Himalayan foothills/Bhabar zone to flat plains, dominated by river-borne sand, gravel, and silty-clay loam. The area consists mainly of Quaternary deposits, specifically Newer and Older Alluvium, featuring sand, gravel, pebbles, and clay. The northern belt, bordering Bhutan, is a piedmont zone (Bhabar) characterized by thick, stony deposits and high-permeability, while the southern part is flatter.

The overall soil of the district has been classified into two orders namely- i) Entisols (new alluvium) and ii) inceptisols (old alluvium). According to NBSS&LUP data, the soils of the area are predominantly fine-loamy, covering about 41.6% and mainly found in the lower-lying regions. Coarse-loamy soils account for 24.9% and are more common in the upper areas, while sandy-loamy soils make up 20.3%. The remaining 13.2% consists of silty-loamy soils, contributing to the overall variation in soil texture across the region.

#### 4.3.5 Climate Characteristics

Normal climate profile for the whole state of Assam is humid sub-tropical climate zone. The seasons experienced by the area is described below:

- Pre-monsoon: March-May
- Monsoon: June – September
- Post-monsoon: October- November
- Winter: December- February

As per the district disaster management plan (DDMP, 2024-2025) of Tamulpur district, the district witnessed a sub-tropical humid climate with a hot summer and moderate winter. The winter temperature drops to 10 degree Celsius and summer temperature goes up to 38 degree Celsius. The drastic Climate Change have been witnessed in Tamulpur district in the month of April with a temperature 38 degree Celsius and changes in Rainfall intensity and early pre-monsoon due to global Warming. The total annual rainfall of the district is 1346 mm from May to October 2023. The maximum rainfall was 60.98 mm on 21 June 2023.

Nalbari district experiences a tropical humid climate with heavy rainfall and hot summer. The average temperature ranges from minimum 80C to maximum 340C throughout the year. The average humidity remains almost same with variation from 62% in winter to 87% in post monsoon period. The average annual rainfall of the district is 1904.4 mm with minimum rainfall as zero mm in November to maximum 395 mm during August. The maximum rainfall occurs during the period from April to August. Heavy rainfall starts from April with the onset of monsoon and continues till August. Then it recedes afterward.

The climate of Baksa district is characterized by a sub-tropical humid climate with hot summers and moderate winters. The average annual rainfall is approximately 2,971.6 mm, and the district experiences a significant increase in temperature due to climate change, with temperatures reaching as high as 38°C in April. The winter temperature typically drops to around 10°C, while summer temperatures can soar to 35-36°C. Baksa is also prone to various climate-related hazards, including floods and droughts, which have been exacerbated by global warming.

#### 4.3.6 Ground Water Characteristics

Based on the behaviour and occurrence of ground water, the regional ground water flow system of Tamulpur district has been described under following categories. i. Shallow aquifer group occurring within 50 m depth. ii. Deeper aquifer group beyond a depth of 50 m and down to 200 m bgl. i. Shallow Aquifer Group: It constituted of a mixture of boulders, gravel, sand, silt and clay. The thickness of the aquifer varies from 15 to 40 m. Ground water in this aquifer generally occurs under water table to semi-confined conditions. The development of ground water from this aquifer for both domestic and irrigation purposes is by open wells and shallow tube wells. The boulders are restricted mostly to the northern parts of the district. They occur between GL to 50 m bgl and thickness varies from 20-30 m. The thickness increases from south to north. The water level in the major part of the district generally lies between 2 to 4 m bgl. The northern most part occupied by the piedmont zones and the areas adjoining to the inselbergs are having deeper water level. ii. Deeper Aquifer Group: It constituted of coarse to medium sand with intercalation of clay. Ground water occurs under water table to semi-confined conditions. Detailed hydrogeological surveys aided by exploratory drilling revealed the existence of two to three promising aquifer zones down to the depth of maximum 200 m bgl.

Physiographically the Nalbari district can be divided into two units (1) Northern alluvial region (between 120-140 amsl) and (2) the southern swamps or flood plain of river Brahmaputra. The general gradient is towards the river Brahmaputra in the south. The area on the bank of the river has very low elevation and is inundated during flood. The River Brahmaputra along with its tributaries like Pagladiya, Buradiya, Baralia etc. control the main drainage system of the district. The district is occupied by younger alluvium on north and flood plain deposit on southern reach near the Brahmaputra River. The alluvium comprises thick beds of clay. The flood plain deposit is characterised by fine to very fine grained silty sand and loose clay bands. Ground water occurs under unconfined condition in the district and being a mono aquifer system, the water level is almost directly related to the amount of precipitation received. The pre-monsoon average water level is 1.24 m bgl, which the post monsoon value is 1.61 m bgl. The long term water level trend does not show any significant change. From quality point of view, the ground water is neutral to slightly alkaline in nature with low to moderate salinity with soft to moderate hardness.

The Baksa District in Assam is characterized by a diverse range of groundwater resources. The district's groundwater occurrence is influenced by steep slopes, high runoff, intense monsoonal rainfall, and structural controls, making groundwater assessment challenging. Baska district is characterized by the different land forms resulting from a) denudation structural hill and b) alluvial plain. The low mounds/hillocks are covered by a thick lateritic mantle and these are occupied by evergreen mixed forests. The alluvial plains comprises of Older and Newer alluvium. The older alluvium occupies the predominant zone towards the north of the district bordering Bhutan. The narrow zone at the Himalayan foothill is known as the Bhabar zone and it supports grow of dense forest. To the south of the Bhabar zone and parallel to it, the flat Terai zone lays where the ground remains damp and sometimes, spring oozes out. The newer alluvium includes sand, gravel, pebble with silth and clay. Based on the behaviour and occurrence of ground water, the regional ground water flow system of district has been described under following categories:

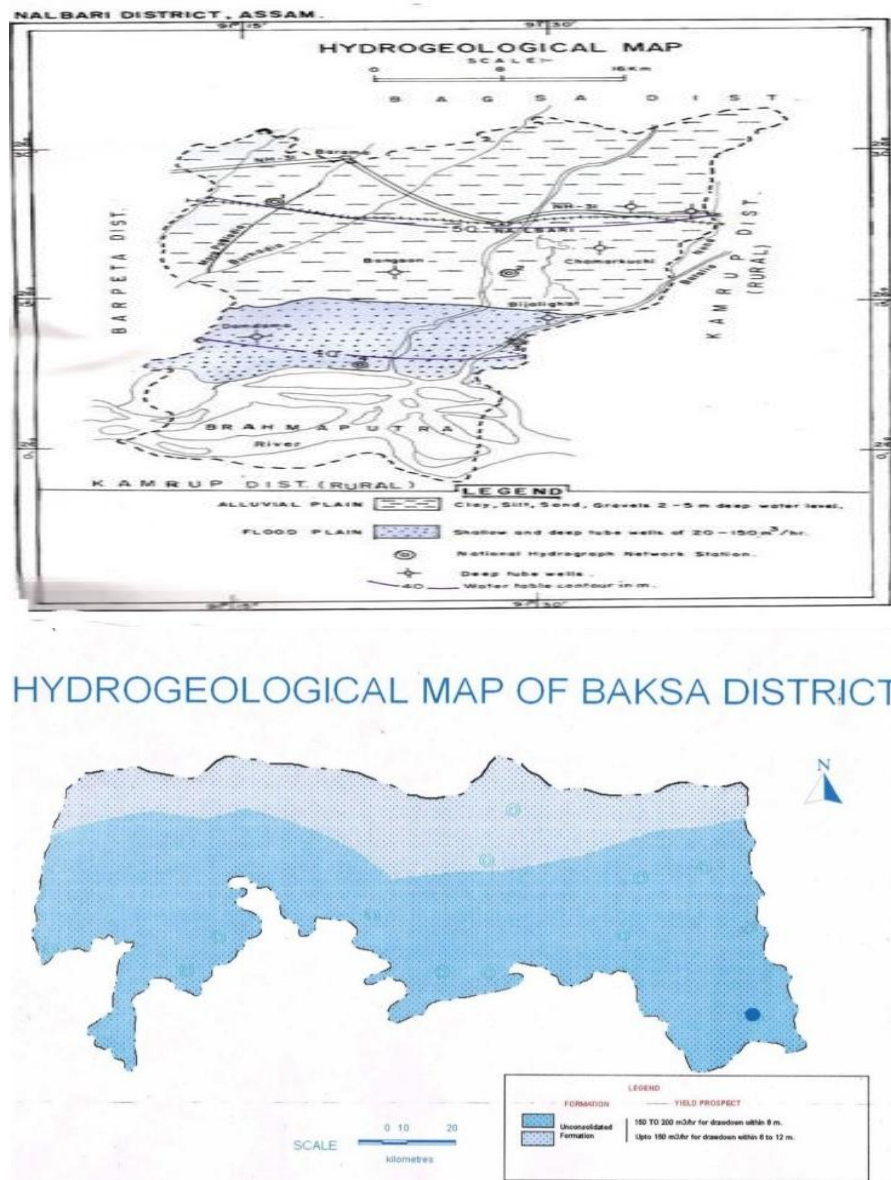
- i. Shallow Aquifer Group occurring within 50 m depth.
- ii. Deeper Aquifer Group beyond the depth of 50 m and down to 200 m bgl.

i. Shallow Aquifer Group consists of a mixture of boulder, gravel, sand, silt and clay. The thickness of the aquifer varies from 15 to 40 m. Ground water in this aquifer generally occurs under water table to semi-confined conditions. The pebbles, boulders are restricted mostly to the northern parts of the district. They occur at the depth between GL to 50 m bgl. The development of ground water from this aquifer is done by open well and shallow tube well for both the domestic and irrigation purposes.,

The water level in the major parts of the district generally lies between 2 to 4 m bgl The northern most parts occupied by the piedmont zones and the areas adjoining to the border area are having deeper water level. The movement of ground water is southerly owards Brahmaputra River. The water table contour follows the topography of the area and lies more or less parallel to the Brahmaputra River. The hydraulic gradient becomes gentler towards south.

ii. Deeper Aquifer Group consists of coarse to medium sand with intercalation of clay. Ground water occurs under water table to confined conditions. Detailed hydrogeological surveys aided by xploratory drilling revealed the existence of two to three promising aquifer zones down to the depth of maximum 200 m bgl. Aquifer displays various degree of lateral and vertical variation of aquifer indicating various degree of depositional environment both in space and time.

Hydrogeological map of Tamulpur, Nalbari and Baksa district are given in **Figure 4.9**.



**Figure 4.9: Hydrogeological map of Nalbari district, Baksa district and Tamulpur district**

### 4.3.7 Sensitive Receptors

There are no sensitive receptors located within the Right of Way (RoW) corridor of the proposed transmission lines. However, within a 500-meter radius of the proposed 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.) at Kumarikata GIS, several sensitive receptors have been identified. These include 6 educational institutions, 21 religious structures, 1 healthcare facility, 7 government/community institutions, and 2 commercial establishments.

During the construction phase, no impact is anticipated on these CPRs, as most of them are located at a considerable distance from the center line of the transmission lines. Similarly, within a 500-meter radius of

the proposed 400kV LILo of Balipara- Bongaigaon D/C line at Rangia (Tamulpur) 400 kV GIS, no sensitive receptors are present.

Details of sensitive receptors within 500 m from the centerline of the TL against the tower are given in table below.

**Table 4.1: Details of sensitive receptors within 500 m from the centerline of the TL**

Sl. No.	Tower No.	Geographical Coordinates	Environmental Sensitive receptors within 500m from Centre Line (CL)	Distance (in m) of Environmental Sensitive receptors from CL	Photograph
A. 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)-- 36.27 Km					



Sl. No.	Tower No.	Geographical Coordinates	Environmental Sensitive receptors within 500m from Centre Line (CL)	Distance (in m) of Environmental Sensitive receptors from CL	Photograph
1.	AP-7/0	91°34'42.2" E 26°38'16.4" N	1. Dolongpar L.P & M.E School- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	405	
			2. Dolongpar Temple- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	273	
2.	AP-8/0	91°34'33.2"E 26°38'10.3"N	1. Bernagar L.P. School- Left Hand Side (LHS) from CL	439	
3.	AP-9/0	91°34'22.9"E 26°38'34.10"N	1. Tamulpur Senior Secondary School- Left Hand Side (LHS) from CL	449	
			2. Tamulpur Hospital- Left Hand Side (LHS) from CL	394	
4.	AP-10/0	91°34'16.7"E 26°38'11"N	1. Tamulpur Hospital- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	349	
5.	AP-15/0	91°33'36.4"E 26°37'31.4"N	1. Tamulpur Hospital- Left Hand Side (LHS) from CL	69	
6.	AP-17/0	91°33'38.2"E 26°37'8.8"N	1. Bageswari Than- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	253	

Sl. No.	Tower No.	Geographical Coordinates	Environmental Sensitive receptors within 500m from Centre Line (CL)	Distance (in m) of Environmental Sensitive receptors from CL	Photograph
7.	AP-22/0	91°32'58.6"E 26°34'21"N	1. Shiva Mandir- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	413	
8.	AP-23/0	91°32'47"E 26°34'18.1"N	1. Tetiliguri Gopal Than- Left Hand Side (LHS) from CL	369	
9.	AP-24/0	91°32'37.7"E 26°34'23.5"N	1. Shiva Mandir- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	172	
10.	AP-28/0	91°30'33.1"E 26°33'46.1"N	1. Bherbheri L.P. School- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	465	
11.	AP-31/0	91°30'20.9"E 26°33'25.9"N	1. Purbanchal L.P. School- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	478	
12.	AP-35/0	91°29'25.8"E 26°33'7.2"N	1. Chataibari M.E. School- Left Hand Side (LHS) from CL	433	
13.	AP-38/0	91°29'25.8"E 26°33'7.2"N	1. MNC L.P School- Right Hand Side (RHS) from C	386	

Sl. No.	Tower No.	Geographical Coordinates	Environmental Sensitive receptors within 500m from Centre Line (CL)	Distance (in m) of Environmental Sensitive receptors from CL	Photograph
14.	AP-39/0	91°28'41.9"E 26°32'47.8"N	1. Goodway Fuel Station- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	448	
			2. Indian Oil Petrol Pump- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	397	
15.	AP-46/0	91°28'41.9"E 26°32'47.8"N	1. Belamari Masjid- Left Hand Side (LHS) from CL	218	
16.	AP-47/0	91°28'41.9"E 26°32'47.8"N	1. Radha Govinda Mandir- Left Hand Side (LHS) from CL	244	
17.	AP-52/0	91°26'26.2"E 26°31'51.2"N	1. Jay Guru- Left Hand Side (LHS) from CL	272	
18.	AP-54/0	91°26'32.3"E 26°30'41"N	1. Police Station/kachimpur- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	377	
19.	AP-55/0	91°26'32.3"E 26°30'41"N	1. Uttar Namati ME School- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	306	
20.	AP-57/0	91°26'8.5"E 26°39'8.2"N	1. Kashim Ali LP School- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	405	

Sl. No.	Tower No.	Geographical Coordinates	Environmental Sensitive receptors within 500m from Centre Line (CL)	Distance (in m) of Environmental Sensitive receptors from CL	Photograph
21.	AP-58/0	91°26'2.4"E 26°28'58.8"N	1. Maa Kamakhya Devalay- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	372	
22.	AP-59/0	91°25'58.4"E 26°28'50.9"N	1. Barowari Shiv Mandir- Left Hand Side (LHS) from CL	119	
23.	AP-65/0	91°26'3.8"E 26°28'4.4"N	1. Krishi Vigyan Kendra- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	263	
			2. Extension Training Centre- Left Hand Side (LHS) from CL	175	
24.	AP-66/0	91°26'3.8"E 26°28'4.4"N	1. Nalbari New Women ITI College- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	178	
			2. 136 Bn CRPF- Right Hand Side (RHS) from CL	462	
<b>B. 400 kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line: 2.15 km</b>					
<i>Nil</i>					

Source: Environment and Social Team

#### 4.3.8 Ambient Air Quality

Based on the observation at site it has been perceived that the ambient air quality of the project footprint and study area is good. The ambient air quality monitoring conducted at Rangia (Kumarikata) S/S is given below.

Table 4.2: Ambient air quality monitoring results

Pollutant	Time Weighted Average	Concentration in Ambient air (mg/m <sup>3</sup> ), NAAQS, MoEF&CC 2009		WHO AQGs 2021	Results (Baseline data)	Results (Data generated for post-monsoon season 2025)
		Industrial, Residential, Rural and Other Areas	Ecologically Sensitive Areas			
Particulate Matter: PM <sub>10</sub> (<10 µm)	Annual 24 hr	60 100	60 100	15 45	49	74
Particulate Matter: PM <sub>2.5</sub> (<2.5 µm)	Annual 24 hr	40 60	40 60	5 15	26	42

The ambient air quality of the project area is found within the permissible limit. The monitored values are compared with National Ambient Air Quality Standards prescribed by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and WHO for residential and rural areas. While the recorded PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels comply with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), they exceed the more stringent World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines. This reflects the difference in regulatory focus i.e. NAAQS consider the country's socio-economic conditions and existing pollution levels, while WHO sets ideal health-based targets. In urban and semi-urban areas of India, ambient air quality often exceeds WHO limits due to sources like road dust, vehicular emissions, biomass burning, and ongoing development activities. To address these exceedances, appropriate mitigation measures should be implemented during the construction of the transmission lines. These include regular water sprinkling, covering material stockpiles, scheduling dust-generating activities during low-wind periods, and providing adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) along with awareness programs for workers and nearby communities to reduce health risks. The test results are provided in **Appendix 8**.

#### 4.3.9 Ambient Noise Level

The ambient noise level monitoring conducted in Rangia (Kumarikata) S/S is given below.

Table 4.3: Ambient noise level monitoring results

Sound Parameters (dBA)		CPCB Ambient Noise Standards [Limit in dB (A) Leq]				Results (Baseline data)		Results (Data generated for post-monsoon season 2025)	
Area Code	Category	Limits in dB(A) / (Data generated for post-monsoon season 2025)		Day Time	Night Time	Day Time	Night Time	Day Time	Night Time
		Day Time	Night Time						
A	Industrial	75	70	70	70				
B	Commercial	65	55	70	70	53.4	41.3	61.6	43.8
C	Residential	55	45	55	45				
D	Silence Zones	50	40	55	45				

The ambient noise level of the project area is found within the permissible limit. **The test results are provided in Appendix 8.**

#### 4.3.10 Surface and Ground Water Quality

The Water Quality monitoring conducted in Rangia (Kumarikata) S/s is given below.

**Table 4.4: Water Quality monitoring results**

Parameters	Results (Baseline data)	IS-10500-2012 Requirement (Acceptable Limit)	IS-10500-2012 Permissible Limit in the absence of alternate source	Results (Data generated for post-monsoon season 2025)	Requirement Acceptable Limit	Permissible Limit in the absence of alternate source
pH	6.22	6.5-8.5	No relaxation	6.71	6.5-8.5	No relaxation
Conductivity	0.097	—	—	0.183	---	---
Colour	Colourless	5	15	Colourless	5	15
Total Dissolved Solids	81	500	2000	115	500	2000
Total Suspended Solids	<10	—	—	<10	---	---
Turbidity	<1	1	5	4.5	1	5
Chlorides	<1	250	1000	4.9	250	1000
Fluoride	<2	1	1.5	<0.5	1	1.5
Iron	0.21	0.3	No relaxation	0.29	0.3	No relaxation
Oil and Grease	<2	—	—	<2	---	---
Sulphates	11.5	200	400	3.9	200	400
Hardness	48	200	600	82	200	600
Nitrate	<5	45	No relaxation	<5	45	No relaxation
Odour	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable
Taste	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable

The water quality of the project area is found within the permissible limit. **The test results are provided in Appendix 8.**

#### 4.3.11. Soil Quality

The Soil Quality monitoring conducted in Rangia (Kumarikata) S/s is given below.

**Table 4.5: The Soil Quality monitoring results**

Parameters	Results (Baseline data)	Results (Data generated for post-monsoon season 2025)	CPCB Soil Standards
pH value (1.5)	6.1	5.27	6-7.5 (ISO: 10390)
Sulphite in SO <sub>3</sub> in %	5.86	5.2	---
Chloride in mg/kg	8.2	12.8	< 100 mg/kg (ISO: 10304 1)
ORP in mV	445	486	---

Parameters	Results (Baseline data)	Results (Data generated for post-monsoon season 2025)	CPCB Soil Standards
Water soluble salts as EC in mS/m	397	0.098	400 mS/m (ISO: 11265)
Organic matter in %	2.1	0.7	2–10%
Moisture Content in %	24.6	50.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandy: 5–10%,</li> <li>• Clayey: up to 30% or more.</li> </ul>

The soil quality of the project area is found within the permissible limit. **The test results are provided in Appendix 8.**

#### 4.4 Biological Environment- Flora and Fauna

##### 4.4.1 Floral Assessment

The project area is primarily comprising of agricultural land, homestead plantation, water bodies etc. The vegetation associated with these habitats is described below.

##### Agricultural Field

The staple food of the people in the study region is rice and wheat. Agro-climatic conditions of the area provide a range of potentialities for growing cash crop like off seasonal vegetable i.e. onion, chilly, brinjal, bhindi, fruits and flowers. Kitchen gardening is also common because of sufficient available space in and around house. The commercial cultivation of tea (*Camellia sinensis*) is also found in some pockets of the study area.

Main agricultural crop production in project area is paddy (*Oriza sativa*). The common rabbi crops grown in the study area are wheat, maize, gram, mustard, turmeric, potato, carrot, pea etc. whereas rice, jowar, arhar, tur, moong, til, groundnut, soyabean, chilly, ginger, etc. are kharif crops. Other than cereals, fruits like mango, pineapple, orange, jackfruit, banana, litchi, lemon, papaya, guava etc. are also grown in the study area.

##### Homestead Plantation

Homestead plantations mostly comprise of *Dipterocarpus macrocarpus*, *Azadiracta indica*, *Aegle marmelos*, *Albizia procera*, *Butea monosperma*, *Cassia fistula*, *Tectona grandis*, *Ficus religiosa*, *Carica papaya*, *Mangifera indica*, *Tamarindus indica*, *Eucalyptus tereticornis*, *Areca catechu* etc.

##### Trees within the transmission line corridor

According to the preliminary survey report, the transmission lines (132 and 400 kV) area contains a total of 9111 which includes 1996 trees (including both fruit-bearing and non-fruit-bearing varieties) along with 7115 bamboo plants. Detail tree enumeration provided in **Appendix 9**.

##### 4.4.2 Faunal Assessment

Since the proposed LILO lines do not involve any Protected area or reserved forest or critical wildlife habitats of the project districts, therefore, the faunal assessment of the project area reveals presence of common domesticated fauna only like Cow, buffalo, goat, pig, dog etc. Also, common species of birds and other mammals are found. As per the site assessment presence of wildlife species are very rare but chance finding

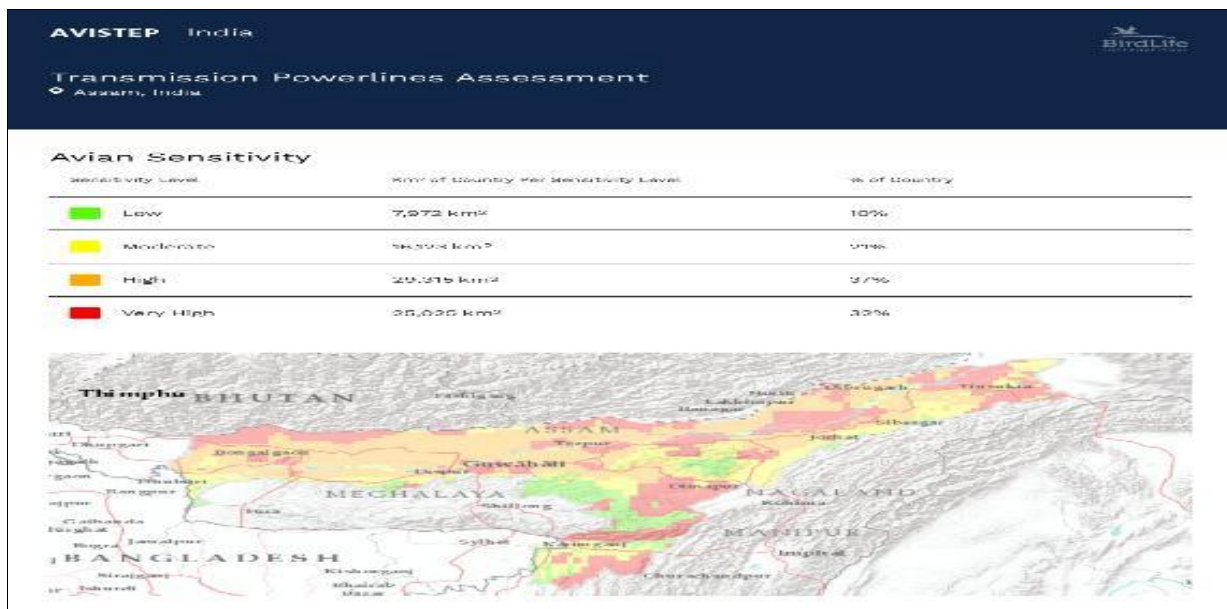
of some wildlife species like deer, wild boar, wild buffalo, fox etc. in the vicinity of project area can not be ruled out.

**4.4.3 Avifauna assessment (As per AVISTEP)**

AVISTEP as the Avian Sensitivity Tool for Energy Planning has been used for the project area to 1. Identify areas of high avian sensitivity across landscapes where power infrastructure like transmission lines is proposed. 2. Minimize impacts on bird habitats and migratory paths during planning and route alignment. 3. Support environmentally responsible decision-making in the energy sector. 4. Promote biodiversity conservation while allowing energy infrastructure development.

AVISTEP analysis is based on spatial data such as: Important Bird Areas (IBAs), Migratory corridors, Wetlands, forests, and other ecologically sensitive zones of the area. Based on the AVISTEP analysis, the likelihood of occurrence of some avifauna species like Baer’s pochard (CR), Bengal Florican (CR), Greater adjutant (EN), Sarus Crane (VU), Lesser adjutant (VU), Asian Woollyneck (NT), Painted stork (NT), Swamp francolin (VU), Black neck stork (NT), Manipur Bush-quail (EN) within the project area (occurrence certainty) ranges from low to medium. Since the nearest Important Bird Area (IBA), Barnadi Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS), lies beyond the 10 km buffer zone from the LILO transmission lines and site assessment reveals presence of common bird species only, hence the occurrence of these CR/EN/VU species in the project area is assessed to be minimal. However, the possibility of their occasional presence cannot be entirely ruled out in the project area.

Detail list of Avifauna species wrt collision sensitivity & occurrence certainty in the project area is provided in **Appendix 10**.

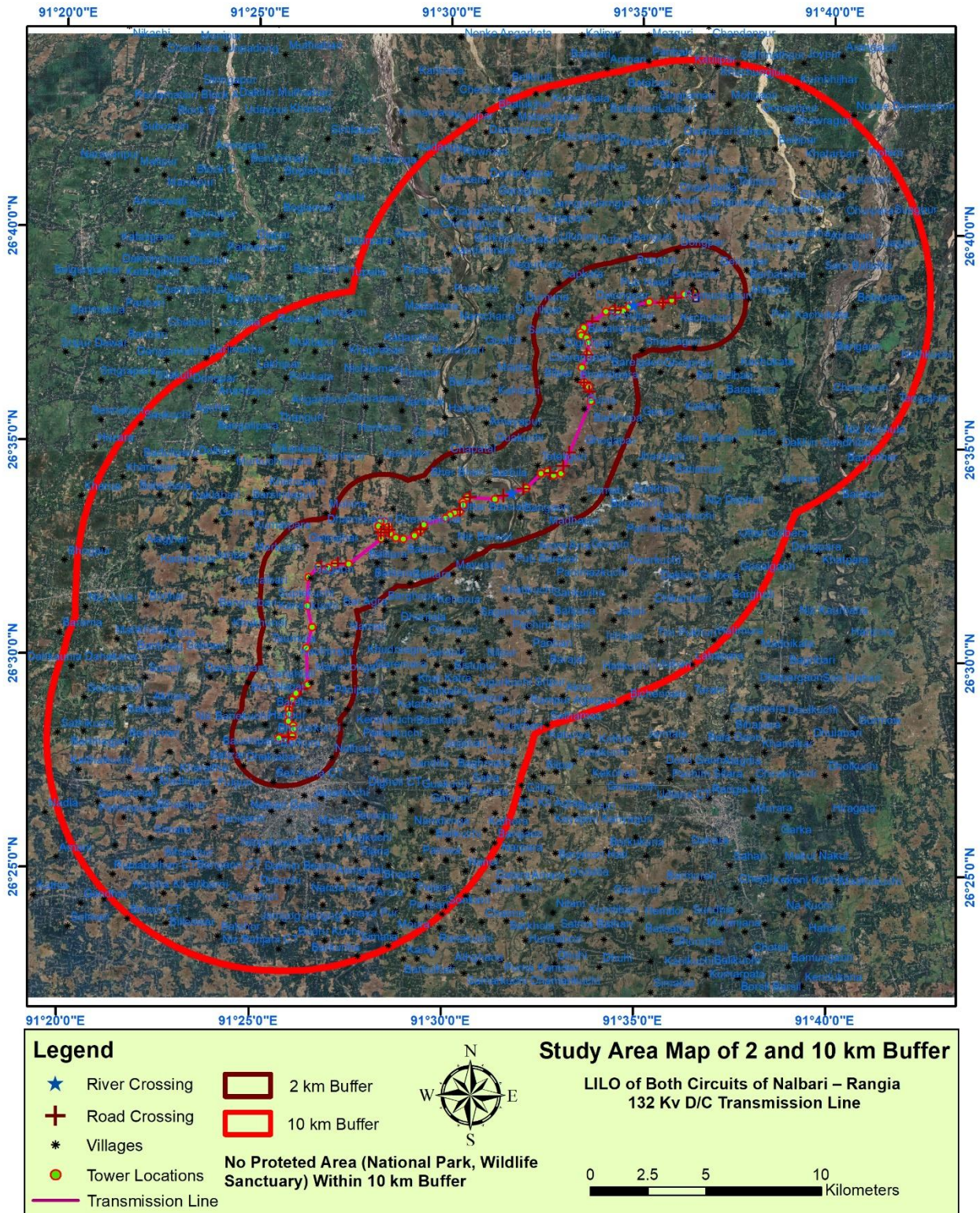


Source: Environmental and Social team

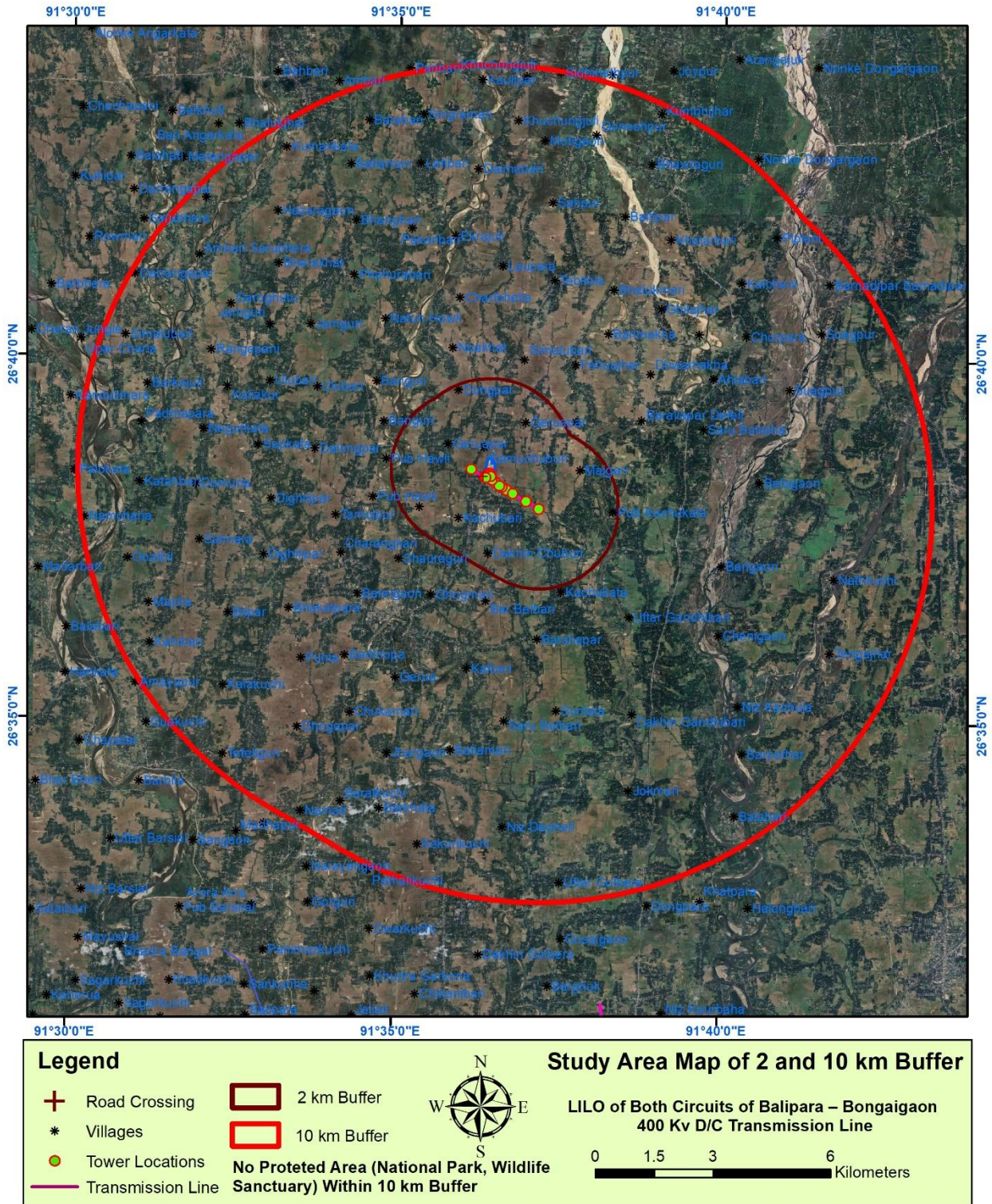
**Figure 4.10: AVISTEP map of Assam**

**4.4.4 Critical habitats in the Project areas**

An analysis for Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) within 10 Km buffer from the center line of LILo lines were assessed by obtaining data from 'The World Database of Key Biodiversity Areas' and it is found that no critical wildlife habitat including KBA Sites are present within 10 KM buffer of the transmission lines. The maps below depict that no KBAs fall within the 10 km buffer of the project area.



**Figure 4.11: Map showing that no KBAs/Critical Habitats within 10 km buffer of LILo of Both Circuits of Nalbari - Rangia 132 kv D/C Transmission Line**

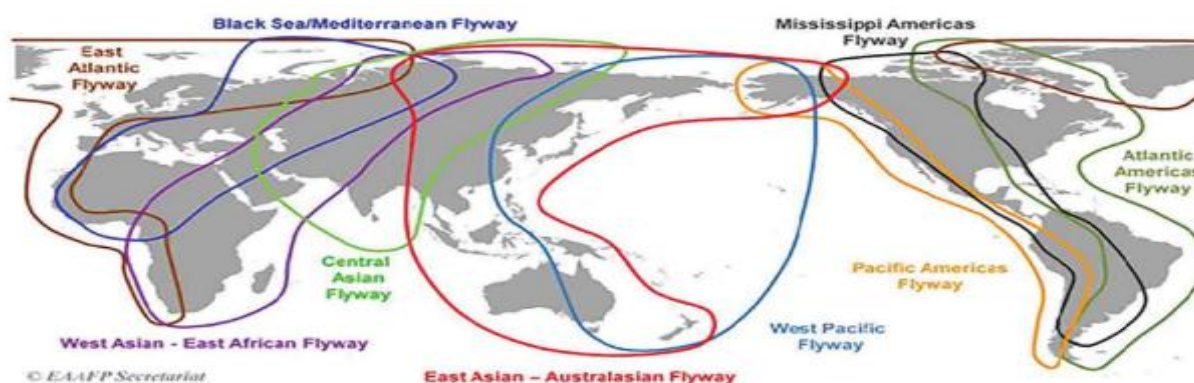


**Figure 4.12: Map showing that no KBAs/Critical Habitats within 10 km buffer of LILO of Both Circuits of Balipara - Bongaigaon 400 kV D/C Transmission Line**

#### 4.4.5 Migratory Routes

Migratory birds use loosely fixed routes for their migration. Globally, certain routes have been identified that connect both the northern and southern hemispheres. Every year, millions of water birds follow these routes to reach their destinations and return journeys.

Usually, migratory birds follow a north-south axis to spend the duration of their non-breeding winter season. No migratory route falls under the project corridor.



**Figure 4.13: The map of the world is showing the migratory birds flyways.**

(Image Source: East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP); <https://www.eaaflyway.net/the-flyway/>)

#### 4.5 Social Environment Baseline of the Study Area

##### 4.5.1 State Profile: Assam

As per the Census 2011, the total population of Assam is 3.12 Cr. Thus, the population of Assam forms 2.58 percent of India in 2011. Assam has total population of 31,205,576 in which males were 15,939,443 while females were 15,266,133. The total area of Assam is 78,438 square km. Thus, the population Density of Assam is 398 per square km which is higher than the national average of 382 per square km.

**Table 4.6: Assam Demographic Profile**

Attribute	Number	% of India
Area (sq. km)	78,438	9.37
Total population	31,205,576	6.0
Males	15,939,443	6.03
Females	15,266,133	5.97
Sex ratio	958	NA
Percentage of rural Population	86	NA
Percentage of urban population	14	NA
Population density	398	NA

Attribute	Number	% of India
Percentage of SC population	7.15	NA
Percentage of ST population	12.4	NA
Total literacy rate	72.19	NA
Male Literacy rate	77.85	NA
Female Literacy Rate	66.27	NA
Rural Literacy	69.34	NA

Source: Census of India, 2011 data

### Demography & Socio-Economic Condition

The literacy rate of Assam is nearly 72 % (of which the rural literacy stands at 69.34%) which lower is slightly than that of the country, at 74.04%. The male literacy rate is relatively higher, at 77.85% while the female literacy rate is 66.27% which is slight high when compared to the national female literacy rate of 65.46%. According to the Census of India, life expectancy in Assam has changed from 57.8 years of Males and 58.3 years of females in 2001 to 62.7 and 65.5 years in 2011 for males and females respectively.

Assam is categorized as a low HIV Prevalence state with an estimated adult HIV Prevalence of 0.07% which is lower than the National Prevalence of 0.27%. However, the adult HIV Prevalence in the state has increased from 0.04% in 2007 to 0.07% in 2011.

In 2011, Assam had 1,48,124 Sub Centers, 23,887 Primary Health Centers, and 4,809 Community Health Centers, along with 7,347 hospitals in rural areas and 4,146 in urban areas.

In 2011, Assam had 48,050 elementary schools, with a significant increase from 41,579 in 2000-01. The Ministry of Education's data for 2011-12 categorized schools based on highest class level, including Senior Secondary, Secondary, Upper Primary, and Primary schools.

The energy sector in 2011 was largely dependent on hydro power, fossil fuels, with gas and coal contributing significantly to electricity generation. Only 37% of the state was electrified, with a significant rural-urban disparity in electricity access. The Power demand for Assam ranged between 700 MW to 2400 MW at present.

Assam's economy was predominantly agrarian, with agriculture being the largest source of income and employment, and a significant portion of the population residing in rural areas as per census 2011. In 2011, Assam had a workforce participation rate of 53.26% for males and 25.51% for females. This indicates a significant gender gap in employment in Assam. Specifically, the male workforce participation rate was more than double that of females. The state's economy also included sectors like oil and gas production, tea cultivation, and tourism. The growth of 8.42 percent in Grass State Domestic Product (GSDP) of the State for 2011-12 comprises of a growth of 6.43 percent in Agriculture and Allied sector, 7.19 percent in Industry sector and 9.74 percent in Services sector.

In Assam, GBV is a widespread and persistent issue that affects women and girls of all ages, backgrounds, and regions. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Assam recorded the rate of crimes against women in India in 2019, with 177.8 cases per 100,000 population, compared to the national average of 62.42 . Some of the common forms of GBV in Assam are: Domestic violence, which includes physical,

sexual, emotional, and economic abuse by intimate partners or family members. Sexual violence, which includes rape, molestation, stalking, and sexual harassment. Trafficking of women and girls, which involves the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring, or receipt of persons by means of threat, force, coercion, fraud, or deception for the purpose of exploitation. Witch-hunting, which is a form of violence against women who are accused of practicing witchcraft or causing harm to others by supernatural means. The data was collected from the "International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews (IJRAR)."

#### 4.5.2 District Profile: Nalbari, Baska and Tamulpur District

##### Nalbari District

Nalbari District is an administrative district located in the western part of the state of Assam. The district headquarters is at Nalbari town. The district was carved out of the undivided Kamrup District in 1985 with the objective of strengthening administrative efficiency and accelerating development.

The district covers an area of approximately 2,257 sq. km. As per the Census of India 2011, the total population of the district is 771,639, with a literacy rate of 78.63%, which is higher than the state average. Geographically, the district lies between 26.0° to 26.5° North Latitude and 90.0° to 91.0° East Longitude. It is bounded by Baksa District and the foothills of Bhutan to the north, Kamrup District to the south, Kamrup Metropolitan District to the east, and Barpeta District to the west.

The district comprises numerous villages administered under several revenue circles and development blocks, reflecting its predominantly rural character.

**Table 4.7: Nalbari district Demographic Profile vis-à-vis Assam**

Attribute	Nalbari District
Population	771,639
Population Density	340 persons/sq. km
SC population percentage	6.0%
ST population percentage	5.5%
Sex Ratio (number of females per thousand male)	945
Total literacy rate percentage	78.63%
Male literacy rate percentage	84.01%
Female literacy rate percentage	73.04%
Rural population percentage	90%

Source: Census of India 2011 data

##### Demography & Socio-Economic Condition

The majority of the population in Nalbari district resides in rural areas, with approximately 90% living in villages. The district has a balanced demographic composition, with a mix of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes accounting for about 6% and 5.5% of the population respectively.

The population density stands at around 340 persons per square kilometer, indicating a moderately populated agrarian district. The sex ratio of 945 females per 1,000 males reflects a relatively balanced gender distribution. The district recorded a steady population growth during the decade 2001–2011.

The economy of Nalbari District is predominantly agriculture-based, with a significant proportion of the population engaged in farming and allied activities. Agriculture serves as the primary source of livelihood for most households in the district, reflecting its rural character.

The major agricultural crops cultivated in the district include paddy as the main staple crop, along with wheat, mustard, and pulses. In addition, a variety of vegetables and fruits such as banana, pineapple, and citrus fruits are also widely grown, contributing to both subsistence and local markets.

Apart from agriculture, livestock rearing, dairy farming, and poultry play an important role in supporting rural livelihoods and providing supplementary income to households. Furthermore, small-scale industries, handloom weaving, and local trade activities also contribute significantly to the district's economy, helping to diversify income sources and strengthen the rural economic base.

In Nalbari District, specific district-level data on life expectancy for the year 2011 is limited. However, based on estimates aligned with state-level trends in Assam during the same period, the life expectancy at birth was approximately 60–62 years for males and 63–65 years for females. These figures indicate that females generally had a slightly higher life expectancy than males, which is consistent with broader demographic patterns.

In Nalbari District, the healthcare infrastructure is primarily designed to serve its predominantly rural population. As per available information aligned with the Census of India 2011 period, the district has a network of public health facilities including Sub-Centres, Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs), and a District Hospital located at Nalbari. The district has approximately 150+ Sub-Centres, around 30 PHCs, and a few CHCs, which provide basic healthcare services at the grassroots level. Despite these facilities, access to advanced healthcare services remains limited in remote rural areas, and continuous efforts have been made by the administration to improve healthcare delivery. Overall health indicators in the district are moderate, with gradual improvements observed over time.

The educational infrastructure in the district is relatively well developed. As per 2011 data, Nalbari district has a large number of educational institutions, including over 1,500 schools, comprising Lower Primary and Upper Primary Schools, along with High Schools and Higher Secondary Schools. The district also has several degree colleges and higher educational institutions. The literacy rate of 78.63% (male literacy around 84.01% and female literacy around 73.04%) reflects a comparatively strong educational base, although a gender gap in literacy still persists.

In terms of energy consumption, electricity use in Nalbari district is mainly driven by domestic households, followed by agriculture and small commercial establishments. During the 2011 period, a significant proportion of rural households were being gradually connected to electricity under rural electrification schemes. Power supply is provided through the state grid managed by agencies such as Assam Power Generation Corporation Limited. Additionally, off-grid solutions, including solar energy systems, have been promoted to improve electricity access in remote villages.

The district economy, apart from agriculture, is supported by traditional sectors such as handloom and weaving, which are important sources of livelihood for rural households. Small-scale enterprises, local trade, and service activities also contribute to income generation and economic diversification in the district.

Women in Nalbari district play an active role in agriculture and allied activities, as well as in household-based economic work. As per socio-economic trends around 2011, women's participation in livelihood

activities is visible; however, traditional gender norms continue to influence their socio-economic status. Issues such as gender-based violence (GBV), particularly domestic violence, exist in some areas. At the same time, the presence of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and government-supported livelihood programs has contributed to improving women's empowerment and social awareness in the district.

**Demographic and socio-economic profile of Indigenous Peoples**

As per the Census of India 2011, Scheduled Tribes (STs) constitute a relatively small proportion of the total population in Nalbari district. The major ST groups present include Bodo (Boro), Rabha, and other plains tribes, who are largely integrated with the broader Assamese society. The demographic profile indicates a predominantly rural distribution, with households engaged mainly in agriculture and allied activities. Socio-economically, most ST households fall under marginal and small farmer categories, with landholdings typically ranging from less than 1 hectare to about 2 hectares. Paddy cultivation is the primary livelihood, supplemented by vegetable farming, livestock rearing, fishing, and traditional weaving practices.

Culturally, these communities maintain distinct traditions expressed through festivals such as Bwisagu (among Bodos), folk music, and community-based social institutions, although Assamese is widely used for communication alongside their native languages. The land tenure system is primarily individual/private ownership, with limited presence of community or customary land systems in the district. Overall, the ST population in Nalbari district reflects moderate socio-economic vulnerability, with dependence on natural resources and agriculture for sustenance.

**Baksa District:**

Baksa District is an administrative district located in the northern part of the state of Assam. The district was formed in the year 2003 under the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) with its headquarters at Mushalpur. The creation of the district aimed at improving administrative efficiency and accelerating socio-economic development in the region.

The district covers an area of approximately **2,457 sq. km**. As per the **Census of India 2011**, the total population of the district is **950,075**, with a literacy rate of **69.25%**. The district comprises a large number of villages administered under several revenue circles and development blocks, reflecting its predominantly rural nature.

Geographically, the district lies between **26.5° to 27.0° North Latitude** and **90.5° to 91.5° East Longitude**. The district is bounded by Bhutan in the north, Nalbari District and Barpeta District in the south, Udalguri District in the east, and Chirang District in the west.

Attribute	Baksa District
Population	950,075
Population Density	387 persons/sq. km
SC population percentage	5.0%
ST population percentage	36.0%
Sex Ratio (number of females per thousand male)	970
Total literacy rate percentage	69.25%
Male literacy rate percentage	75.7%
Female literacy rate percentage	62.7%
Rural population percentage	96%

Source: Census of India 2011

**Demography & Socio-Economic Condition**

The total population of Baksa district as per 2011 Census is **950,075**, with a very high proportion of the population residing in rural areas (approximately **96%**). The district has a significant tribal population, with Scheduled Tribes constituting around **36%** of the total population, while Scheduled Castes account for about **5%**.

The population density of the district is **387 persons per square kilometer**. The sex ratio stands at **970 females per 1,000 males**, which is relatively better compared to many districts. The literacy rate of **69.25%** indicates scope for improvement, particularly in female literacy. The district recorded moderate population growth during the decade 2001–2011.

### **Economic Profile**

The economy of Baksa district is predominantly **agriculture-based**, with the majority of the population engaged in farming and allied activities. The principal crops grown in the district include paddy, maize, mustard, pulses, and various seasonal vegetables. Horticulture, including cultivation of fruits such as banana and citrus, also contributes to livelihoods.

In addition to agriculture, livestock rearing, piggery, poultry, and dairy farming play a vital role in the rural economy. Most households, especially small and marginal farmers, depend on livestock as a supplementary source of income. Traditional practices and community-based livelihoods are common in the district.

Healthcare facilities in Baksa district include Sub-Centres, Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs), and a District Hospital. As per 2011 period estimates, the district has over 150 Sub-Centres, around 25–30 PHCs, and a few CHCs, providing basic healthcare services to the rural population.

Specific district-level life expectancy data is limited; however, based on state averages for Assam in 2011, life expectancy at birth is estimated at around 60–62 years for males and 63–65 years for females. Health indicators are moderate, and challenges remain in accessibility to quality healthcare in remote areas.

Baksa district has a developing educational infrastructure with a large number of schools at primary and secondary levels. As per 2011 data, the district has over 1,200 schools, including Lower Primary, Upper Primary, High Schools, and Higher Secondary Schools, along with a few degree colleges.

The literacy rate of 69.25% reflects the need for continued efforts to improve educational access, especially for girls and marginalized communities.

Electricity consumption in Baksa district is primarily driven by domestic use, agriculture, and small-scale commercial activities. Power supply is provided through the state grid managed by agencies such as Assam Power Generation Corporation Limited.

Rural electrification programs have been implemented to extend electricity access to remote villages, including off-grid solar solutions in difficult terrain areas.

Apart from agriculture, the district has a presence of small-scale rural enterprises, handloom weaving, and forest-based livelihoods. These activities contribute to income diversification and support rural households.

Women in Baksa district actively participate in agriculture, livestock rearing, and household-based economic activities. Given the significant tribal population, women often have relatively higher participation in community and livelihood activities.

However, traditional social structures and economic constraints continue to influence gender roles. Issues such as gender-based violence (GBV), including domestic violence, exist in some area. At the same time,

Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and government initiatives are playing an important role in promoting women’s empowerment and improving socio-economic conditions in the district.

### Demographic and socio-economic profile of Indigenous Peoples

As per the Census of India 2011, Scheduled Tribes (STs) constitute a significant proportion of the population in Baksa district, with Bodo (Boro) being the predominant community, along with Rabha, Garo, and other plains tribes. The population is largely rural, with settlements distributed across villages within areas falling under the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR). Socio-economically, ST households are primarily dependent on agriculture, with most classified as marginal and small farmers cultivating paddy as the main crop, along with seasonal vegetables, pulses, and oilseeds. Livelihoods are further supplemented by livestock rearing, fishing, wage labour, and traditional weaving.

Culturally, these communities retain a strong indigenous identity, reflected in their language (primarily Bodo and Garo), festivals such as Bwisagu, and rich traditions of folk music, dance, and community institutions. The land tenure system in Baksa district is characterized by a mix of individual land ownership and customary practices, although formal land titles are common. Community dependence on land and natural resources remains high, making land an important socio-economic asset for Indigenous Peoples in the district.

### Tamulpur District:

Tamulpur district, also known as Tamolpur district, is an administrative district in Bodoland Territorial Region of Assam, one of the North-Eastern states of India. The administrative headquarters is at Tamulpur. It is the 35th district of the Indian state of Assam, carved out of Baksa district. Tamulpur become a full-fledged district on 23 January 2022. The Tamulpur District sharing 29.6 km of Bhutan, having geographical area of 461.25 sq km approx.

**Table 4.8: Tamulpur district Demographic Profile vis-à-vis Assam**

Attribute	Tamulpur District in Lakhs
Population	2,35,403
Population Density	440/km <sup>2</sup>
SC population percentage	10.86
ST population percentage	31.17
Sex Ratio (number of females per thousand male)	970
Total literacy rate percentage	69.25%
Male literacy rate percentage	77.03
Female literacy rate percentage	61.27
Rural population percentage	98%

Source: Census of India 2011 data

According to 2011 census the district has a population of 2,35,403, where male population – 1,19,705, and female – 1,15,698 and literacy rate 85.71% included in the district in two Administrative Revenue Circle namely Tamulpur Revenue Circle and Goreswar Revenue Circle. The three Development Block-Tamulpur, Nagrijuli and Goreswar Dev Block. The district has a sex ratio of 970 (females per 1000 males). The district includes 440 persons per sq. km. The decadal population growth rate of Tamulpur district in Assam between 2001 and 2011 was 11.17%.

According to 2011 census, 36.96% of the population spoke Assamese, 25.40% Boro, 22.33% Bengali, 5.18% Nepali and 4.67% Santali, 0.96% Sadri and 0.93% Rajbongshi as their first language. The literacy rate of Tamulpur district is 69.25 % of which 77.03 % is for males and 61.27 % is for females as per 2011 census. The life expectancy in Tamulpur district is 66 years, which is below the state average for Assam. The level of HIV positivity among antenatal care (ANC) clients in the district is low, indicating a generally low prevalence of HIV in the area. In 2011, Tamulpur district in Assam has one District Hospital and 23 PHCs spread across Tamulpur district, providing basic healthcare services in rural areas.

Tamulpur district has 692 schools. The district receives electricity from the state grid, which is utilized for various purposes, including domestic, industrial, and commercial use. Conventional grid-based electricity is primarily used for domestic and industrial needs.

The economy of Tamulpur district is predominantly agrarian, with agriculture serving as the main source of income and employment for the majority of the population. The district is highly dependent on agriculture, and a large portion of its land is dedicated to crop cultivation. Paddy is the most important crop, accounting for a substantial area of the gross cropped area, followed by vegetables, mustard, and horticultural crops. Pig farming also plays a role in providing livelihoods for the poor and marginalized farmers.

Tamulpur district, like many other regions in Assam, faces serious challenges related to gender-based violence (GBV). Traditional patriarchal norms and deeply rooted gender roles significantly contribute to the persistence of these issues. Domestic violence and other forms of GBV remain prevalent, underscoring the urgent need for targeted and sustained interventions. Although specific data for Tamulpur district may be limited, available reports suggest that domestic violence is a particularly widespread concern.

### **Demographic and socio-economic profile of Indigenous Peoples**

As per the Census of India 2011 (when Tamulpur formed part of the erstwhile Baksa district), Scheduled Tribes (STs) constitute a dominant share of the population, with the Bodo (Boro) community being the principal group, along with Rabha, Garo, and other plains tribes. The population is predominantly rural, with villages located within areas governed under the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) and the Sixth Schedule provisions. Socio-economically, most ST households are engaged in agriculture, largely as marginal and small farmers cultivating paddy as the staple crop, along with vegetables, pulses, and oilseeds. Livelihoods are supplemented by livestock rearing, fishing, wage labour, and traditional weaving.

Culturally, these communities maintain a strong indigenous identity, with Bodo and other tribal languages widely spoken alongside Assamese. Festivals such as Bwisagu, along with traditional music, dance, and customary village institutions, reflect their rich cultural heritage. The land tenure system is primarily based on individual land ownership, supported by formal land records, though customary practices and community dependence on land and forest resources remain significant. Overall, land and agriculture form the backbone of the socio-economic and cultural life of Indigenous Peoples in Tamulpur district.

### **PCRs/CPRs/ Archaeological and Historical Monuments**

As per the check survey, no impact is expected on Protected Cultural Resources (PCRs), Common Property Resources (CPRs) or archaeological/historical sites as assessed during the detailed and

check survey. However, there are schools, an Anganwadi Centre (AWC), places of worship, and a hospital located beyond the RoW. Moreover, no such monuments are coming in the proposed route alignments. Furthermore, utmost care shall be taken during the check survey to avoid such areas. However, if any archaeological or cultural artifacts are discovered during construction, all work in the area will be stopped immediately, the site will be secured, and the concerned authorities will be notified prior to resuming of construction activities.

The major archaeological and historical monuments found in Nalbari, Baska and Tamulpur District for 132kV and 400kV transmission line is as follows:

1. The Billeswar Temple (Belsor) Archaeological Site, located in Belsor of Nalbari district, is approximately 13 km from Nalbari Bay Extension area (Proposed transmission Line)
2. The Hari Mandir Archaeological Site, located in Nalbari town of Nalbari district, is approximately 3 km from Nalbari Bay extension area. Moreover, other archaeological and historical monuments in Nalbari district are situated far from the proposed transmission line area.
3. The Bodo Cultural Heritage archaeological site located in Baska of Baska district is approximately 30 km from Nalbary Bay Extension area (Proposed transmission Line).
4. Tamulpur district is not specifically known for a large number of well-documented or widely recognized archaeological sites. However, its proximity to the Indo-Bhutan border and the Barnadi River may have implications for the presence of historical or pre-historic sites. Presently, there are no known archaeological sites in the district, although there are several religious sites in the area.

#### **4.5.3 Study Area Profile**

The study area, for the proposed two transmission line is located in the Tehsil of Tamulpur in Tamulpur district, Baganpara in Baska district and Nalbari & Ghograpar in Nalbari district, State of Assam for 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)-36.27 Km and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line- transmission line is spread across 20 villages namely; Staibari, Uttar Barsila, Geruapar, Pub haoli, Barnagar, Digholipar, Dimiliapar, Bilpar, Bhakatpar, Kalakusi, Teteliguri, Katribari, Bherbheri, Dhamdhama, Bhelamari, Rangafali, Naherbari, Nomati and Xorihotuli village and for 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line is located in the Kachubari in Tamulpur district.

As per the Census of India 2011, Nalbari District had a total population of 771,639, of which approximately 695,000 resided in rural areas and about 76,000 in urban areas, indicating the predominantly rural nature of the district. The overall literacy rate stood at 78.63%, with male literacy at 84.01% and female literacy at 73.04%, reflecting a moderate gender gap in educational attainment.

The Scheduled Tribe (ST) population constituted around 5.5% of the total population, while the Scheduled Caste (SC) population accounted for approximately 6.0%, indicating a diverse social composition. The total workforce in the district was about 350,000 persons, with a majority engaged as main workers and the remaining as marginal workers, largely dependent on agriculture and allied activities.

The district is primarily agrarian, with major crops including paddy, mustard, pulses, and vegetables. Agriculture continues to play a vital role in the rural economy, supplemented by activities such as livestock rearing, small-scale trade, and traditional occupations like handloom weaving.

In Baksa District, as per the Census of India 2011, the total population was 950,075, of which approximately 910,000 resided in rural areas and about 40,000 in urban areas, indicating the district's predominantly rural character. The overall literacy rate stood at 69.25%, with male literacy at 75.70% and female literacy at 62.70%, reflecting a noticeable gender gap in educational attainment.

The Scheduled Tribe (ST) population constituted a significant proportion at around 36.0% (approximately 342,000 individuals), while the Scheduled Caste (SC) population accounted for about 5.0% (approximately 47,500 individuals), highlighting the district's strong tribal demographic presence. The total workforce in the district was approximately 430,000 persons, with a majority engaged as main workers and the rest as marginal workers, largely dependent on agriculture and allied sectors.

The district is primarily agrarian, with major crops including paddy, maize, mustard, pulses, and vegetables. Agriculture continues to play a crucial role in the rural economy, supported by allied activities such as livestock rearing, piggery, poultry, and small-scale traditional livelihoods, which together contribute to the socio-economic stability of the district.

As per the 2011 Census, Tamulpur Circle—then part of Baksa district in Assam—had a total population of approximately 106,403, residing in urban and rural areas. The sex ratio stood at 967 females per 1,000 males, and the child population (0–6 years) was 32,415. The average literacy rate was 63.9%, with male literacy at 72.2% and female literacy at 55.28%, indicating a significant gender gap in educational attainment. Scheduled Tribes constituted 28.7% of the population, while Scheduled Castes made up 13.3%. The region is predominantly agrarian. Agriculture is the mainstay of the local economy, with paddy being the principal crop. Other crops include mustard, vegetables, and pulses. The area also engages in beekeeping, contributing to honey production.

The socio-economic census survey of the study area would be carried out and the findings of the census survey will be incorporated in the Resettlement Action Plan.

### 5. ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES

This chapter elucidates detailed analysis about different options of transmission line route alignment with respect to design, environmental, social and economic aspects during project conception and planning phase.

It is to be noted that during ESIA study, the route for transmission line was already finalized by AEGCL considering following environmental and social criteria for route selection apart from the technical consideration:

- TL route does not involve any human settlement;
- TL route does not affect on any archaeological / cultural monument;
- Avoid forest area;
- TL route does not pass through any protected area such as National Park / Wildlife Sanctuary;
- TL route avoid disturbance to public utility services such as school, hospital playground, bus stop etc.;

Further, optimization was done during the detailed survey. During route alignment, all possible efforts were made to avoid the environmental and social sensitivities or to keep it to the minimum. Following table shows the analysis of 3 Alternative routes.

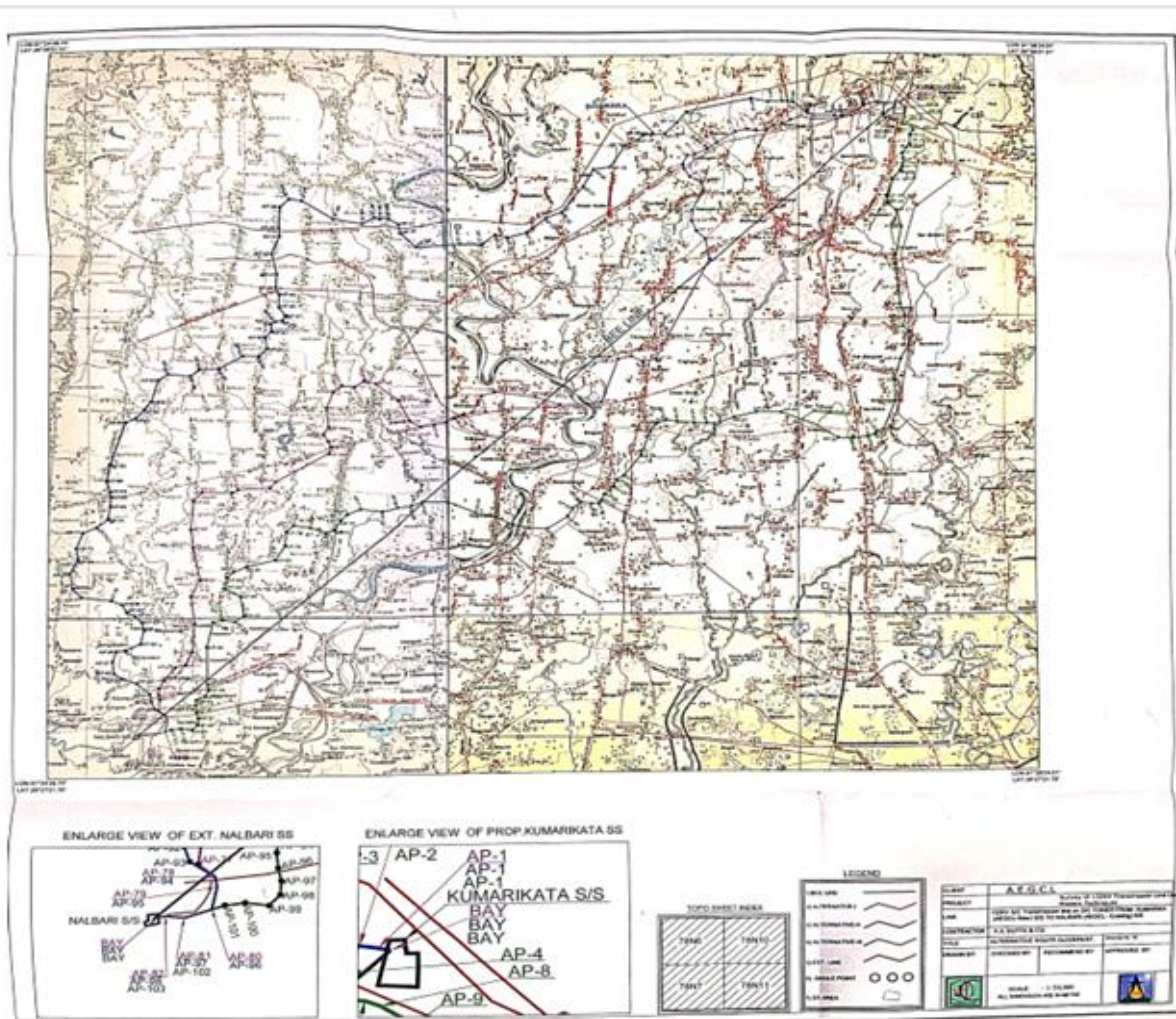


Figure 5.1: Map showing all three alternatives for 132 kV Transmission line

Table 5.1: Assessment of Alternative Routes

Description	Alternative- I (Optimum/Proposed Route)	Alternative-II	Alternative-III
<b>132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext)</b>			
Route Length (in Kms.)	36.27 KM	39.53 KM	37.89 KM
Angle Point	67	98	103
River Crossing	03	03	03
Forest (Reserved Forest & Protected Forest)	NIL	NIL	NIL
Tea Garden (Affected Route length)	NIL	NIL	Nil
Low Land Area	Nil	Nil	Nil
Habitation area	Mostly avoided	Partially involved	Partially involved
Railway Crossing	Nil	1	1
Power Line crossing	04	06	04
Road crossing	04 SH	03 SH	02 SH
Trees and Bamboo	9111	12390	10746
RoW issues	Anticipated very few	Anticipated very high	Anticipated very high
Compensation related issues	Anticipated to be minimum	High	High
Accessibility to tower location	Easily accessible	Difficult to access	Difficult to access
<b>400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line</b>			
Route Length (in Kms.)	2.15 KM	3 KM	3.6 KM
Angle Point	05	14	17
River Crossing	Nil	NIL	NIL
Forest (Reserved Forest & Protected Forest)	NIL	NIL	NIL
Tea Garden (Affected Route length)	NIL	NIL	NIL
Low Land Area	NIL	NIL	NIL
Habitation area	Mostly avoided	Partially involved	Partially Involved
Railway Crossing	Nil	Nil	Nil
Power Line crossing	5	8	9
Road crossing	01 SH	01 SH	01 SH
Trees and Bamboo	Nil	Nil	Nil
RoW issues	Anticipated very few	Anticipated very high	Anticipated very high
Compensation related issues	Anticipated to be minimum	High	High
Accessibility to tower location	Easily accessible	Difficult to access	Difficult to access

Source: Check Survey report

Pros and cons of the alignment options, Technological options for towers, construction methodology options considered for the project components are as follows:

- Optimum route length;
- Minimum nos. of angle towers to reduce the tension;
- Minimum nos. of crossing lines, highway, railway, other transmission lines, river crossing;
- Maintain distance from the Air defence / Air traffic;

**The following areas, however, are to be avoided as far as possible while selecting the routes of the line:**

- Tough inaccessible areas where approach is difficult.
- Towns and villages, leaving sufficient margin for their growth.
- Areas subject to floods and other natural hazards gushing nalas during rainy seasons, tanks, ponds, lakes,

etc.

- Wooded areas with high trees or fruit bearing trees involving payment of heavy compensations for cutting of the trees.
- Swamps and shallow lands subject to flood, marshy areas, low lying lands, river beds and earth slip zones, etc. involving risk to stability to foundations.
- High hillocks / hilly areas / sand dunes and areas involving abrupt changes in levels and requiring too many long spans.
- Series of irrigation wells.
- Shooting areas and other protected areas such as army / defence installations/ ammunition depots, areas of archaeological importance, forest areas and wild life sanctuary.
- Areas which involve risk to human life, damage to public & private properties, religious places, cremation grounds, quarry sites and underground mines, gardens, orchards and plantations.
- Areas that may create probable RoW issues.
- Buildings/ Storage areas for explosives or inflammable materials, bulk oil storage tanks, oil or gas pipelines, etc.

Based on the latest design of Tower considering soil condition and seismic hazard, optimization of line length, selection of appropriate tower based on the profile of the line and tower spotting data has been done. Also, number of towers and type of tower has been selected to minimize Zirat damage (surface damage) and minimize the area involved for tower location.

#### **Justification for the selected alignment option**

**132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext):** Alternative I is shortest in length than Alternative II & III. Angle Point in alternative I is less i.e. 67 as compared to alternate II & III, i.e. 98 & 103 respectively. Route length of Alternative I is shorter than alternate II & III. Also based on Environmental & Social considerations analysed for all the three route alternatives, Alt-I route is found to be most feasible. Based on above facts, Alternative I was considered as the most optimal route and recommended for erection of transmission line.

**400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line:** Alternative I is shortest in length than Alternative II & III. Angle Point in alternative I is less i.e. 5 as compared to alternate II & III, i.e. 8 & 9 respectively. Route length of Alternative I is shorter than alternate II & III. Also based on Environmental & Social considerations analysed for all the three route alternatives, Alt-I route is found to be most feasible. Based on above facts, Alternative I was considered as the most optimal route and recommended for erection of transmission line.

## 6. Assessment For Potential Environmental And Social Impacts And Mitigation Measures

### 6.1 Introduction

This chapter details the impact assessment methodology, anticipated project impacts on physical, biological environment (biodiversity assessment, critical habitat assessment using tools like AVISTEP etc.) and social environment based on baseline features of the project during design, construction and operation phases and suggested mitigation measures for all identified impacts and provide summary of impact assessment.

### 6.2 Impact Assessment Methodology

The impact assessment methodology adopted for the Project followed a systematic and integrated approach covering both environmental and social aspects. It included a detailed understanding of project components and transmission line alignment selection criteria, with due consideration to environmental and social sensitivities. The methodology encompassed environmental and social screening and scoping to identify key issues based on the proposed project design and anticipated activities.

Baseline data on physical, biological, and socio-economic conditions were collected through field surveys and secondary sources. A 100% census survey was undertaken for all tower footing locations, where landowner identification has been completed, while a sample socio-economic survey was carried out along the RoW to understand the broader impact profile, given that detailed landowner identification for the RoW is yet to be finalized.

Based on this, potential environmental and social impacts were identified and evaluated in terms of their likely significance during the pre-construction and anticipated construction phases. Appropriate mitigation measures and management plans were developed accordingly, along with clearly defined institutional arrangements for effective implementation, monitoring, and compliance during subsequent project stages.

#### 6.2.1 Screening and Scoping

Screening and Scoping involves review of the available environmental and social information about the project and its surrounding areas.

The details of the project have been collected from different project documents, secondary data and reconnaissance survey are summarized below.

**Table 6.1: Screening for Impacts**

Environmental and Social features	Description	Potential Impacts/ Impacts Occurred
<b>Physical Environment</b>		
Land use Land cover	In general the land use of the project area including transmission line RoW and tower footing are agricultural land, tree/crop plantation area, some habitation area etc. The Right of Way is considered 27 Mtr. For 132kV TL. Area required for transmission tower base area required varies from 31 to 45 sq. m (DA type towers), 37 to 53 sq. m (DB type towers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permanent change in land use at Tower locations.</li> <li>• Limited change in land use of the RoW of Transmission line in form of restrictions on activities such as growing of large trees;</li> <li>• Temporary change in land use due to the development of access routes for</li> </ul>

Environmental and Social features	Description	Potential Impacts/ Impacts Occurred
	<p>41 to 61 sq. m (DC type towers) and 47 to 70 sq. m (DD type towers).</p> <p>The tower base area for 400kV TL required varies from 246 to 356 sq. m (DA type towers), 304 to 465 sq. m (DB type towers) 365 to 556 sq. m (DC type towers) and 439 to 886 sq. m (DD type towers).</p>	<p>tower foundation works.</p>
<p>Topography</p>	<p>The topography of Nalbari District, Baksa District, and Tamulpur District is characterized by a combination of alluvial plains and foothill regions, particularly in areas closer to the Indo–Bhutan border. The terrain in these districts is predominantly flat, interspersed with gently undulating and hilly areas, especially in the northern parts adjoining Bhutan.</p> <p>Geologically, the region is dominated by alluvial formations, with soils primarily classified as Entisols and Inceptisols. The soil texture generally ranges from sandy and silty loam to clay loam, making it suitable for agriculture. The fertile alluvial plains support extensive cultivation across the districts.</p> <p>The topography of the project area for the transmission line is mostly plain land, which is generally favorable for construction activities, with only minor variations in elevation in the foothill sections.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be no significant change in the existing topography due to implementation of this project.</li> </ul>
<p>Soil</p>	<p>Nalbari District and Baksa District in Assam exhibit varied geological and soil characteristics influenced by their location in the Brahmaputra valley and proximity to the Himalayan foothills. The landscape in both districts is primarily composed of alluvium and alluvium-colluvium formations, with granite-gneiss formations observed particularly in the northern foothill areas adjoining Bhutan.</p> <p>The soils in these districts are broadly categorized into newer alluvial soils, older alluvial (valley fill) soils, and soils found in forested and hilly terrains. These soils exhibit varying compositions of sand, silt, clay, and organic matter. The alluvial plains are generally fertile and support intensive agricultural activities, while the hilly and forested areas have comparatively coarse and less developed soils.</p> <p>Tamulpur district in Assam exhibits a geology characterized by mixed plains and foothills,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generation of construction debris;</li> <li>• Impact on soil and land environment due to improper management of domestic solid waste;</li> <li>• Improper storage and handling of hazardous materials (e.g., fuel and lubricant) and generation of hazardous waste during operation.</li> <li>• Waste generated from operation of construction equipment and machinery and their maintenance leading to soil contamination due to leakage / spillage;</li> </ul>

Environmental and Social features	Description	Potential Impacts/ Impacts Occurred
	influenced by its proximity to the Indo-Bhutan border. The soils are primarily alluvial, classified as Entisols and Inceptisols, and are mostly sandy and silty loam or clay loam in nature.	
Water Resources and Quality	<p>In the alluvial plains of Nalbari District and Baksa District, groundwater occurs in regionally extensive aquifers extending to considerable depths. These aquifers generally have good yield prospects, supporting both domestic and agricultural water requirements.</p> <p>The aquifer systems in these districts are primarily composed of sand of varying grades mixed with gravel, which provide favorable conditions for groundwater storage and movement. As a result, these formations are suitable for the development of both shallow and deep tube wells, making groundwater an important resource for irrigation and drinking water supply in the region.</p> <p>Based on the behaviour and occurrence of ground water, the regional ground water flow system of Tamulpur district has been described under following categories. i. Shallow aquifer group occurring within 50 m depth. ii. Deeper aquifer group beyond a depth of 50 m and down to 200 m bgl.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insignificant stress on local water resources due to water requirement for the foundation activities, labour camp;</li> </ul>
Drainage	Transmission lines passes through river, nallah, ponds in some tower locations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sediments including residual construction waste transport to nearby water bodies from tower locations.</li> </ul>
Ambient Air Quality	Based on the observation at site it has been perceived that the ambient air quality of the project footprint and study area is good.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dust emissions associated with foundation activities at tower locations, transportation of construction material, machineries etc.</li> </ul>
Ambient Noise Level	Based on the observation at site it has been perceived that the ambient noise level of the project footprint and study area is good.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise generation due to movement of vehicles;</li> <li>• Noise from construction activities;</li> <li>• Generation of noise during operation of DG Set.</li> </ul>
<b>Biological Environment</b>		
Ecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical wildlife habitats are not present in the project area since the land use is mainly agricultural land, tree/crop plantation, water bodies, some residential areas etc.</li> <li>• The project area specifically the transmission line corridor (27-46 m) does not involved part of any critical wildlife habitats and any reserved of protected areas. In the study area of 10 KM buffer from the project site,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of vegetation causing impact on ecology of the area;</li> <li>• Habitat destruction during temporary laying of wires adjacent to the RoW of transmission lines;</li> <li>• May collision and electrocution risks to avifauna and other fauna during operational phases.</li> </ul>

Environmental and Social features	Description	Potential Impacts/ Impacts Occurred
	no critical wildlife habitats are found.	
Occupational health and safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workers may also face physical hazards from working at heights, lifting heavy materials, and operating machinery. Prolonged exposure to noise, extreme weather conditions, and electromagnetic fields can further impact health. Additionally, poor ergonomics and inadequate personal protective equipment (PPE) may contribute to musculoskeletal injuries and long-term health issues if safety protocols are not strictly followed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Occupational health hazards due to dust;</li> <li>Exposure to noise during construction activities;</li> <li>Safety risk due to wrong handling of construction machinery, working at height, during stringing and erection;</li> <li>Exposure of workers to Electromagnetic field (EMF) while working in proximity to charged electric power lines during operation and maintenance.</li> </ul>
<b>Social Environment</b>		
Demographics	<p>The study area of 132KV NalbariRangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext) and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line transmission Line tower base is comprised of land from twenty-villages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The other details shall be provided after conducting the socio-economic survey of the RoW corridor which is anticipated by mid of August, 2026.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Influx of people for employment opportunity.</li> <li>Migrant labour from other districts.</li> <li>Potential for social conflict and unrest due to conflict of local community with labourers.</li> </ul>
Economy and Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The economy of the study area in Nalbari District is predominantly reliant on agriculture and allied activities. A significant proportion of the population is engaged in traditional and modern agricultural practices for their livelihood. Major crops cultivated in the district include paddy, mustard, pulses, and various vegetables, reflecting the agrarian nature of the economy.</li> <li>In addition to agriculture, Nalbari district has a notable presence of handloom and weaving activities, which contribute to household income and rural employment. Livestock rearing, dairy farming, and poultry also play an important role in supporting livelihoods. Besides these, the district has a growing presence of non-farm and service-related activities, including small-scale trade, local enterprises, and transport services, which help diversify the economic base.</li> <li>The economy of the study area in Baksa District is largely dependent on agriculture,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the project activity, limited opportunity only in construction work.</li> <li>Indirect positive impact on local economy through development of secondary amenities. include supporting facilities such as local markets, recreational spaces, small commercial establishments etc.</li> </ul>

Environmental and Social features	Description	Potential Impacts/ Impacts Occurred
	<p>with the majority of the population engaged in farming and allied sectors. Traditional agricultural practices dominate, with crops such as paddy, maize, mustard, pulses, and vegetables being widely cultivated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Livelihoods in the district are also supported by livestock rearing, piggery, poultry, and dairy farming, particularly among small and marginal farmers and tribal communities. Unlike more industrialized districts, Baksa has limited industrial development; however, small-scale rural enterprises, forest-based activities, and local trade contribute to the economy.</li> <li>• In addition to agriculture, the district has a developing presence of non-farm and service-related activities, which are gradually expanding and providing alternative sources of income. These sectors play a crucial role in enhancing economic resilience and supporting rural livelihoods in the district.</li> <li>• The economy of Tamulpur district is predominantly agrarian, with agriculture serving as the main source of income and employment for the majority of the population. The district is highly dependent on agriculture, and a large portion of its land is dedicated to crop cultivation. Paddy is the most important crop, accounting for a substantial area of the gross cropped area, followed by vegetables, mustard, and horticultural crops. Pig farming also plays a role in providing livelihoods for the poor and marginalized farmers.</li> </ul>	
Land based, Livelihood	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to project activities the loss of access (temporary and permanent) parcels of land for transmission tower foundation / erection activities will impacts on livelihood.</li> <li>• Erection of transmission tower and the RoW of the transmission line will result in an impact on approx. 233 land owners.</li> <li>• While the construction of towers is not likely to result in landlessness or physical displacement, it will result in economic displacement due to crop</li> </ul>

Environmental and Social features	Description	Potential Impacts/ Impacts Occurred
		losses during foundation, erection and stringing activities in the RoW. All these losses shall be duly addressed in the Abbreviated Resettlement Plan (ARAP)
Loss of CPRs, and Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The land within the RoW of the Transmission Lines is mainly of Agriculture land and some fall on government land. No CPRs are available within the RoW.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>However, any loss of access and CPRs during the time of construction of Transmission Line shall be addressed in the ARAP.</li> </ul>
Community health and safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most of the tower locations are situated beyond residential areas and other sensitive zones, and therefore, no electromagnetic radiation impact on the surrounding community is anticipated.</li> <li>Labourers in close proximity to community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transportation of tower components, other construction materials and increased vehicular movement will lead to traffic hazards for community residing close to the access roads;</li> <li>Damage to access roads.</li> <li>Potential gender-based violence risks (sexual exploitation and abuse/sexual harassment)</li> </ul>
Labour Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The labours would be engaged by the EPC contractor.</li> <li>The labourers would be engaged from both local and migrant workers from other districts of Assam.</li> </ul>	<p>The key potential impacts in terms of labour welfare include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to resources such as water, sanitation, cooking fuel etc.;</li> <li>Conflict with local community.</li> <li>Timely payment of wages and other labour compliances.</li> </ul>

### 6.2.2 Identification of Impacts

Various project features and activities that could reasonably act as a source of impact which has been identified for detailed assessment for different stages of the project are as follows:

#### Planning and Construction Phase

- Land use and Land cover
- Soil environment
- Water resources and quality
- Drainage
- Ambient air quality
- Ambient noise level
- Occupational health and safety
- Flora and fauna- vegetation Clearance
- Flora and fauna- Construction activities
- Impact on Private Land owners in Tower Base Area and below conductors during Stringing Exercise
- Impact on private land owners within RoW due to imposition of land use restrictions
- Impacts due to Labour Influx
- Impact on Community Health and Safety
- Impact on Economy and Employment in the Study Area

**Operation Phase**

- Soil Environment
- Noise Level
- Visual Impacts
- Electro-magnetic fields
- Health and safety
- Flora and fauna- Collision and Electrical hazards for avifaunal species
- Impacts of economic loss due to damage to standing crops during maintenance work
- Impact on Community Health and Safety

**6.2.3 Assessment of Impact Significance**

*Table 6.2: Impact Assessment Significance*

Significance Rating	Interpretation
Very High	Impacts where an accepted limit or standard is far exceeded, changes are well outside the range of normal variation, or where long-term to permanent impacts of large magnitude (or consequence) occur to highly sensitive resources or receptors. For adverse residual impacts of very high significance, there is no possible further feasible mitigation that could reduce the impact to an acceptable level or offset the impact, and natural recovery or restoration is unlikely. The impact may represent a possible fatal flaw and decision making will need to evaluate the trade-offs with potential social or economic benefits. Positive social impacts of very high significance would be those where substantial economic or social benefits are obtained from the project for significant duration (many years).
High	Impacts where an accepted limit or standard is exceeded; impacts are outside the range of normal variation or adverse changes to a receptor are long-term. Natural recovery is unlikely or may only occur in the long-term and assisted and ongoing rehabilitation is likely to be required to reduce the impact to an acceptable level. High significance residual impacts warrant close scrutiny in decision-making and strict conditions and monitoring to ensure compliance with mitigation or other compensation requirements. Positive social impacts of high significance would be those where considerable economic or social benefits are obtained from the project for an extended duration in the order of years.
Medium	Moderate adverse changes to a receptor where changes may exceed the range of natural variation or where accepted limits or standards are exceeded at times. Potential for natural recovery in the medium-term is good, although a low level of residual impact may remain. Medium impacts will require mitigation to be undertaken and demonstration that the impact has been reduced to as low as reasonably practicable (even if the residual impact is not reduced to Low significance). Positive social impacts of medium significance would be those where a moderate level of benefit is obtained by people or a community, or the local, regional or national economy for a sustained period, generally more than a year.
Low	Minor effects will be experienced, but the impact magnitude (or consequence) is sufficiently small (with and without mitigation) and well within the range of normal variation or accepted standards, or where effects are short-lived. Natural recovery is expected in the short-term, although a low level of localised residual impact may remain. In general, impacts of low significance can be controlled by normal good practice but may require monitoring to ensure operational controls or mitigation is effective. Positive social impacts of low significance would be those where a few people or a small proportion of a community in a localised area may benefit for a few months.
Very Low	Very minor effects on resources or receptors are possible but the predicted effect represents a minimal change to the distribution, presence, function or health of the affected receptor and no mitigation is required.
Insignificant	Predicted impacts on resources or receptors of very low or low sensitivity are imperceptible or indistinguishable from natural background variations, and no mitigation is required.

The significance of an impact is based on expert judgement of the sensitivity (importance or vulnerability) of a receptor and the magnitude (or consequence) of the effect that will be caused by a project-induced change. In summary, the impact assessment method is based on the following approach:

Significance = Magnitude x Sensitivity

Where, Magnitude = Intensity +Extent + Duration

Once ratings are applied to each of these parameters the following matrix is used to derive Significance:

**Table 6.3: Impact Sensitivity Assessment Matrix**

		SENSITIVITY				
		VERY LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	VERY HIGH
MAGNITUDE (OR CONSEQUENCE)	VERY LOW	NEGLIGIBLE	NEGLIGIBLE	VERY LOW	LOW	LOW
	LOW	VERY LOW	VERY LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM
	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH
	HIGH	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	VERY HIGH
	VERY HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	VERY HIGH	VERY HIGH

Broad definitions of impact significance ratings are provided in the table. Impacts of ‘High’ and ‘Very High’ significance require careful evaluation during decision-making and need to be weighed up against potential long term socio-economic benefits of the project to inform project authorisation. Where there are residual biodiversity impacts of ‘High’ and ‘Very High’ significance this will require careful examination of offset feasibility and confirmation that an offset is possible prior to decision-making.

**6.2.4 Preparation of Environment and Social Management Plan**

The universally accepted mitigation hierarchies adopted for impact assessment is described below:

- Avoid, if possible;
- If avoidance is not possible reduce the magnitude of the impact by applying mitigation measures at source;
- If mitigation measures at source of impact did not succeed to mitigate the impact, then abatement or compensatory measure or offsets are recommended.

The mitigation measures recommended in individual impact assessments will be compiled for project construction and operation phases. The ESMP prepared has also taken organization structure for implementation of mitigation measures.

**6.3 Impacts on Physical Environment**

Impact assessment focuses on the following which are impacted due to the project activities.

- Land use and land cover;
- Soil environment;
- Ambient Air Quality;
- Ambient Noise Level;
- Water resources, Quality and Drainage; and
- Occupational health and safety.

### 6.3.1 Impacts during Planning and Construction Phase

The project activities during construction phase include:

- Selective clearing of vegetation in designated areas for Transmission tower erection and RoW;
- Movement of construction machineries, transportation of construction material, tower components, stringing wire etc.;
- Establishment of labour camp;
- Storage of materials;
- Excavation, foundation and construction works;
- Erection of Tower;
- Stringing activities.

Mitigation measures provided for construction activities at site (tower foundation, erection of remaining towers, stringing) are given table as follows.

**Table 6.4: Impacts on physical environment and mitigation measures during construction phase**

Land use and Land Cover	
Context and receptor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the project area the land is primarily used for agriculture / crops. The other land uses in the area are trees / vegetation, some residential areas and water bodies (Table 2.3).</li> <li>• No major anthropogenic activities are observed in the project area except agricultural activities and tree/crop plantation.</li> <li>• The project shall be resulting in change of the land use within the land parcels where the transmission towers are located. The actual area of land use impact is limited to the footprint (tower base) of the 130 transmission towers in total, which represent around 1.71 hectares for the LILO lines. Besides this the land falling under the RoW of transmission line will also have limited change in land use in terms of restriction of activities to be undertaken on this area.</li> </ul>
Mitigation measure	The land requirement for the tower base has been considered optimum as per the IS standards.
Impact Significance	<p>A total of <b>1.71 hectares</b> will experience permanent change in land use. The RoW of transmission line required <b>9111</b> (both the Transmission line) numbers of trees including fruit &amp; non fruit bearing, bamboos etc. to be felled or looped. During operation phase, RoW will have limited restriction in terms of prohibiting plantation of any large tree, construction of any structure. The agricultural activities in the RoW area could be continued as earlier. Considering this, the magnitude of the impact is assessed as <b>moderate</b>.</p> <p>Out of total land to undergo permanent land use change is 1.71 hectares in total, are primarily used for agriculture, trees / crops, residential, water bodies and range land. Hence, the resource sensitivity is assessed as <b>moderate</b>.</p> <p>As per the Impact Sensitivity Assessment Matrix (<b>refer Table 6.3</b>) a combination of medium impact magnitude with medium receptor sensitivity results in impact significance as <b>moderate</b>.</p>
Additional mitigation measures	No additional mitigation measures suggested.
CorrResidual impact significance	-

Soil Environment	
Context and receptor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digging of foundation pits for the towers may affect the soil quality.</li> <li>• Foundations shall dig up to a depth of 3-3.5 m depending upon the tower type and soil characteristics. At the tower sites, all vegetation within the footprint of the tower base and additional surrounding area shall be cleared for ground vegetation. Foundation pits shall be backfilled by the excavated soils;</li> <li>• Compaction of soil during excavation, transportation of construction material &amp; tower components, foundation work, backfilling, tower erection and stringing lead to temporary effects on natural infiltration of rainwater, but these impacts are temporary, localized and marginal;</li> <li>• Soil contamination at tower locations shall be from result of leaks and spills of oil, lubricants, or fuel from construction equipment.</li> <li>• General construction waste generated onsite comprised of waste concrete, wooden pallets, steel cuttings / filings, packaging paper or plastic, wood, metals etc. Municipal domestic wastes consisting of food waste, plastic, glass, aluminium cans and waste paper shall also be generated by the construction workforce and labour camp site. A small proportion of the waste generated during construction phase shall be hazardous and include used oil, grease and waste oil containing rags.</li> <li>• During foundation activities at tower locations, excess excavated material shall be generated.</li> </ul>
Mitigation measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetation clearance and excavation to be done in the marked excavation and construction area only;</li> <li>• The excavated soil to be stored on site for back filling;</li> <li>• Any top soil that is to be removed for construction of tower Footings / foundations to be temporarily stored in a proper manner and then be used as a (soil) top cover after construction activities are complete;</li> <li>• After completion of construction activities, site will be cleared for any excess excavated material and leftover construction material. Disposal areas for same will be identified in consultation concerned department;</li> <li>• Spill management kit will be provided and immediately clean-up of any spillages;</li> <li>• Provision of waste collection bin and disposal of domestic waste will be provided at labour camp site;</li> <li>• Tower components and materials shall be placed properly at construction site, thereby reducing disturbance to surrounding standing crop and vegetation;</li> <li>• The existing roads to be used for approaching tower locations.</li> </ul>
Impact Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact on soil quality will be limited to transmission tower locations. The land area already disturbed during foundation activities for some tower footing and foundation and shall be continued for remaining tower footing and foundations.</li> <li>• Compaction of soil may be happened due to vehicular movement for remaining tower footing and foundations, tower erection and stringing activities. However, the compacted soil in surroundings of tower locations will reinstate their original conditions through ploughing activities in fields.</li> <li>• On basis of this, the magnitude of impact is assessed as <b>small</b>.</li> <li>• As per the impact significant assessment matrix (refer Table 6.2) a combination of small impact magnitude with medium receptor sensitivity results in impact significance as minor.</li> </ul>
Additional mitigation	No additional mitigation measures suggested.

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Residual impact significance	No change in impact significance rating for remaining construction activities.
<b>Ambient Air Quality</b>	
Context and receptor	<p>Ambient air quality will largely impact from the following sources during the construction phase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fugitive dust emissions from transportation of material, excavation, drilling, back filling, emission due to movements of vehicles, plying of heavy construction machinery etc.;</li> <li>• Emissions from diesel generator for construction activities.</li> <li>• The nearest receptor for dust emissions located outside 500 m distance from transmission line route.</li> <li>• No ecological sensitivities located in the RoW of transmission line route.</li> </ul>
Mitigation measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All vehicles shall be properly maintained;</li> <li>• Excavation activities to be avoided during windy weather conditions;</li> <li>• The unpaved access roads shall be sprinkled with water as necessary to reduce dust, especially during summer windy conditions.</li> </ul>
Impact Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The major activities contributing to air emissions, i.e., foundation activities along the transmission line.</li> <li>• The vehicles and construction machinery plying onsite will generate particulate and gaseous emissions of CO, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>. These emissions will be dispersed into the unpolluted environment of the project area. Dust and air emissions resulting from the above activities may affect environment depending upon prevailing wind directions and speed. In addition, fugitive dust emissions generated in the project activities will add to the particulate levels in the project area. Emissions from the DG set and other stationary machines will also generate gaseous emissions.</li> <li>• Considering above, magnitude of impact is assessed as medium.</li> <li>• As mentioned above, there are habitations present within 500 m distance from the Transmission line route.</li> <li>• There are no ecological sensitivities located in the RoW of transmission line route.</li> <li>• Hence, the receptor sensitivity is considered as <b>medium</b>.</li> <li>• As per the impact significant assessment matrix (refer Table 6.3) a combination of small impact magnitude with high receptor sensitivity results in impact significance as moderate.</li> </ul>
Additional mitigation measures	No additional mitigation measures suggested.
Residual impact significance	No change in impact significance rating for remaining construction activities.
<b>Ambient Noise Level</b>	
Context and receptor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The foundation activities at transmission tower locations shall affect on the noise level due to operation of concrete mixer, DG set, vehicular movement for transportation of materials.</li> <li>• During erection of tower and stringing there can be some disturbance from noise due to vehicular movement for transportation of tower components, strings, and communications during erection and stringing. Also, during stringing there will be continuous operation of tractors carrying the strings from one tower to other.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As mentioned above, there are habitations present within 500 m distance from the Transmission line route.</li> <li>• No ecological sensitivities located in the RoW of transmission line route.</li> </ul>
Mitigation measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction activities are to be carried out during the daytime (6:00 am- 10:00 pm);</li> <li>• Avoid unnecessary honking of horns.</li> </ul>
Impact Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In case of transmission line, the noise causing construction activities (drilling, rock breaking and material transportation) at any tower location will limit to 2-3 days.</li> <li>• The increase in traffic volumes during the erection of the transmission tower and stringing is expected to be occasional and negligible.</li> <li>• Hence, the magnitude of impact on ambient noise level is assessed as medium.</li> <li>• As mentioned above, there are habitations present within 500 m distance from the Transmission line route.</li> <li>• There are no ecological sensitivities located in the RoW of transmission line route.</li> <li>• Hence, the receptor sensitivity is considered as <b>medium</b>.</li> <li>• As per the impact significant assessment matrix (refer Table 6.3) a combination of small impact magnitude with high receptor sensitivity results in impact significance as moderate.</li> </ul>
Additional mitigation measures	No additional mitigation measures suggested.
Residual impact significance	No change in impact significance rating for remaining construction activities.
<b>Water Resources and Quality</b>	
Context and receptor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The transmission line generally requires about 50 m<sup>3</sup> of water for casting of foundations for each tower, which shall be sourced from local sources through tankers.</li> <li>• The transmission line passes through River and nallahs. Refer Table 2.3 for details.</li> </ul>
Mitigation measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of storage area to be avoided on agricultural land and in close proximity to water bodies wherever possible.</li> <li>• Excess excavated material not to be dumped in Nallah / water course / drainages.</li> <li>• Proper arrangement for clean bathing / washing water to be made at labour camps;</li> <li>• Approved water supply resource to be used for water requirements for concreting and curing during foundation activities;</li> <li>• Wastewater generated at labour camp will have proper disposal arrangements such as septic tank and soak-pits.</li> </ul>
Impact Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sensitivity of water resource in the area is considered as <b>low</b>.</li> <li>• The magnitude of impact is assessed as small considering the amount of water consumption at foundation activities at tower locations.</li> <li>• Tower erection and stringing activities does not have water requirement. Further, the direct negative impact on water resources due to construction activities is short term and limited mainly to construction phase of the project. The transmission lines will have insignificant impact on the surface water and ground water.</li> <li>• As per the impact significant assessment matrix (refer Table 6.3) a combination of small impact magnitude with medium receptor sensitivity results in impact significance as <b>negligible</b>.</li> </ul>
Additional mitigation measures	No additional mitigation measures suggested.

Residual impact significance	The significance of residual impacts for remaining construction activities will be <b>negligible</b> .
<b>Drainage</b>	
Context and receptor	The study area has natural drainage pattern. The transmission line passes through River and nallahs. Refer <b>Table 2.3</b> for details.
Mitigation measure	Drainage system will not be blocked and polluted by the construction activity and shall be closely monitored at Site.
Impact Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The alteration in surface drainage pattern of the area due to construction of transmission line will be insignificant as the natural flow of water will not be altered.</li> <li>• Considering this, magnitude of impact is assessed as small and resource sensitivity as <b>low</b>.</li> <li>• As per the impact significant assessment matrix (refer Table 6.3) a combination of small impact magnitude with low receptor sensitivity results in impact significance as <b>negligible</b>.</li> </ul>
Additional mitigation measures	No additional mitigation measures suggested.
Residual impact significance	No change in impact significance rating for remaining construction activities.
<b>Occupational Health and Safety</b>	
Context and receptor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The erection of transmission towers, stringing of line will <b>require working at heights</b>. The commissioning of the transmission line will also involve live power lines.</li> <li>• <b>The working at height has the risks of falling from the height and</b> working on live wires carrying power has dangers of electric shock and electrocution.</li> <li>• Besides this, there could be slip and trip hazards especially during monsoon season.</li> <li>• The area experiences heavy rainfall. Working during very heavy rain could cause health hazards;</li> <li>• During tower erection and stringing activities, about 60 workers will be engaged.</li> </ul>
Mitigation measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trained workers will be involved in the specific work activities such as tower erection and stringing;</li> <li>• Prior to start of work, workers will be informed about the related safety risks and precautions to be taken;</li> <li>• Stop work in monsoon season (wet season);</li> <li>• During summer and rainy days with high temperature, work shall be started early in morning with no work during peak temperature in afternoon and rainy days.</li> <li>• Construction areas to be marked and cordoned off;</li> <li>• Manual lifting by adult men to be less than 55kg and for women it should be less than 30kg;</li> <li>• Eye protection for welding, cutting or similar operations which may cause hazard to eyes;</li> <li>• All persons performing construction work to wear safety shoes and helmets conforming to national standard;</li> <li>• Every worker engaged in handling sharp objects which may cause injury to hand shall be provided with suitable hand gloves;</li> <li>• A construction worker handling cement and concrete to wear close fitting clothing, gloves, helmet / hard hat, proper footwear, masks etc. and will take all precaution to keep the cement and concrete away from his skin;</li> <li>• Moving parts of the hoists, grouting equipment used for concrete work are securely fenced to avoid any injury or unsafe condition;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The mixing of the concrete is done in such a way that minimum of dust escapes into the air;</li> <li>• Erection of steel structures should be carried out by experienced workers and they should use safety harness, lifelines, catchment etc.;</li> <li>• EPC contractor to ensure a First-aid Box is available at construction site;</li> <li>• EPC contractor to ensure that health and safety procedures, including working at heights (SoP attached as Appendix 13) are in place and training on same are provided to the workers prior to construction;</li> <li>• Once the stringing is complete, notices (danger sign boards) and anti-climbing devices to be put on all the faces of the tower;</li> <li>• Emergency contact numbers and route to nearest hospital shall be displayed at construction site.</li> <li>• The local / host community shall be kept at safe distance from construction site.</li> </ul>
Impact Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The foundation activities, i.e. tower footing, the erection of transmission towers and stringing will be done through experienced and trained workers.</li> <li>• Construction of foundation work at transmission towers shall involve local workers who were not having earlier experience. Hence, there will be greater vulnerability for accidents and therefore, receptor vulnerability is assessed as medium.</li> <li>• Depending on the severity of incident/accident, the magnitude of impact could small to <b>medium</b>.</li> <li>• As per the impact significant assessment matrix (refer Table 6.3) a combination of small to medium impact magnitude with medium receptor sensitivity results in impact significance as minor to moderate.</li> </ul>
Additional mitigation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety induction training will be conducted on the joining date of the workers.</li> <li>• Daily toolbox talks will be conducted for the workers before the commencement of any work.</li> <li>• Refresher safety training will be conducted every six months for the workers engaged in the project including workers working at heights.</li> </ul>
Residual impact significance	<p>The significance of the residual impact after implementation of the recommended mitigation measures will be <b>minor</b> for remaining construction activities.</p>

### Impact on Sensitive Receptors

Impact on Sensitive Receptors: There are no sensitive receptors located within the Right of Way (RoW) corridor of the proposed transmission lines. However, within a 500-meter radius of the proposed 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.) at Kumarikata GIS, several sensitive receptors have been identified. These include 6 educational institutions, 21 religious structures, 1 healthcare facility, 7 government/community institutions, and 2 commercial establishments.

During the construction phase, no impact is anticipated on these CPRs, as most of them are located at a considerable distance from the center line of the transmission lines. Similarly, within a 500-meter radius of the proposed 400kV LILO of Balipara- Bongaigaon D/C line at Rangia (Tamulpur) 400 kV GIS, no sensitive receptors have been identified

During construction phase insignificant impact may occur to the above sensitive receptors, as most of the sensitive receptor locations are away from the center line of the transmission lines. Regular noise quality

monitoring will be conducted during construction phase and will be compared with base line data. Appropriate measures will be taken if increase in noise level recorded.

### 6.3.2 Impacts during Operation Phase

The following sub-section provides details on the impacts during operation and maintenance phase. The project activities during operation phase include:

Power Transmission;

Preventive maintenance of Transmission line.

**Table 6.5: Impacts on physical environment and mitigation measures during operation phase**

<b>Soil Environment</b>	
Context and receptor	<b>Waste Generation</b> Any spillage of Aluminium oxide paint during operation and maintenance of the transmission line towers may impact soil quality.
Mitigation measure	Preventive maintenance plan will be prepared for transmission line.
Impact Significance	No impacts of any significance are predicted on vegetation and soil due to operation of the transmission line.
Additional mitigation measures	Low frequency of painting as well as involving experienced personnel with mitigations like prior spread of sheets underneath the tower structure while painting could be considered.
Residual impact significance	No change in impact significance rating.
<b>Noise Level</b>	
Context and receptor	The likely noise impacts from operation of the transmission line will be due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance and repair activities;</li> <li>• ‘Corona discharge’ from the overhead lines;</li> <li>• Once operational, noise from energised overhead lines along the transmission line route can be produced by a phenomenon known as ‘Corona Discharge’ (a limited electrical breakdown of the air). Conductors are designed and constructed to minimise corona effects, although, under certain conditions this can be audible as a ‘hissing’ sound, sometimes accompanied by a low frequency hum. Conductors designed and constructed to minimise corona effects will be chosen for transmission. It is highly unlikely that the corona discharge noise will exceed the normal background noise levels in the area and furthermore, such noises are mostly restricted to rainy weather conditions.</li> <li>• The nearest receptor for noise emissions located within 500 m distance from transmission line route.</li> <li>• No ecological sensitivities located in the RoW of transmission line route.</li> </ul>
Mitigation measure	The project design specifications include the measures to reduce the noise generated along transmission line.
Impact Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The magnitude of noise generation from operational phase will be small but consistent for the entire life of transmission line.</li> <li>• As mentioned above, there are habitations present within 500 m distance from the Transmission line route.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no ecological sensitivities located in the RoW of transmission line route.</li> <li>• Hence, the receptor sensitivity is considered as medium.</li> <li>• As per the impact significant assessment matrix (refer Table 6.3) a combination of small impact magnitude with High receptor sensitivity results in impact significance as minor.</li> </ul>
Additional mitigation measures	No additional mitigation measures suggested.
Residual impact significance	No change in impact significance rating.
<b>Visual Impacts</b>	
Context and receptor	<p>The footprint of the project comprise of about 109.52 hectares will experience permanent change in land use for 36.27 km long for 132 kV and 2.15 km long for 400 kV transmission line with total 130 towers.</p> <p>The transmission line route passes through agriculture/trees/crops/vegetation, residential, water bodies and range land. The vertical forms of the transmission towers would be prominently visible from the road and nearby settlements. Besides this, the farmers in the field would have clear view of these towers. It is to be noted that the study area already had other existing transmission towers and the new transmission line will be easily absorb in the existing landscape.</p> <p>The visual impacts will be perceived by two types of receptors, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receptors located at a fix point, i.e. habitations within the project foot print and area of influence; and</li> <li>• Receptors who will temporarily come into contact with the transmission line such as passing motorists in the area.</li> </ul>
Mitigation measure	The route of alignment had avoided settlement areas, forest areas during project planning.
Impact Significance	<p>It is important to note that whether the visual impact is seen as positive or negative is highly subjective, and people’s attitude towards and perception of the visual impacts associated with the transmission line may differ vastly. The study area already had other existing transmission line. Hence, the magnitude of impact is assessed as <b>small</b>.</p> <p>Also, the local community does not perceive the transmission line as a new element in the existing visual landscape of the area as interpreted from consultations. Therefore, receptor vulnerability is considered as <b>low</b>.</p> <p>As per the impact significant assessment matrix (refer Table 6.3) a combination of small impact magnitude with low receptor sensitivity results in impact significance as <b>negligible</b>.</p>
Additional mitigation measures	No additional mitigation measures suggested.
Residual impact significance	No change in impact significance rating.
<b>Electro Magnetic Fields (EMPs)</b>	
Context and receptor	<p>The power evacuation through the transmission line during operation phase will result in development of electromagnetic fields. There have been some concerns about possible health risk from exposure to electromagnetic radiation from overhead transmission line. People working in the vicinity of transmission line are potentially prone to exposure to</p>

	EMF. However, while the evidence of adverse health risks is low, it is still sufficient to warrant limited concern.
Mitigation measure	The minimum distance clearance of 7 m from ground to the lowest conductor shall be provided in the project as CEA Safety regulations, 2023 which is considered adequate to mitigate potential exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF). Details provided in <b>Table 2.3</b> .
Impact Significance	There are no specific standards or guidance on EMF in India however the Indian Electricity Act and Rules clearly stipulate the minimum clearances required. As per ICNIRP standards, the EMF generated by 132 and 400 kV line is lesser than the suggested value.
Additional mitigation measures	<p>The recommendations applicable to the management of EMF exposures (as per IFC) as given below shall be followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of potential exposure to the public against the reference levels developed by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP).</li> <li>• Average and peak exposure levels shall remain below the ICNIRP recommendation for General Public Exposure (1).</li> <li>• If EMF levels are confirmed or expected to be above the recommended exposure limits, application of engineering techniques will be considered to reduce the EMF produced by power lines, or transformers.</li> </ul> <p>Examples of these techniques include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shielding with specific metal alloys</li> <li>• Increasing height of transmission towers</li> <li>• Modifications to size, spacing, and configuration of conductors.</li> </ul> <p>During operational phase, AEGCL will monitor the above measures as per requirements.</p>
Residual impact significance	Not Applicable
<b>Occupational Health and Safety</b>	
Context and receptor	<p>The project will have transmission of 132 kV &amp; 400kV through the transmission line during operation phase. AEGCL will be responsible for O&amp;M of the Transmission line.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a possibility of lines or towers / tower members falling to the ground, and safety risks during maintenance activities at towers, during the operational phase, contact with the transmission line can result in electrocution.</li> <li>• Ignorant people trying to tap electricity from high tension wire can lead to fatal accidents.</li> </ul>
Mitigation measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risks to general public during operation will be reduced by public awareness and education and physical measures by attaching an appropriate warning sign on all faces of the tower;</li> <li>• Once the stringing work is complete, notices and permanent anti climbing devices will be installed on the tower. The operational start date for electricity transmission and safety implications will be publicized locally in advance.</li> <li>• The SOP for preventive maintenance and repairing of fault will be defined and followed.</li> </ul>
Impact Significance	Based on above, overall impact significance is assessed as <b>minor</b> .
Additional mitigation measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The lock in-lock out system will be followed during maintenance/ repair activities at transmission line;</li> <li>• Records of incident / accidents shall be maintained;</li> <li>• Root cause analysis shall be carried out for any incident / accident</li> </ul>

Residual impact significance	No change in impact significance rating.
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#### 6.4 Impacts on Biological Environment (Biodiversity Assessment, Critical Assessment)

Impact Assessment Standards defines sensitivity of ecological receptors by determining the significance of effects on species and habitats separately. Impacts during construction and operation phases are presented below.

##### 6.4.1 Impacts during Planning and Construction Phase

The source of impact to biological environment during the construction phase is associated with the clearing of vegetation and the construction activities. As the RoW of the transmission line primarily includes agricultural and crop land the impact from clearance of vegetation will be considerably minimum.

**Table 6.6: Impacts on biological environment and mitigation measures during Planning and Construction Phase**

Impacts due to Vegetation Clearance	
Context and receptor	<p>Vegetation clearance is the first step in the establishment of access / internal roads and excavation for the erection of tower footing and transmission tower foundations and ancillary facilities. Impact of vegetation clearance could happen at the time of line stringing at few places. The RoW of 132 kV Nalbari-Kumarikata transmission line required 9111 numbers of trees including fruit &amp; non fruit bearing, bamboos etc. need to be cut/trimmed. The RoW of 400 kV LILO Balipara-Bongaigaon transmission line involves no trees or bamboos.</p> <p>Apart from the above, crops like rice, jowar, arhar, tur, moong, til, groundnut, soyabean, chilly and, ginger, onion, chilly, brinjal, bhindi, wheat, gram, mustard, turmeric, potato, carrot, pea. Other than cereals, fruits like mango, pineapple, orange, jackfruit, banana, litchi, lemon, papaya, sapota and guava are also grown in large quantity.</p> <p>Ground clearance will be maintained from the lowest cable and any object that is grounded (tree etc.).</p> <p>Clearing of vegetation from agriculture / crops, trees / vegetation, built up area reduces options for nesting habitat for birds, shelter from predators, foraging resources, shade, perching habitat and breeding sites. The loss of vegetation can also have a negative effect on soil quality and hamper survival of neighbouring floral species, burrowing faunal species and foraging resources for herbivores in the area.</p>
Mitigation measure	<p>In tower foundation location and transmission line corridor no mature fruiting tree or any other tree that is important for community will be felled. The tower locations will be adjusted to avoid mature trees that are important for the community. In case it is absolutely necessary, chopping and trimming of the branches will be undertaken.</p>
Impact Significance	<p>Construction of towers and stringing of transmission lines may lead to chopping / trimming or clearing of tree species. This may also happen (or already happened) during line stringing.</p> <p>In addition, vegetation clearance may remove few shrub and herb species. Vegetation clearance will lead to habitat disturbance for fauna.</p>

	<p>The clearance of vegetation in agriculture / crops, trees / vegetation, built up, water bodies, habitat is expected to occur at a scale to have an impact on habitat for species (birds, mammals and some reptiles) that utilize those resources.</p> <p>Vegetation is small enough and construction activities that will disrupt connectivity of habitats for species utilizing the area. However, there is substantial habitat for these species in the region and any impact that likely to happen is unlikely to cause loss of habitat viability and function in the region. The loss of habitat in the agricultural land pertains to any areas that provide connectivity to water bodies and vegetation patches. Once again agriculture / crops, trees / vegetation, built up, water bodies is widespread in the region and therefore impacts from vegetation clearance for construction of transmission line that expected to happen is not expected to cause any long-term disruption of habitat viability and function.</p> <p>Considering these factors, the <b>magnitude</b> of impact is assessed as <b>medium</b>, with a <b>medium</b> receptor <b>sensitivity</b> due to the presence of common avifauna and small terrestrial species. Hence, the overall impact <b>significance</b> is considered <b>moderate</b>.</p>
Additional mitigation measures	<p>The following mitigation measures will further reduce the impact significance on the habitat and species for the remaining construction works that require vegetation clearance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetation disturbance and clearance should be restricted to the project activity area;</li> <li>• Strict prohibition should be maintained on use of fuel wood and shrubs from nearby areas as kitchen fuel.</li> </ul>
Residual impact significance	<p>Removal of vegetation can have a direct and indirect impact on the local ecology. While the impact is limited to the relatively short construction phase of the project, the recovery time to return to pre-project conditions is long and therefore the significance of the residual impacts will remain <b>minor</b> for flora and fauna species.</p>
<b>Impacts due to Construction Activities</b>	
Context and receptor	<p>Construction activities include excavation, movement of machineries, increased anthropogenic movement (men and transport) in the project study area. These activities are assessed with respect to disturbance of habitats and species.</p> <p>Excavation for the construction of the foundations for transmission towers and ancillary facilities shall have direct impact on burrowing fauna, mammalian fauna and an indirect impact on flora / fauna through the changing of soil properties. This type of impact could happen for each tower footing that is yet to be constructed.</p> <p>Anthropogenic movement will result in increased stress placed on fauna in the area that remain alert for an extended period of time and may prevent proper breeding, nesting, mating, socializing and foraging.</p> <p>Noise from anthropogenic movement (men and transport) for the construction activities shall cause disturbance to fauna in the nearby areas.</p> <p>This type of impact could happen during the remaining footprint and tower foundation stringing activities of the transmission line.</p>
Mitigation measure	<p>In-house training provided to the labour force and supervisory staff for situations dealing with wildlife encounters.</p>
Impact Significance	<p>The significance of impacts from construction activities is being assessed for agriculture / crops, trees / vegetation, built up, water bodies for faunal species.</p> <p>Excavation activities have the potential to cause detrimental impact on the soil properties in the area and on burrowing species, neighbouring flora, herbivores and small carnivores.</p>

	<p>Burrowing animals including reptiles and ground-roosting bird species and lizard burrowing holes can be directly affected by excavation.</p> <p>Mammalian species could fall in the ditch constructed for the remaining tower footings and get injured.</p> <p>Anthropogenic movement could create increased stress on mammals, birds and reptiles in the project study area in proximity to the areas tower construction and stringing activities are proposed. Mammal species are also susceptible to higher noise levels from anthropogenic movement and construction due to their better auditory perception. Noise can affect mating and breeding behaviour in all species that utilize sound to communicate with one another and find suitable mates.</p> <p>Impact magnitude is considered <b>small</b>. The sensitivity of these habitats is considered <b>low</b> as they may have significance as per IUCN Least Concern Species alone and are common.</p> <p>The species dependent on agriculture / crops, trees / vegetation, built up, water bodies and range land habitats (reptiles, birds and mammals) are included within the Least Concern category.</p> <p>However, the site has bird species protected under IUCN Conservation Status and therefore the site has been deemed to have <b>medium</b> sensitivity. The impacts described above are not expected to cause a significant change in the population of these species and therefore the impact magnitude has been deemed <b>small</b>.</p> <p>The overall impact significance has been assessed as <b>not significant</b> for habitat and <b>minor</b> for flora and fauna species.</p>
Additional mitigation measures	<p>The following mitigation measures will further reduce the impact significance on the species for the remaining construction works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction and transportation activities should be avoided at night (10:00 pm to 6:00 am);</li> <li>• Temporary barriers with wire mesh should be installed on excavated areas to prevent falling of mammalian species;</li> <li>• Good housekeeping should be followed for construction activities;</li> <li>• Anti-poaching, trapping and hunting policy among employees and contractors should be strictly enforced; and</li> <li>• General awareness regarding fauna should be enhanced through trainings, posters, etc. among the staff and labourers.</li> </ul>
Residual impact significance	<p>The implementation of suggested mitigation measures can significantly reduce the impacts from construction activities but there will still be some impacts due to noise and anthropogenic movement. The residual impacts for species will remain <b>minor</b>. However, as impacts of construction activity will be reduced there will continue to be disturbance to fauna and flora will be reduced.</p>
<b>Habitats of Critically Endangered and Endangered species</b>	
Context and receptor	<p><b>Key Biodiversity Areas within 10 km radius:</b></p> <p>An analysis for Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) within 10 Km buffer from the center line of LILLO lines were assessed by obtaining data from the World Database of Key Biodiversity Areas and it is found that no critical wildlife habitat including KBA Sites are present within 10 KM buffer of the transmission lines. The faunal habitat assessment of the project area reveals presence of common domesticated fauna only like Cow, buffalo, goat, pig, dog etc. Also, common species of birds and other mammals are found. As per the site assessment presence of wildlife species are very rare but chance finding of some</p>

	wildlife species like monkey, deer, elephant, wild boar, wild buffalo, fox, leopard etc. in the vicinity of project area can not be ruled out.
Mitigation measure	Adoption of general mitigation measures like awareness program for the construction workers, planning of construction work, adoption of safety measures are envisaged and will be sufficient. In-house training is to be provided to the labour force and supervisory staff for situations dealing with wildlife encounters.
Impact Significance	Based on above, overall impact significance is assessed as <b>Small</b> .
Additional mitigation measures	-
Residual impact significance	No change in impact significance rating.


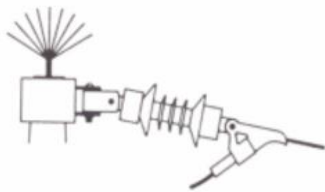
#### 6.4.2 Impacts during Operation Phase

The source of ecological impacts in the operation phase is associated with electrical and collision hazards from transmission infrastructure. The impacts in the operation phase are considerably larger due to the presence of other transmission lines in the area that multiply the hazards for flying bird species. Impacts from the operation phase of the project on the local ecology have been assessed with respect to the following activities:

Perching on transmission lines and towers and flying in proximity to the conductors for avifauna. Based on the facts that minimum clearance between conductor and trees ranges from 4 to 5.5 m; minimum ground clearance as per Electrical standard is 6.1 to 8.44 m and Spacing between the lines/cables is 3.05 to 5.49m, it can be assumed that, electrocution of primate/monkey and bird's wingspan has not been anticipated by touching two cables.

**Table 6.7: Impacts on biological environment and mitigation measures during Operation Phase**

<b>Collision and Electrical hazards for avifaunal species</b>	
Context and receptor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the ecological assessment bird species were found roosting on wires and poles in the area. Some birds also utilize the transmission towers for nesting by placing the nests across wires or using holes in the tower itself. Collision of birds can happen with transmission line due to specific behaviour like courtship displays, aerial hunting as they may distract the birds from the presence of the power lines.</li> <li>• Collision may happen for birds that make regular and repeated flights between roosting and feeding areas in proximity to power lines.</li> <li>• Stretch nearby the water bodies is vulnerable to bird collision. Avifaunal species forages nearby in and around the river for their daily needs</li> </ul>
Mitigation measure	<p>The following mitigation measures will reduce the impact significance on avifaunal species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installing perch rejecter (Upright “whisk brooms” - Picture 2) on all the cross arms.</li> <li>• In order to mitigate and minimize collision of birds, power line markers should be used (Picture 1), which reduce the risk by increasing the visibility of overhead lines to birds (Sporer et al. 2013). These items are included in Sl. No. 34/63 of BOQ.</li> <li>• Span marker (bird flight diverter-BFD) will be installed throughout the TL corridor.</li> </ul> <p><b>Electrical Pole Modification</b></p>

	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Picture 1: Power line markers*</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Picture 2: Perch Rejecter</p> </div> </div>
<p>Impact Significance</p>	<p>During the ecological assessment bird species were found roosting on wires and poles in the area. In addition, birds may collide when moving across water bodies in the study area. Some birds with large wing span may get electrocuted.</p> <p>As per AVISTEP analysis, certain avifauna species like Baer’s pochard (CR), Bengal Florican (CR), Greater adjutant (EN), Sarus Crane (VU), Lesser adjutant (VU), Asian Woollyneck (NT), Painted stork (NT), Swamp francolin (VU), Black neck stork (NT), Manipur Bush-quail (EN) shows high collision sensitivity (above 50%) wrt to transmission line projects in the area but the likelihood of these species occurring within the project area (occurrence certainty) ranges from low to <b>medium</b>. The nearest Important Bird Area (IBA), Barnadi Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS), lies beyond the 10 km buffer zone from the LILO transmission lines and hence the occurrence of these species in the project area is assessed to be minimal. Nevertheless, the possibility of their occasional presence cannot be entirely ruled out. However, it is unlikely that mortality from collision/electrocution will cause any changes in the population regionally. Moreover, appropriate mitigation measures will be implemented to address any potential <b>negative</b> impacts on Avifauna. The impact magnitude has been assessed as small. Furthermore, impact significance to species is considered <b>moderate</b>.</p>
<p>Additional mitigation measures</p>	<p>No additional mitigation measures suggested.</p>
<p>Residual impact significance</p>	<p>After implementation of mitigation measures, the significance of residual impacts will be <b>moderate</b>. We retain this significance, as while the mitigation measures are likely to reduce the impact, the probability of electrocution/collision with wires still cannot be ruled out.</p>
<p><b>Critical habitats of Critically Endangered and Endangered species (AVIFAUNA)</b></p>	
<p>Context and receptor</p>	<p>AVISTEP as the Avian Sensitivity Tool for Energy Planning has been used for the project area to 1. Identify areas of high avian sensitivity across landscapes where power infrastructure like transmission lines is proposed. 2. Minimize impacts on bird habitats and migratory paths during planning and route alignment. 3. Support environmentally responsible decision-making in the energy sector. 4. Promote biodiversity conservation while allowing energy infrastructure development. The AVISTEP analysis is based on spatial data such as: Important Bird Areas (IBAs), Migratory corridors, Wetlands, forests, and other ecologically sensitive zones of the area.</p> <p>The details of Avifauna report as per AVISTEP analysis in the project area is enclosed at <b>Appendix 10</b> which provides summary of Critically Endangered and endangered species in the project area.</p> <p>A proximity analysis of IBA sites w.r.t project area also concludes that any IBA sites are not present in the buffer of 10 KM radius from the transmission lines. A detail of IBA sites of Assam is <b>enclosed for reference in Appendix 12</b>.</p>
<p>Mitigation measure</p>	<p>In order to mitigate and minimize collision of birds, power line markers will be used at selected section of the transmission line in proximity to birds flying routs, water bodies as per site assessment, which will reduce the risk by increasing the visibility of overhead lines to birds.</p> <p>A specific monitoring requirement in the form of wild Animal monitoring checklist for LILO operator to regularly monitor/observe and record bird collisions and deaths along the transmission line ROW. The bird/wildlife monitoring is to be regularly reported to the PMU and the AIIB. <b>Checklist provided in Appendix 7</b>.</p>

Impact Significance	Based on above, overall impact significance is assessed as Moderate
Additional mitigation measures	-
Residual impact significance	No change in impact significance rating.

### 6.4.3 Cumulative Impact for Avifauna

The cumulative impacts to the avifauna species are considered as **moderate** since there is a possibility of impact to the globally threatened migratory avifaunal species.

## 6.5 Impacts on Social Environment

### 6.5.1 Impacts during Planning and Construction Phase

**Table 6.8: Impacts on social environment and mitigation measures during Planning and Construction Phase**

<b>Economic loss to private landowners in the tower base area and beneath the conductors due to crop damage during civil construction and stringing activities.</b>	
Context and receptor	<p>The project site is located in the Tehsil of Tamulpur in Tamulpur district, Baganpara in Baska district and Nalbari &amp; Ghograpar in Nalbari district, State of Assam for 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext) and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line- transmission line is spread across 20 villages namely; Staibari, Uttar Barsila, Geruapar, Pub haoli, Barnagar, Digholipar, Dimiliapar, Bilpar, Bhakatpar, Kalakusi, Teteliguri, Katribari, Bherbheri, Dhamdhama, Bhelamari, Rangafali, Naherbari, Nomati and Xorihotuli village and for 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line is located in the Kachubari in Tamulpur district.</p> <p>No physical displacement or loss of residential structures is anticipated for any private landowner, as confirmed during the check survey. However, project activities may result in some crop loss due to foundation and tower erection works, temporary access road creation, and transmission line stringing. The exact impact on landholdings will be determined after completing the landowner identification process. <b>This process is currently underway for the Right of Way (RoW) for both the 132kV and 400kV TL.</b></p> <p>Compensation will be provided to affected landowners after the Land Scheduling Report is approved. Land is not acquired for the project, and ownership remains with the landowners. Agricultural activities may continue in the RoW area post-construction, except at tower base locations, where farming is discouraged due to electrical safety concern.</p>
Embedded / in built measures	<p>The crop compensation will be based on the crop damaged at the time of the tower foundation work and stringing activity. The compensation shall be paid based on the rate provided by the concerned department as determined by the agriculture, horticulture &amp; forest department etc. based on the market value.</p> <p>The assessment for the loss of crops and trees shall be done jointly by concerned line department, Circle Offices, AEGCL, PMC and EPC contractor in presence of the affected land owners for payment of compensation.</p>

Impact Significance	<p>The impact of construction activities along the tower base has resulted in a one-time crop loss. Even though most of the construction activity has been planned during the dry season, there may be instances where the construction of the transmission tower foundation, erection of towers, and subsequent stringing of transmission lines involve movement of men, machinery, and equipment across agricultural fields leading to the tower locations. This movement could potentially damage standing crops, not only at the tower base and Right of Way (RoW) of the transmission line but also in adjacent agricultural plots. This damage would lead to temporary income loss for the cultivators.</p> <p>There will be no physical displacement or loss of residential structures for any private landowners, and no impact is expected on Protected Cultural Resources (PCRs), Common Property Resources (CPRs), or archaeological/historical sites, as assessed during the check survey. However, there are schools, Primary Health Center, an Anganwadi Centre (AWC), places of worship, and a hospital located beyond the RoW.</p> <p>The overall impact on land holdings in the RoW can be ascertained after conducting a socio-economic survey, which will be carried out after approval of the land scheduling report from the concerned Circle offices. Since most of the community members and villagers primarily depend on agriculture as a source of livelihood, the impact significance is considered <b>moderate</b>.</p>
Additional mitigation measures	<p>Utmost care will be taken to avoid crop damage and the construction activity will be carried-out during lean season. In addition to this, an Abbreviated/ Resettlement Action Plan (A/RAP) has been prepared for the transmission line route in keeping with applicable reference of Environmental and Social Management Planning Framework (ESMPF) requirements.</p>
Residual impact significance	<p>The residual impact significance of the impact on private land owners in Tower Base Area is permanent restriction and below conductors during Stringing Exercise is anticipated as moderate. <b>In</b></p>
<b>Economic Loss to private land owners within RoW due to imposition of land use restrictions</b>	
Context and receptor	<p>Within the Right of Way (RoW) corridor of overhead transmission lines, land ownership remains with the landholders; however, certain restrictions on land use are imposed to ensure statutory electrical safety clearances and facilitate operation and maintenance of the line. Construction of permanent structures and planting of tall trees are generally prohibited within the RoW, although cultivation of low-height crops and other compatible agricultural activities may continue. In addition, permanent land occupation occurs at tower footing locations, where the tower base area becomes unavailable for regular land use. Under the project, the RoW requirement for the 132 kV transmission line is 27 m (13.5 m on each side of the centerline), covering approximately 979,290 sq. m (97.92 ha) of land, while the 400 kV transmission line requires a 46 m RoW (23 m on each side), covering about 98,900 sq. m (9.89 ha). Accordingly, affected landowners may experience economic impacts due to restrictions on land use within the RoW and localized permanent occupation of land at tower footing locations.</p>
Embedded/ in built measures	<p>As per the Power Department, Government of Assam Notification dated Dispur, 04-11-2024, the project incorporates in-built mitigation measures to address economic impacts arising from transmission line RoW. The guideline provides compensation of 200% of the land value for the tower base area due to permanent land occupation and 30% of the land value for the RoW corridor to compensate for the diminution of land value resulting from land-use restrictions. In addition, compensation is payable for damages to standing crops, trees, and other assets during construction and maintenance activities. These provisions allow continued agricultural use of land within the RoW while mitigating economic impacts on affected landowners.</p>
Impact	<p>The land within the Right of Way (RoW) is currently used primarily for agriculture, with crop</p>

Significance	heights not affecting safety clearance, allowing continued cultivation. While some road-facing plots have potential for future non-agricultural use, restrictions on land-use will have a lasting impact on such conversions. However, these areas were largely avoided during the check survey, and as a result, the overall impact is considered <i>minor</i> .
Additional mitigation measures	-
Residual impact significance	The residual impact significance of the impact on private land owners within RoW due to imposition of land use restrictions is assessed as <i>negligible</i> .
<b>Impact on Scheduled Tribe (ST) Communities</b>	
Context and receptor	The transmission line alignments for the LILO of the Nalbari–Rangia 132 kV D/C Transmission Line and the Balipara–Bongaigaon 400 kV D/C Transmission Line pass through Tamulpur & Baska district of Assam, which falls within the Sixth Schedule area and is inhabited by Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities, primarily Bodo and Rabha. Based on the tower footing landowner identification exercise, a total of 27 Scheduled Tribe (Plains) households (21 households along the 132 kV line and 6 households along the 400 kV line) have been identified as affected at tower locations. Additional households may be identified after completion of the detailed census within the Right of Way (RoW). The potential impacts on ST households are expected to be minor, mainly associated with crop loss during construction activities and restriction on land use within the RoW corridor, while land ownership will remain with the landholders and no physical displacement of households is anticipated.
Embedded/ in built measures	The project incorporates in-built mitigation measures consistent with applicable national regulations and project environmental and social standards. Compensation for tower base areas and RoW will be provided in accordance with the Power Department, Government of Assam Notification dated 04-11-2024, which provides 200% of land value for tower base area and 30% of land value for RoW corridor due to restriction on land use. In addition, compensation will be paid for any damage to standing crops, trees, and other assets during construction and maintenance activities. These provisions ensure that ST landowners receive appropriate compensation while allowing continued agricultural use within the RoW.
Impact Significance	The transmission line does not involve land acquisition for the RoW, and no physical displacement of ST households or impact on residential structures is anticipated based on the finding of the sample survey. The same shall be further confirmed based on the census survey conducted after the completion of land owner identification and impact will be addressed in line with the Environmental and Social Management and Planning Framework (ESMPF) approved for the project, The impacts are largely limited to temporary crop loss during construction and long-term restriction on certain land uses within the RoW. As most agricultural activities can continue within the corridor and compensation mechanisms are in place, the overall impact significance on ST communities is assessed as <i>minor</i> .
Additional mitigation measures	Separate consultations with affected ST communities and their community leaders will be undertaken to ensure Free, Prior, and Informed Consultation during project implementation. Information on project activities, compensation provisions, and the grievance redress mechanism will be disclosed in the local language and in a culturally appropriate manner. The project Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) will remain accessible to ST households to address concerns related to compensation, crop damage, or construction activities.

Residual impact significance	After implementation of the proposed mitigation and compensation measures and continued stakeholder consultations, the residual impact significance is expected to be <b>negligible</b> .
<b>Impact on Community Health and Safety</b>	
Context and receptor	The receptors for impacts on community health and safety include project site workers, settlements in the close proximity of the project site, which will be exposed to health impacts from the project activities. The construction phase activities such as construction of transmission lines and movement of material and personnel may result in impacts on the health and safety of the community. As mentioned earlier in the report, the transmission line will pass through villages and will thus lead to significant impact on community health and safety during construction phase. Construction activities will involve the use of heavy machinery and live transmission power lines. Furthermore, the movement of material and personnel via the access roads may result in damage to human life or livestock due to accidents. The major community health and safety risks include structural failure of project infrastructure, life and fire safety, public accessibility and management of emergency situations. Based on the above analysis, the impact magnitude is assessed to be medium. Moreover, the potential for GBV/SEA/SH increases due to the presence of migrant male workers, especially in areas where there is close proximity between workers and local women and girls. Limited access to legal, health, and social services further heightens the vulnerability of affected populations. Additionally, social stigma and a lack of awareness regarding GBV-related issues contribute to underreporting and inadequate response mechanisms."
Mitigation measures implemented	The provisions for safety of the workers will be complied as per the provision of the EPC contractor agreement. The Contractor should conduct continuous awareness raising and training activities to ensure that workers abide by the Code of Conduct. Moreover, the Code of Conduct should be in local language (Assamese) and signed by each workers/labour. <b>The format for CoC is appended at Appendix 11.</b>
Impact Significance	The impact to community health and safety during the construction phase is evaluated to be of minor to moderate significance due to proximity of the TL line passing through different villages. However, the significance of impact decreases because the project site consists of medium density of population and most of the unskilled labour will be engaged from the local habitation.
Additional mitigation measures	-
Residual impact significance	After the implementation of the additional mitigation measures, the impact significance is expected to become <b>negligible</b> .
<b>Impact on Economy and Employment in the Study Area</b>	
Context and receptor	The construction phase of the project resulted in the creation of employment and economic opportunities for the local community. These economic opportunities comprised of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement of the local community as labourers in the project;</li> <li>• Contracting opportunities for locals possessing tractors, dumper trucks or other vehicles which would be needed to carry away excavated soil and other material.</li> <li>• Creation of indirect employment for local community through establishing small shops like tea stalls, supply of intermediate raw materials, repair outlets, hardware stores etc. However, these are likely to be temporary</li> </ul>

Mitigation measures implemented/ observed on site	It is foreseen that the contractor would give preference for unskilled/semi-skilled workers from the local community. It is anticipated that a significant number i.e., around 90% of workers during the foundation activities would be hired from the local community.
Impact Significance	The overall impact significance of the impact on economy and employment during the construction phase is assessed as <b>small and low</b> .
<b>Impacts Due to Migrant Labour</b>	
Context and receptor	As anticipated, the unskilled labourers may be recruited from the local villages, while the semi-skilled and skilled labourers may be hired from other districts of Assam. The labour camps shall be setup nearby the tower foundation work. These camps shall be set up by the contractors. The laborers shall be engaged from similar cultural background which reduces the chances of conflicting cultural values with host population and are benefiting the small business owners in the villages as customers.
Mitigation measures implemented	The EPC contractor engaged for the project is responsible for ensuring adequate accommodation facilities for the labourers. The key requirements of the ESMP in terms of the labour accommodation are as follows: Contractor shall provide necessary water supply, sanitation, drainage and medical health facilities at campsite. Contractor shall provide PPE such as safety goggles, helmets, safety belts, ear plugs, mask etc. to staff, workers and laborers. Reverse horn for all construction equipment and vehicles should be kept in working order. Required electrical safety measures such as double earthing for heavy electrical equipment, machinery, providing earth link circuit breaker (ELCB) for all electrical connections shall be undertaken by the contractor. The contractor shall comply with all regulations regarding safe scaffolding, ladders, working platforms, gangway, stairwells, excavations, trenches and safe means of entry and egress. The contractor shall also ensure that no paint containing lead or lead products is used except in the form of paste or readymade paint. Contractor shall provide facemasks to the workers when paint is applied in the form of spray or a surface having dry lead paint is rubbed and scrapped. The Contractor shall mark 'hard hat' and 'no smoking' and other 'high risk' areas and enforce non-compliance of use of PPE with zero tolerance. Maintaining first aid at construction sites. Maintaining emergency response system. Provision of waste collection and segregation with two bins systems (bio- degradable and non-bio degradable) and encourage labours to use the same; Waste disposal- identifies existing locations for waste disposal in the area or creates safe disposal pits for biodegradable waste. Non-biodegradable waste shall be stored and disposed to nearest Municipal waste disposal facility.
Impact Significance	As this impact is restricted to the construction phase and the proportion of workers population is anticipated to be minimum, the impact magnitude is assessed as small. The labour camps shall usually be established in close vicinity of the village settlements; the sensitivity of the local community is assessed as low. As per the impact significant assessment matrix a combination of small impact magnitude with low receptor sensitivity results in impact significance as <b>negligible</b> .
Additional mitigation measures	The following additional mitigation measures would be taken to mitigate the negative impacts due to migrant labour: The monitoring should be undertaken adequately to ensure the contractor's

	<p>Compliance to the applicable rules and regulations and provisions as per the contractual agreement with EPC contractor.</p> <p>The implementation of the GBV CoC for all workers</p> <p>The health checkup for the migrant workers would be done before starting of construction activities,</p> <p>The grievance redressal mechanism for the project can be access by the local community and labourers and can receive GBV related cases.</p>
Residual impact significance	The residual impact significance will remain <b>negligible</b>

### 6.5.2 Impacts during Operations Phase

**Table 6.9: Impacts on social environment and mitigation measures during Operation Phase**

Impacts of economic loss due to damage to standing crops during Maintenance work	
Context and receptor	<p>During the operations phase, it is anticipated that there may be loss of crops and trees due to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to movement of personnel and machinery for maintenance activities it may loss the crop.</li> <li>• Trimming of trees and vegetation in the RoW.</li> </ul>
Planned/Implemented Mitigation Measures	The compensation for the impacts of crop loss will be paid in keeping with the Electricity act, 2003 and Government of Assam Notification on 10th March 2017. The assessment of loss will be done in the presence of the land owners. Further details regarding the application of this Act and the compensation amounts provided to the affected landowners will be included in the ARAP/RAP report.
Impact Significance	As the impact of maintenance activities along the RoW are expected to be limited and there is possibility of crop loss during emergencies or major repair. However, since the community is primarily dependent upon agriculture as a source of livelihood, the sensitivity is assessed as Medium. As per the impact a combination of small impact magnitude with medium receptor sensitivity results in impact significance as <b>moderate</b> .
Additional mitigation measures	-
Residual impact significance	-
Impact on Community Health and Safety	
Context and receptor	<p>The impacts on community health and safety during the operations phase are likely to result from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movement of traffic and machinery for maintenance;</li> <li>• Tower falling;</li> <li>• Wire snapping;</li> <li>• Exposure to herbicide/pesticides used for maintenance of RoW;</li> <li>• Electro-Motive Force (EMF) generation and electromagnetic interference;</li> <li>• Electrocution</li> </ul> <p>The above-mentioned impacts are likely to be restricted to those using the land within the RoW.</p>
Planned /Implemented Mitigation Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By public awareness and education and physical measures the risks will be reduce during operation and also by attaching an appropriate warning sign on all faces of the tower;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once the stringing work is complete, notices and permanent anti climbing devices will be installed on the tower.</li> <li>The operational start date for electricity transmission and safety implications will be publicized locally in advance.</li> </ul>
Impact Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There may be impact which is anticipated in the receptors within the RoW.</li> </ul>
Additional mitigation measures	<p>The following additional mitigation measures have been identified for reducing the impacts on community health and safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertaking health awareness among the local community focused on aspects such as electrical safety, risks of climbing the towers, do's and don'ts in case of wire snapping or tower collapse etc.</li> <li>Undertaken awareness campaigns in the school regarding the hazards from the Transmission lines and the do's and don'ts in case of any emergencies.</li> <li>Access of the local community to the grievance redressal mechanism established by the project.</li> </ul>
Residual impact significance	After the implementation of the additional mitigation measures, the impact significance is expected to be reduced to negligible.

## 6.6 Summary of Impact Assessment

**Table 6.10: Summary of Impacts**

Category	Impact Significance (Without mitigation measures)	Significance (post-mitigation)
<b>Construction Phase Impact</b>		
Land use and Land cover	Moderate	Minor
Soil environment	Insignificant	Insignificant
Water resources and quality	Moderate	Minor
Drainage	Insignificant	Insignificant
Ambient air quality	Moderate	Minor
Ambient noise level	Moderate	Minor
Occupational health and safety	Moderate	Minor
Flora and fauna- vegetation Clearance	Minor	Minor
Flora and fauna- Construction Activities	Minor	Minor
Impact on critical wildlife habitat	Insignificant	Insignificant
Impact on Private Land owners in Tower Base Area and below conductors during Stringing Exercise	Moderate	Minor
Impact on private land owners within RoW due to imposition of land use restrictions	Minor	Minor
Impact on local community due to loss of grazing land for Grid Sub-station	Negligible	Negligible
Impacts Due to Migrant Labour	Insignificant	Insignificant
Impact on Community Health and Safety	Minor	Insignificant
Impact on Economy and Employment in the Study Area	Small	Low
<b>Operation Phase</b>		
Soil Environment	Insignificant	Insignificant
Noise level	Minor	Minor
Visual Impacts	Insignificant	Insignificant
Electro-magnetic fields	No change in impact significance rating	

Category	Impact Significance (Without mitigation measures)	Significance (post-mitigation)
Health and safety	Minor	Minor
Flora and fauna- Collision and Electrical hazards for avifaunal species	Moderate	Moderate
Impacts of economic loss due to damage to standing crops during Maintenance work	Minor	Minor
Impact on Community Health and Safety	Insignificant	Insignificant

### 6.7 Overall cumulative and induced impacts of the project

Overall cumulative impacts are the effect on the environment that results from the incremental effects of a project in addition to other projects in the environmentally relevant area that might reasonably be expected to affect the same environmental resources, including future projects actually planned or for which a basis of expectation has been laid, regardless of what person undertakes the other projects or what jurisdictions have authority over the projects.

#### Induced impacts

Induced impacts refer to the broader effects that occur as a result of the transmission line project itself, which may not be immediately apparent but can unfold over time. These can include both positive and negative consequences that extend beyond the immediate scope of the project.

#### a. Environmental Induced Impacts

**Land Use Changes:** Establishment the transmission line may stimulate land use changes, including agricultural intensification, urban sprawl, or industrial development, which can increase pressure on local ecosystems.

**Climate Change Effects:** The transmission of electricity might enable greater reliance on energy-intensive industries or projects, leading to increased emissions over time, either directly or indirectly.

**Pollution from Indirect Sources:** As energy supply increases, it may attract more polluting industries (such as mining, manufacturing, or chemical production), leading to higher levels of industrial waste, air emissions, and water contamination.

#### b. Social and Economic Induced Impacts

**Economic Growth and Job Creation:** During the construction phase, the project will generate short-term employment opportunities for skilled and unskilled labor and may stimulate demand for local goods and services. Over the longer term, improved electricity infrastructure may facilitate increased investment and business activity. However, these economic benefits are likely to be indirect and unevenly distributed, and may not accrue equally to all segments of the local community. Mainly, the project is expected to contribute to economic development primarily through improved power transmission reliability and grid stability, which can support industrial, commercial, and service-sector activities in the wider region.

**Improved Access to Energy:** The improved electricity infrastructure could indirectly promote local development, including better access to education, healthcare, and other services, enhancing overall quality of life.

**Increased Traffic and Transportation Demands:** The increased demand for goods, services, and workforce associated with the project may lead to higher traffic volumes, road wear, and congestion, impacting local transportation networks and road safety.

## 7. CLIMATE RISK AND ADAPTATION AT THE DESIGN STAGE

Following are the few climatic parameters along with remedial measures adapted for Transmission Line at design stage.

### 7.1 Temperature Rise

**Impact:** Rising temperatures can cause conductors to elongate, leading to reduced ground clearance for transmission lines. This phenomenon significantly heightens the risk of flashovers and system failures.

**Adaptation:** To mitigate this issue, the sagging of transmission lines can be minimized by using high-temperature low-sag (HTLS) conductors. These conductors are designed with materials that can withstand higher operating temperatures while maintaining minimal sag. During project planning, specifications for HTLS conductors may need to be included to ensure resilience against heat-related challenges. Additional measures could involve strengthening transmission towers and their foundations to withstand extreme heat, applying protective coatings to insulators to reduce dust accumulation, and upgrading conductors where necessary. For new lines, aluminum conductor steel-reinforced (ACSR) or all-aluminum alloy conductors (AAAC) provide a cost-effective alternative compared to HTLS, offering economic benefits while addressing general design needs.

### 7.2 High Winds and Storms

**Impact:** Risk associated with high winds and storms primarily involve mechanical damage directly inflicted on overhead lines, towers, and poles, or indirectly caused due to debris blown against exposed grid components. For transmission lines, strong winds can induce galloping of live cables, which may result in dangerous flashovers when cables touch or come too close to one another. Additionally, high winds may topple trees onto overhead lines or short-circuit distribution grid cables positioned closer to the ground.

**Adaptation:** To mitigate these risks, several adaptation strategies can be implemented. These include engineering transmission towers to resist the maximum anticipated wind load, conducting more frequent inspections and maintenance to ensure structural integrity, rerouting lines along roads or through open fields, intensifying tree-trimming practices, and enhancing storm and hurricane forecasting capabilities. These measures are part of an existing adaptation toolkit that will likely need broader application as climate challenges intensify. The latest version of Indian Standard IS 802-2015 (Part 1/Sec 1) introduces several updates aimed at safeguarding tower designs against failures inherent in older codes. Key modifications include:

1. Specification of drag coefficients for evaluating wind loads on towers across various sections, along with adjustments based on different solidity ratios.
2. Revised load combinations for sag-tension evaluations of conductors, ground wires, and optical ground wires (OPGW), inclusive of climate-induced loads.
3. Consideration of narrow-front winds specifically for suspension towers.
4. Updated loading conditions for suspension towers, which now account for 75% Extreme Design Temperature (EDT) wind when calculating wire loading.
5. Inclusion of additional load cases for wire loading based on wind direction angles of 0°, 30°, and 45°.
6. Modernization of material requirements for bolts and nuts used in tower construction.

7. Mandating tower testing in compliance with relevant Indian standards and monitoring until stipulated waiting periods are fulfilled.

Adherence to these updated provisions is expected to optimize tower designs; however, it should be noted that these amendments may impact design margins. Achieving a balance between safety, cost-effectiveness, and performance remains the primary objective.

### **7.3 Thunder & Lightning Risk**

**Impact:** Thunder and lightning pose significant climate-related risks by potentially causing transmission lines to trip, rendering them temporarily inoperable. The extremely high voltages generated by a lightning strike can result in short circuits, which risk causing permanent damage to conductors, insulators, and transmission structures. When lightning strikes near or directly on a line conductor, it produces ionized gases that can lead to short-circuit faults as the system's electrical protection mechanism disconnects the affected circuit. Such flashover incidents are projected to become more frequent in many regions due to increasing lightning activity.

**Adaptation:** To mitigate these vulnerabilities, essential adaptation measures include installing earthing systems, spark gaps, and surge arresters. Lightning arresters, commonly referred to as surge protectors, are installed where wires enter a structure to safeguard both the transmission lines and individuals in proximity. These devices are placed between each electrical conductor in a power system and the ground. While they prevent the normal flow of current to the ground, they offer a protective pathway for high-voltage lightning currents, thus bypassing connected equipment. The primary goal of lightning arresters is to limit voltage surges when a communication or power line experiences a lightning strike or is impacted by nearby strikes

### **7.4 Flooding**

**Impact:** Flooding due to heavy rainstorms and storms poses significant challenges for power transmission systems. One potential mitigation strategy involves rerouting transmission lines to less exposed regions, although this adjustment comes with its own set of trade-offs. Intense rains can lead to flashover faults in high-voltage insulators and trigger short circuits in high-voltage circuit breakers. Moreover, severe flash flooding has the potential to erode the foundations of towers, leading to their collapse.

**Adaptation:** While rerouting lines may reduce exposure to these risks, it typically results in increased line length and necessitates the use of pile foundations along alternative routes. To mitigate vulnerability, several measures can be employed, such as improving the design of insulators, selecting installation sites with care, and implementing enhanced maintenance practices. Equipment at ground level is particularly vulnerable to surges, but this risk can be minimized by redesigning insulators, relocating installations away from hazard-prone areas, and reinforcing structural elements.

In flood-prone zones, it is advisable to use pile-type foundations for transmission towers based on comprehensive soil investigation reports and updated high-flood data.

Additional measures include incorporating proper revetments, employing geo-synthetic materials in foundations, applying concrete encasements around stubs in waterlogged areas, and utilizing corrosion-resistant coatings. Where necessary, chimney coping for tower foundations should also be prioritized to prevent stub rusting.

While the design of individual transmission components has evolved, the core materials used—such as steel (bare, painted, or galvanized), cast iron, aluminum alloys, and copper alloys—have remained largely unchanged. To extend the lifespan of transmission systems and improve corrosion resistance, these materials are treated with specialized coatings, inhibitors, and other protective solutions. Such enhancements ensure greater durability and resilience of power transmission infrastructure against climatic challenges.

### **7.5 Drought**

**Impact:** Drought conditions are particularly risky when vegetation close to overhead lines dries out. The dry undergrowth can be ignited by flashover if it comes into contact with line conductors. Ionized air in the resulting smoke and combustion particles may turn into an electricity conductor that would cause multiple luminous electrical discharges (arcs) on the overhead line.

Forest or bush fire caused by drought can also damage overhead lines directly by damaging conductors and insulators and by burning wood poles.

**Adaptation:** Trimming back vegetation to a safe distance within and along the borders of transmission corridors is the most obvious way to reduce vulnerability to this type of weather hazard. Depending on regional circumstances, routing transmission lines to areas without high growing flora may also need to be considered.

### **7.6 Landslides**

**Impact:** The collapse of the towers could have been a result of landslides induced by prolonged rainfall over several weeks. These landslides likely led to the erosion or displacement of the supporting soil, which may have caused structural deformation in the towers.

**Adaptation:** Investigate the feasibility of implementing effective drainage systems, protective measures, or retaining walls around tower foundations in hilly areas to prevent such incidents in the future.

### **7.7 Earthquakes**

Based on international journal reference, the behaviour of steel transmission tower at the action of seismic load and wind load is studied by conducting large deformation and elasto-plastic analysis.

For the analysis, the earthquake parameters taken. Based on the analysis, it is reported that the maximum displacement of the tower in seismic analysis and there will be no buckling in the main leg members while compared to that of the wind response analysis.

Analysed the behaviour of transmission line towers through the non-linear time history analysis of transmission towers on sloped ground has been carried out for different height, bracing system and also with the provision of base isolators using SAP2000 (software). From this analysis report it has been found out that the ability of tower to withstand the earthquake forces could be increased with the provision of non-linear rubber isolator and the provision of eccentric bracing system has greater effect than other two X & V bracings. However, concluded that this kind of transmission tower would be safer even in severe earthquake (zone V) which satisfies both serviceability and collapse criteria. Earthquake factor has been considered in Tower loading for foundation design.

## 8. STAKEHOLDER & PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

Carry out meaningful consultation with Project-affected people and other stakeholders and facilitate their informed participation in the consultations. Meaningful consultation is an interactive process to provide information and facilitate informed decision-making that: (a) begins early in the preparation stage of the Project to provide accurate information on the proposed Project, minimize misinformation and unsupported expectations, and obtain initial views on the Project; (b) Is carried out on an ongoing basis throughout the implementation and life cycle of the Project; (c) Is designed so that all relevant parties have a voice in consultation, including national and subnational governments, the private sector, nongovernmental organizations and people affected by the Project, including, as applicable, Indigenous Peoples; (d) Provides additional support as needed so that women, elderly, young, disabled, minorities and other vulnerable groups participate; (e) provides timely disclosure of relevant and adequate information, including availability of the Project's GRMs and of the PPM or other Bank-approved IAM, which is understandable and readily accessible to the people affected by the Project and other relevant stakeholders; (f) is undertaken in an atmosphere free of intimidation or coercion; (g) is gender sensitive, inclusive, accessible, responsive and tailored to the needs of vulnerable groups; and (h) enables the consideration of relevant views of people affected by the Project and other concerned stakeholders in decision-making. Continue consultation with Project-affected people throughout Project implementation as necessary on issues related to environment.

### 8.1 Public Consultation

Keeping in mind the nature of the project and its setting, the key stakeholders' groups have been identified and listed in the table given below.

**Table 8.1: Stakeholder Group Categorization**

Category	Primary Stakeholder	Secondary Stakeholder
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Affected Families/Land Owners of the transmission line</li> <li>• Local Community- Households of Project area.</li> <li>• Vulnerable community- schedule caste/ physically handicapped HoH/ disabled families, Women headed families, etc</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opinion holders &amp;</li> <li>• Community Leaders</li> </ul>
Government Bodies/ Institutional Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Gaon Panchayats</li> <li>• Regulatory Authority -Circle office, Forest Department, Agriculture Office etc,</li> <li>• District Administration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Administration</li> </ul>
Other Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contractors and sub-contractors</li> <li>• Labourers/ Workers</li> </ul>	

The community consultations were carried out in all the villages along the both transmission line corridor with local habitants. A total of one hundred six (106) participants participated in the 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.) and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line and included socio-economically vulnerable communities, women and local

community leaders residing near the proposed transmission line. The consultations were conducted on 22 th January 2026, 29 th January 2026, 3 rd February 2026, 15 th February 2026, 26 th February 2026, 11 th March 2026, 12 th March 2026 and 13 th March 2026 at 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.) and 7 th February 2026, 17 th February 2026, 6 th March 2026 and 10 th March 2026 at 400kV LILO of Balipara- Bongaigaon D/C line under Package-G). As part of these consultations, an attempt was made to develop an understanding of the stakeholder group’s key concerns and expectations from the project, the stakeholder group’s perception of the project and to triangulate the secondary information available on the area.

Community welcomed the construction of proposed Transmission Lines. No major environmental and social issues were raised during the consultation process. Most of the project affected families asked about the payment procedure and when payment can be expected to receive by the PAF. Further, the PAF has shown their interest on unskilled works on temporary basis when the civil works are initiated. Local people are waiting eagerly for the implementation to start, so they could receive their compensation amount and hoped for some employment generation. The summary of community consultations is provided in **Table 8.2** below.

**Table – 8.2: Summary of Public Consultation**

<b>Issues Discussed</b>	<b>People’s views and perceptions</b>
General Perception	Majority communities (including women) were aware of the construction of proposed 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext) and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line at Rangia/Kumarikata GIS. Some have heard it but not sure about the details of the proposed Transmission lines work. All the people were positive and supportive towards the construction of proposed Transmission Lines to Rangia/Kumarikata S/s.
Support of local people for the construction of 132kV & 400kV Transmission lines to Rangia/ Kumarikata S/s.	Most of the communities expressed their support during implementation of the construction of proposed 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext) and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C Transmission lines to Rangia/ Kumarikata S/s. They are happy for contribution of Government of India’s effort towards construction of proposed Transmission lines to Rangia/ Kumarikata substation. Most of the communities expressed that there should be no adverse impact due to the construction of proposed Transmission lines.
Critical issue and concern by the local people for the proposed 132kV & 400kV Transmission Lines to Rangia/ Kumarikata substation locations.	Most of the communities expressed that there were no critical issues regarding the construction of proposed 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext) and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C Transmission lines to Rangia/ Kumarikata substation.
Project site selection criteria (Proposed 132kV & 400kV Transmission lines)	The community held the view that the project should avoid/minimize harm to vegetation’s and places of community importance such as structure/CPR or community gathering places etc. Some of them suggested that necessary precautions must be taken to ensure safety of people during construction of construction of proposed 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia

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Issues Discussed	People's views and perceptions
	(New) to Nalbari (Ext) and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C Transmission lines to Rangia/ Kumarikata substation.
Employment potential in the construction of proposed 132kV and 400kV Transmission lines to Rangia/ Kumarikata substation.	The community felt that, during construction/operation of the proposed Transmission lines to Rangia (Kumarikata) substation there may opportunities to local unemployed people for self-supporting business activity like establishment of small hotel/tea stall/ grocery shop etc. Some of them requested that they should be involved not only in unskilled labour job but also in the supervisory work. They complained that the construction work is generally handed over to contractors who would bring their own labour force from outside. Some others felt that construction of 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext) and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C Transmission lines under the project will ensure proper and better power connection/ households' electricity as a result small and medium scale business can be started in the area.
Socio economic standing: land use, cropping pattern	The major sources of livelihood for the communities are agriculture, wage labour and small business. Most of the communities practiced one time cropping in a year, mainly paddy and vegetable cultivation.
Source of drinking water	The main sources of drinking water are hand pump and tube well. The other sources of drinking water are ring well and tube well. Few people complained about the taste of the drinking water due to iron content in the water and thus they are using simple sand filter for portable use of water. Moreover, the availability of water is good as the water table remained high except in winter season.
Negative impact on food grain, availability /land use	In general, the communities did not see any adverse impact on food/grain availability, as the constructions of proposed 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext) and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C Transmission lines to Rangia (Kumarikata) substation will be within the RoW of 27mts for 132 kV TL and 46mts for 400kV TL. The compensation for using the land in tower footing and RoW will be paid by AEGCL to private land owners.
Will project cause widespread imbalance by cutting fruit and commercial trees in the locality	The trees falling under the RoW of the Transmission lines will either cut or trim in the proposed Transmission lines to Rangia/ Kumarikata S/S, the communities will be paid for the same as per government approved rate.
Will project cause health and safety issues	Most of the communities did not foresee any health or safety issues from the construction of proposed 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext) and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C Transmission lines to Rangia/ Kumarikata substation. Some of them suggested that necessary precautions must be taken to ensure safety of people during construction of proposed Transmission lines to Rangia/ Kumarikata substation.
Protected areas	No protected area envisaged in the vicinity of the proposed Transmission lines.
Will project setting change migration pattern of animals	The communities consulted were conscious of the presence of migrant birds or animals in their localities and nearby proposed 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext) and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C Transmission lines. They therefore anticipated that no any major impacts on animals, birds or their habitats from the construction of proposed Transmission to Rangia/ Kumarikata substation.

Issues Discussed	People's views and perceptions
Migration pattern	Majority of the communities reported outward migration of young generation especially the boys to big cities in search of work. The popular destinations of migration were Guwahati, Nalbari, and Baska Tamulpur for job as well as for factory jobs. There are very few cases of migration to capital cities of north eastern states in search of work.
Perceived benefits from project	Majority of them viewed that the construction of proposed 132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext) and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C Transmission line to Rangia (Kumarikata) substation would contribute to minimize the prevailing energy crisis such as load shedding, and low voltage in the region. The people hoped that project will address the problems of low voltage, and irregular power supply to the households. For some it will increase the rate of rural electrification and provide impetus to open small and medium business units in the area. At community level,
Perceived loss	It will be temporary in nature due to loss of crops, trees and structure and can be compensated by AEGCL.

The transcript of these discussions will help AEGCL and EPC contractor for proper needs assessment to ensure the issues raised by people are addressed appropriately. Consultation will be carried out on an on-going basis throughout the sub-project cycle. The Attendance sheet of consultation with public and some photographs are provided in **Appendix 4A & 4B**.

## **8.2 Continuous Consultation and Participation**

AEGCL with PMC will carry out meaningful consultation as per requirement (Monthly consultation with local people nearby the Transmission lines passing through different villages by PMU, PIU and PMC along with EPC Contractor) with project affected families and other concerned stakeholders, including civil society and facilitate their informed participation. Consultation process undertaken under the directions of the PMU (i) will begin in the sub-project preparation stage and will be carried out on an on-going basis throughout the sub-project cycle (ii) will provide timely disclosure of relevant information that is understandable and readily accessible to groups and individuals, and specially women; (iii) is undertaken in an atmosphere free of intimidation or coercion; (iv) will be gender inclusive and responsive, and tailored to the needs of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups; and (v) shall enable the incorporation of all relevant views of affected people and other stakeholders into decision making, such as subproject design, mitigation measures, the sharing of development benefits and opportunities and implementation issues. Consultation will be carried out in a manner commensurate with the impacts on affected communities. The consultation process and its results will be documented and reflected in the environmental and social monitoring report. Feedback about project should be obtained time to time from PAFs during consultation. PAFs may approach GRC if any grievances arise.

## **8.3 Public Consultation Information Disclosure**

AEGCL will submit to AIIB the following documents for disclosure on AIIB's website:

- (i) the final ESIA;
- (ii) a new or updated ESIA and corrective action plan prepared during sub-project

- implementation, if any; and
- (iii) the environmental and social monitoring reports.

AEGCL will provide relevant environmental information, including information from the above documents in a timely manner, in an accessible place and in a form and local language(s) understandable to affected people and other stakeholders in accordance with the AIIB ESP.

ESIA results will also be communicated to the local community before commencement of construction through posting on the website of AEGCL and other suitable means as well as providing a mechanism for the receipt of comments. The information disclosure mechanisms adapted during consultation process are to identifying stakeholders who may be affected by the transmission line project. This includes:

- Local communities and residents along the transmission corridor.
- Landowners and people whose land or properties might be impacted.
- Indigenous groups or communities with specific land use and cultural practices in the area.
- Government agencies responsible for regulating environmental, land use, and energy sectors.
- Environmental and social organizations monitoring the impacts on natural resources and communities.
- General public in areas that might experience indirect impacts, such as noise or visual disruption.

The Public Consultation is organized at community level where the transmission lines are passing, typically at key point's area along the route. Public meetings allow the project team to present the project, answer questions, and gather feedback and Focus Group Discussions with smaller, targeted discussions with specific groups (e.g., women, indigenous groups, and farmers) are held to understand their unique concerns and needs.

ESIA - ESMP will be disclosed online on the website of AIIB and AEGCL. The executive summary of ESIA – ESMP shall be translated in local language (Assamese) and the same will be disclosed on the website of AIIB and AEGCL. Their hardcopies in English and executive summary in Assamese language are shall also be made be available at the following locations.

1. PMU: Project Director,  
Address: 1st Floor, AEGCL, Bijulee Bhawan,  
Contact No.: 0361-2739520  
Website: [www.aegcl.coc.in](http://www.aegcl.coc.in)
2. PIU: Project Manager  
Address: AGM, 220/132 kV Rangia GSS, AEGCL  
Contact No.: 94351-38347  
Email: [agm.rangia@aecgl.co.in](mailto:agm.rangia@aecgl.co.in)

ESMPF is disclosed in AEGCL website: <https://www.aegcl.co.in/aiib-project-details/>

#### **8.4 Stakeholder Consultations undertaken as Part of the ESIA Process**

As part of the ESIA for the project, the following consultations were undertaken.

**Table 8.3: Consultations undertaken for the the 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.) and for the 400kV LILO of Balipara- Bongaigaon D/C line**

Sl. No.	Date	Stakeholder Details	Location	No. of Participation	Issues discussed
1.	22 th January, 2026	Discussion with local community at 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.)	Geruapar Village	3 ( Male-1 Female-2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss with the local community about details of the project and understanding the project, the construction of proposed Transmission lines work to Rangia/Kumarikata substation.</li> <li>Payment procedure of land compensation, Trees and crop compensation process To the landowners.</li> <li>Other impacts associated with transmission lines and approach to minimizing the impact.</li> <li>The documents required to be submitted from the landowners for disbursement of Compensation for tower footing, RoW and zirat compensation, etc.</li> <li>Discuss regarding the common property resources such as cemetery, school,</li> </ul>
			Pub Haloi Village	4 ( Male-2 Female-2)	
			Barnagar Village	4 ( Male-2 Female-2)	
2.	29 th January, 2026	Discussion with local community at 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.)	Digholipar Village	9 ( Male-9 Female-0)	
			Dimiliapur Village	7 ( Male-7 Female-0)	
3.	3 rd February, 2026	Discussion with local community at 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.)	Bilpar Village	4 ( Male-4 Female-0)	
			Bhakat Para Village	6 ( Male-6 Female-0)	
			Kalakuchi Village	7 ( Male-7 Female-0)	
4.	15 th February, 2026	Discussion with local community at 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.)	Teteliguri Village	5 ( Male-5 Female-0)	
			Katribari Village	10 ( Male-7 Female-3)	
5.	20 th February, 2026	Discussion with local community at 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.)	Bherbheri Village	2 ( Male-2 Female-0)	
			Dhamdhama Village	2 ( Male-2 Female-0)	
			Bhelamari Village	7 ( Male-3 Female-4)	
6.	26 th February, 2026	Discussion with local community at 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.)	Rangafali Village	5 ( Male-4 Female-1)	

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7.	11 th March, 2026	Discussion with local community at 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.))	Naher Bari Village	4 ( Male-4 Female-0)	community hall, hospitals, Mandir, Masjid, habitation areas etc. shall be completely avoided while finalizing the route of lines/check survey. If any utilities is found during the check survey measures will be taken to avoid public utilities (diverting the lines).  • Also informed the community that Grievance Redressal Committee is formed for the project, the local community may directly approach the Grievance Redressal Committee if any grievances arise at site.	
			Nomati Village	4 ( Male-2 Female-2)		
8.	12 th March, 2026	Discussion with local community at 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.))	Xorihotoli Village	3 ( Male-3 Female-0)		
9.	13 th March, 2026	Discussion with local community at 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.))	Sataibari Village	6 ( Male-5 Female-1)		
			Uttar Barsila Village	5 ( Male-3 Female-2)		
<b>Consultations undertaken for the 400kV LILO of Balipara- Bongaigaon D/C line</b>						
1.	7 th February, 2026	Discussion with local community at 400kV LILO of Balipara- Bongaigaon D/C line	Kachubari Village	4 ( Male-2 Female-2)		
2.	17 th February, 2026	Discussion with local community at 400kV LILO of Balipara- Bongaigaon D/C line	Kachubari Village	2 ( Male-2 Female-0)		
3.	6 th March, 2026	Discussion with local community at 400kV LILO of Balipara- Bongaigaon D/C line	Kachubari Village	2 ( Male-2 Female-0)		
4.	10 th March, 2026	Discussion with local community at 400kV LILO of Balipara- Bongaigaon D/C line	Kachubari Village	1 ( Male-1 Female-0)		

## 9. Grievance Redress Mechanism

### General overview of the Grievance Redress

#### Mechanism Assam Intra-State Transmission System Enhancement Project

### 9.1 Objectives

The Assam Intra-State Transmission System Enhancement Project (the Project) aims to strengthen Assam's electricity transmission system. As the Project is funded by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), it complies with the Environmental and Social Framework and the Policy on the Project affected People's Mechanism of the AIIB. The Environmental and Social Management and Planning Framework (ESMPF) of the Project provides for the establishment of a Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM). The GRM is a free system that registers and attempts to resolve concerns or complaints by Project-affected people (PAPs) or construction workers. This process aims to quickly resolve disputes and avoid litigation, thus ensuring the smooth implementation of the project activities.

At all levels of the project Grievance Redress Mechanism, the Grievance Redress Committee members should uphold the objectives of the GRM and strive to achieve them. The primary objectives of GRM are to provide an accessible, transparent, efficient and predictable mechanism for resolution of grievances to all projects by:

- Popularizing the GRM and how it can be accessed for free.
- Receiving grievances in various possible forms (Written, Verbal, Electronic, Email, Social Media, Telephone, Fax, Suggestion Box)
- Establishing clear procedures for redress that covers:
- Registration in the GRM logs all grievances (including minor and verbal).
- Acknowledgement to the complainant, explaining expected duration for resolution.
- Investigation of the grievance, proposing a solution to the complainant and if acceptable closure of the complaint. OR
- Escalation of the grievance to Tier II which should be communicated to the complainant.
- Investigation of the grievance, proposing a solution to the complainant
- Provision of feedback and closure of the grievance in the GRM Log.
- Complaint should be made aware that:
- There is no retribution or intimidation for complainants.
- Access of the GRM is free for the complainants.
- The GRM does not replace the judicial system
- .Observe for any repeated complaints and inform PMU of such for their systemic resolution.
- Providing an environment that fosters free and honest exchange of information, views, and ideas.

### 9.2 Stakeholders with Grievances

It is likely the following categories of stakeholders may have grievances and file the grievances for redressal. They are

- Individuals, both men and women
- Communities/ Groups of individuals
- Project workers – local and migrant
- Community Based Organizations or Common Interest Groups

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- Firms, Companies, Enterprises, Service Providers, and other businesses
- National/ International Non-Government Organization (NGOs)

**Instituted structure of the GRC**

**Table 9.1: The members of the Tier-1 GRC and their communication details in the project Districts**

S.No.	Name and details	Designation	Status in the GRC (Convener/ Member)	Contact Details
1	Md. Wahidur Rahman	DGM Guwahati T & T Circle, AEGCL	Chairman	<a href="mailto:dgmttc.guwahati@aegcl.co.in">dgmttc.guwahati@aegcl.co.in</a>
2	Mr. tridip Roy	Sub-Divisional Megistarre, Kamrup (M)	Deputy Chairman	8876628262
3	Mr. Angshuman Debroy	AGM, 220/132 kV Rangia GSS, AEGCL	Member	agm.rangia@aegcl.co.in
4	Mr. Gopal Saha	Project Manager	Member	9362796412
5	Mr. Pankaj Chutia	Health and Safety Specialist	Member	9957849923
6	E&S Team, PMU	E&S Safeguard Specialist, PMU, AEGCL	Member	<a href="mailto:es.aegcl.pmu@gmail.com">es.aegcl.pmu@gmail.com</a>
7	Mr. Khanin Baishya & Deepjyoti Baruah	Social & Environmental Experts, PMC	Member	<a href="mailto:aegcl.pmc@feedbackinfra.com">aegcl.pmc@feedbackinfra.com</a>

**Table 9.2: The members of the Tier-2 GRC and their communication details in the corporate level**

Sl no.	Designation	Position in the Committee	Communication Address		Website & Email id
1.	Chief General Manager (PP&D), AEGCL cum Project Director (EAP) Projects, AEGCL.	Chairman	Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Ltd, (AEGCL) First Floor, Bijuli Bhawan Guwahati -781001	Contact No.: 0361-2739520	Website: www.aegcl.co.in Mail Id: <a href="mailto:eap.cell@aegcl.co.in">eap.cell@aegcl.co.in</a>
2.		Deputy Chairman		Contact No.: 0361-2739520	
3.		Member		<a href="mailto:es.aegcl.pmu@gmail.com">es.aegcl.pmu@gmail.com</a>	
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**Table 9.3: Roles and Responsibilities of GRC Member**

PMU/ PIU GRC Members	Community GRC Member
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receives grievance from complainant and record them in a logbook.</li> <li>• Acknowledge receipt of complaints with a written record.</li> <li>• Arrange for GRC meetings to consider the grievances.</li> <li>• Work closely with the GRC members to develop and implementing actions to resolve grievances.</li> <li>• Prepare minutes of GRC meetings and record solutions.</li> <li>• Provide feedback information on the status of resolution to the complainant within assigned timeline.</li> <li>• Review grievance response and submit to Contractor/PIU/PMU for approval or implementation.</li> <li>• Submit proposed solutions to the complainant within assigned timeline.</li> <li>• Ensure proper logging, escalation, tracking, reporting, and following up on all project specific grievances.</li> <li>• Swiftly escalate any grievances that cannot be resolved at the project level or may pose a big reputational risk to the project. This includes any complaints related to the health, safety, dignity, and wellbeing of any person (both men and women).</li> <li>• Notify PMU within 12 hours of any grievances that require investigation or intervention by the police or other relevant authorities.</li> <li>• Provide monthly update to a member of the PMU who will track grievances and always include a section on grievance management in the monthly progress report.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Popularize the existence, functions, and accessibility of the GRM among all project affected people, both men and women.</li> <li>• Encourage key community members to facilitate submission of complaints, if needed.</li> <li>• Attend regularly and actively participate in GRM meetings to review and provide solutions to project related grievances.</li> <li>• Facilitate and immediate resolution of grievance.</li> <li>• Accept and record grievances from community members.</li> <li>• Facilitate the communication of the response of the GRC to complainants/ aggrieved.</li> <li>• Keep communicating project related matters to GRC/ PIU.</li> </ul>

**Table 9.4: Most Common Grievances and Redressal**

Common Grievance Categories	Issues and Likely Solutions
Technical/ Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design related – Suit the design to the site. Restrict the width according to the available land and modify the design accordingly;</li> <li>• Alignment related – Always use GPS coordinates. In case of problem contact Revenue department to correct the alignment;</li> <li>• Quality related – Get the materials and finished product tested at reputed laboratories and publicize the results.</li> </ul>
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Storm water – Do not obstruct or divert natural drainage. Provide for culverts or bridges where necessary ☐ Stone blasting – Take precautions as per law and inform the communities accordingly</li> <li>• Dust – Keep watering as required so that dust doesn't spread or rise.</li> <li>• Noise – Use barriers at sensitive receptors and take up work at appropriate timings.</li> <li>• Uncovered borrow areas – Dig borrow pits as per specifications.</li> <li>• Waste Disposal – Dispose of waste at designated places only.</li> </ul>
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disruption of other existing public services e.g. hospitals, schools, Water and electricity supply – Consult communities and minimize the disruption of service. Provide alternative supplies.</li> <li>• Historical and Cultural sites – Follow the government guidelines on this. Do not deface any historical or cultural sites.</li> <li>• HIV/AIDS/ Covid-19 issues – Follow the government SoP for these. Conduct awareness campaigns among the communities and workers.</li> <li>• Sexual Exploitation and Abuse / sexual harassment and Gender-Based Violence – Conduct awareness camps among workers and community. Have a code of conduct. Set up Internal Complaints Committees to redress gender related grievances.</li> </ul>
Land, Compensation and Resettlement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-payment of compensation money – Do not take possession of land before paying full compensation.</li> <li>• Underpayment of compensation money – All compensation valuation has to be done as per the LA Act 2013 and verified before payments.</li> <li>• Disputes of land ownership – Refer to Revenue Department for measurement and survey to decide on the ownership.</li> <li>• Injurious affections such as cracks in buildings, damages to properties – Do take care not to cause damage to houses. Repair all damages and bring them back to original status.</li> <li>• Boundary queries between PAPs – Do not get involved in this. Leave these matters to PAPs to decide themselves.</li> </ul>
Road Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accidents – Report immediately to PIU/ PMU.</li> <li>• Humps – Do not erect humps without the permission of PIU. The hump has to be as per the design. No private person can built humps.</li> <li>• Signage – All signage has to be fixed by PIU/ Contractor.</li> <li>• Cutting of pavement by utility companies – No utility company can cut the pavement without the permission</li> <li>• Overloaded vehicles/ Road littering – Such incidents to be reported to PIU for action.</li> </ul>

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Common Grievance Categories	Issues and Likely Solutions
Occupational Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protective gear – The workers must wear protective gear at all times during the work.</li> <li>• HIV/AIDS / Covid-19 services – The workers and communities must be educated about these. They should follow the SoP.</li> </ul>
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procurement – To be transparent and all matters related to procurement to be disclosed.</li> <li>• Contractor highhandedness – All contractors to be instructed not to deal with the communities directly. Always involve PIU in dialogue with communities.</li> <li>• Corruption – Such cases to be sent to the respective agencies for enquiring and investigation.</li> </ul>

**Table 9.5: DOs and DON'Ts for GRC Members**

DOs	DON'Ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Respect</u> complaints.</li> <li>• Follow the established GRM procedures.</li> <li>• Popularize the GRM's existence, accessibility, and free access.</li> <li>• Establish accessible compliant receipt locations and channels for vulnerable groups considering their constraints.</li> <li>• Maintain logbooks.</li> <li>• Establish clear timetables for resolving grievances.</li> <li>• Assign each compliant a unique ID, track and report its resolution.</li> <li>• Work with the complainant to find a resolution throughout the GRM.</li> <li>• Keep complainant informed of resolution process.</li> <li>• Seek feedback from the complainant to improve GRM functionality.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intimidate, threat, or harass complaints.</li> <li>• Set unrealistic redress durations.</li> <li>• Exclude vulnerable groups.</li> <li>• Create constraints in filing grievances.</li> <li>• Create barriers or compound the procedures for grievance filing receipt.</li> <li>• Disclose aggrieved identity to others.</li> <li>• Make false promises to the complainant.</li> <li>• Be biased in redressal.</li> <li>• Expect or seek any compensation or benefits from complainants.</li> </ul>

**General overview of the Grievance Redress Mechanism**  
**Assam Intra-State Transmission System Enhancement Project**

**Project Introduction:** The Assam Intra-State Transmission System Enhancement Project (the Project) aims to strengthen Assam's electricity transmission system. The Project will facilitate connection of remote areas, enhance the capacity and reliability of the system, improve voltage profile, and reduce losses and ultimately enhance satisfaction for all categories of consumers. As the Project is funded by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), it complies with the Environmental and Social Framework and the Policy on the Project-affected People's Mechanism of the AIIB.

The construction activities under the Project may cause some minor disturbances to the physical environment and communities. These are typical of civil works, such as generating dust, noise, air pollution, and construction debris, influx of construction workers and limited need to acquire permanently or temporary land. Thus, a multi-tiered Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) will be applicable to the project in its entirety. To honor the GRM, Assam Electrical Grid Corporation Limited (AEGCL) will adopt the practice to resolve any major/ minor grievances, where AEGCL shall accept, review and address issues or problems raised by Project Affected Persons (PAPs), local people and project workers related to project works. GRC will review grievances involving all resettlement benefits, compensation, relocation, replacement cost, other additional assistance for vulnerable groups including Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and grievances related to environmental issues (if any).

The Environmental and Social Management and Planning Framework (ESMPF) provide guidelines how to reduce potential risks and mitigate impacts. Site-specific Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP) gives specific measures for specific locations.

**Overview of the Grievance Redress Mechanism**

The Project provides for the establishment of a Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM). **The GRM is a free system that registers and attempts to resolve concerns or complaints by Project-affected people (PAPs) or workers/employees arising from project activities.** This process aims to quick resolve of disputes and avoid litigation, thus ensuring the smooth implementation of the project activities. Every person, man, woman, or construction worker employed in Project activities, who feels that they have been adversely affected by the Project, can file their concerns for free to the GRM. **The Project guarantees that there will be no reprisals or retributions for raising grievances.** The GRM process does not prevent project affected people to seek their rights through the judicial system but provides an additional and free way to resolve problems. Anonymous grievances are acceptable, but it will be impossible to inform the complainant of the outcome. In this case, the grievance and the proposed resolution will be publicized on site. Complaint which may be arises during the project implementation period (Pre-Construction, During Construction and Post Construction) will be handled according to the following procedure:

1. Project-affected person approaches a member of the CGRC (Tier-1) in person or via the phone/WhatsApp. (Dedicated phone number will be assigned).
2. The Circle level GRC (Tier 1) member receives the grievances and records the details in the GRM logbook.
3. The CGRC (Tier-1) acknowledges the receipt of the grievance and provides a dated proof (official slip, text or WhatsApp message).

4. The CGRC (Tier-1) gathers information, visits site and interviews people to evaluate if they can find a resolution of the grievance within 10 working days.
5. The CGRC (Tier-1) informs grievated party of the proposed resolution in writing. a. Grievated party can accept the proposed solution, which is duly recorded. b. Grievated party may not accept the proposed solution, which is duly recorded.
6. If the CGRC (Tier-1) is unable to find a solution, or if the grievated party does not accept the proposition, the CGRC can automatically escalate the issue to the Tier -2 GRC, if grievated party agrees.
7. The Tier-2 GRC acknowledges the receipt of the grievance and provides a dated proof (official slip, text or WhatsApp message).
8. The Tier 2 GRC gathers information, visits site and interviews people to evaluate if they can find a resolution of the grievance within 20 working days.
9. The Tier 2 GRC informs grievated party of the proposed resolution in writing. a. Grievated party can accept the proposed solution, which is duly recorded. b. Grievated party may not accept the proposed solution, which is duly recorded.
10. The grievated party may seek their rights in the court of law.

In the event of any safety hazards, sexual harassment, or other life-threatening situations, the aggrieved person may approach the concerned officials designated under the Tier-1 or Tier-2 committee for immediate assistance and appropriate action. Such incidents shall also be promptly reported to AIIB, as required.

**AIIB PPM mechanism:** The Project-affected People’s Mechanism (PPM) was established by AIIB to provide an opportunity for an independent and impartial review of submissions from Project-affected people who believe they have been or are likely to be adversely affected by AIIB’s failure to implement its Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) when their concerns cannot be addressed satisfactorily through Project-level grievance redress mechanisms or AIIB Management’s processes. The PPM entered into effect on March 31, 2019. The PPM is guided by the Policy on the PPM (PPM Policy) and Rules of Procedure of the PPM (PPM Rules of Procedure). Project-affected people may raise their concerns regarding the environmental and social aspects of an AIIB-financed Project with the Client and AIIB during the preparation and implementation of the Project. The Complaints-resolution, Evaluation and Integrity Unit (CEIU) is responsible for the functioning of the PPM. Information Link. <https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/how-we-assist-you/index.html>

**Grievance Register**

<b>Grievance Register</b>	
<b>Date of Grievance Recorded</b>	<b>* The mobilization of EPC is awaiting and once EPC starts their work in the S/S as well as in T/L, then the grievances may arise if any, the record will be maintained accordingly</b>
Grievance Recorder	
Grievance submitted through	
Name of Complainant	
Complainant Preferred Contact	
Complainant Address	
Type of Grievance	
Describe Grievance	
Date of Grievance Occurrence	
Date of Acknowledgement	
Mode of Acknowledgement	
Brief Outline of Proposed Resolution	
Action Taken	
Action Taken on	
Outcome	
Outcome communicated to PAH on	
Status Update	
Mode of Complainant Update	
Acknowledged by	
Date Closed	
Days to Close Grievance	
Date of Grievance Received to Tier 2	
Date of GRC meeting (2nd Tier)	
Estimated Time for Resolution Action	
Taken Action	
Taken on	
Outcome	
Outcome communicated to PAH on	
Status Update	
Mode of Complainant Update	
Acknowledged by	
Date Closed	
Days to Close Grievance	

## 10. Environmental and Social Management Plan

### 10.1 Environmental And Social Management Plan (EsmP) With Specific Potential E&S Impacts

This chapter outlined the ESMP for identified impacts and the administrative aspects of ensuring that mitigative measures are implemented and their effectiveness monitored. The detailed Management Plan is outlined as under.

### 10.2 Physical Environment

**Table 10.1: Detailed Management Plan (Physical Environment)**

Activity	Potential Impacts	Mitigation measures	Location or foot print applicable	Responsibility	Reporting
<b>Planning and Construction Phase</b>					
Land use and Land Cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No major anthropogenic activities are observed in the area except agricultural activities and crop.</li> <li>The project will result in change of the land use within the land parcels where the transmission towers are located. Besides this the land falling under the RoW of transmission line will also have limited change in land use in terms of restriction of activities to be undertaken on this area.</li> </ul>	The land requirement for the tower base has been considered as per the IS Codes.	Footprint tower foundation and RoW of transmission line	PMC / AEGCL	-
Soil Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digging of foundation pits for the towers may affect the soil quality.</li> <li>Foundations shall be dug up to a depth of 3-3.5 m depending upon the tower type and soil characteristics. At the tower sites, all vegetation within the footprint of the tower base and additional surrounding area shall be cleared for ground vegetation. Foundation pits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vegetation clearance and excavation to be done in the marked excavation and construction area only;</li> <li>The excavated soil to be stored on site for back filling;</li> <li>Any top soil that is to be removed for construction of tower footings / foundations to be temporarily stored</li> </ul>	Footprint tower foundation and RoW of transmission line	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL	Monthly

Activity	Potential Impacts	Mitigation measures	Location or foot print applicable	Responsibility	Reporting
	<p>shall be backfilled by the excavated soils;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compaction of soil during excavation, transportation of construction material &amp; tower components, foundation work, backfilling, tower erection and stringing lead to temporary effects on natural infiltration of rainwater, but these impacts are temporary, localized and marginal;</li> <li>• Soil contamination at tower locations shall be from result of leaks and spills of oil, lubricants, or fuel from construction equipment.</li> <li>• General construction waste generated onsite comprised of waste concrete, wooden pallets, steel cuttings / filings, packaging paper or plastic, wood, metals etc. Municipal domestic wastes consisting of food waste, plastic, glass, aluminium cans and waste paper shall be generated by the construction workforce and labour camp site. A small proportion of the waste generated during construction phase shall be hazardous and include used oil, grease and waste oil containing rags.</li> <li>• During foundation activities at tower locations, excess excavated material shall be generated.</li> </ul>	<p>/stack at least at a lead of 2 meters away from the edge of the pit and then be used as a (soil) top cover after construction activities are complete;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After completion of construction activities, site will be cleared for any excess excavated material and leftover construction material. Disposal areas for same will be identified in consultation with the concerned department;</li> <li>• Spill management kit will be provided and immediately clean-up of any spillages;</li> <li>• Provision of waste collection bin and disposal of domestic waste will be provided at labour camp site;</li> <li>• Tower components and materials shall be stored at an elevated level using wooden sleeper to raise the tower parts above the ground level near the construction site. It is to be noted that the tower parts are taken to erection site on daily basis for erection from the EPC store, thereby reducing disturbance to surrounding standing crop and vegetation;</li> <li>• The existing roads to be used for approaching tower locations.</li> </ul>			

Activity	Potential Impacts	Mitigation measures	Location or foot print applicable	Responsibility	Reporting
Ambient Air Quality	<p>Ambient air quality will be largely impacted from the following sources during the construction phase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fugitive dust emissions from transportation of material, excavation, drilling, back filling, emission due to movements of vehicles, plying of heavy construction machinery etc.;</li> <li>• Emissions from diesel generator for construction activities.</li> <li>• The nearest receptor for dust emissions located within 500 m distance from transmission line route.</li> <li>• No ecological sensitivities located in the RoW of transmission line route.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All vehicles shall be maintained as bi-annually and as per the Government procedure. It is mandatory that all vehicle to be check for pollution control in every six months. Excavation activities to be avoided during windy weather conditions;</li> <li>• The unpaved access roads shall be sprinkled with water as necessary to reduce dust, especially during April to September.</li> </ul>	Construction site and its associated facility location	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL	Monthly
Ambient Noise Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The foundation activities at transmission tower locations have effect on the noise level due to operation of concrete mixer, DG set, vehicular movement for transportation of materials.</li> <li>• During erection of tower and stringing there can be some disturbance from noise due to vehicular movement for transportation of tower components, strings, and communications during erection and stringing. Also, during stringing there will be continuous operation of tractors carrying the strings from one tower to other.</li> <li>• As mentioned above, there are habitations present within 500 m distance from the Transmission line route.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction activities are to be carried out during the daytime (6:00 am- 6:00 pm) on 6 days a week. One paid holiday is given to workers.</li> <li>• Avoid unnecessary honking of horns.</li> </ul>	Construction site and its associated facility location	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL	Monthly

Activity	Potential Impacts	Mitigation measures	Location or foot print applicable	Responsibility	Reporting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No ecological sensitivities located in the RoW of transmission line route.</li> </ul>				
Water Resources and Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The transmission line generally requires about 50 m3 of water for casting of foundations for each tower, which shall be sourced from local sources through tankers. The transmission line passes through River and nallah.</li> <li>Impact on local water resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location of storage area to be avoided on agricultural land and in close proximity to water bodies wherever possible.</li> <li>Excess excavated material not to be dumped in Nallah / water course / drainages,</li> <li>Clean water storage facility with PVC tank provided near the camp site for clean bathing / washing water to be made at labour camps;</li> <li>Wash room, sanitary toilet with septic tank and soak pit provide to the labours/camps to maintain hygiene of the areas.</li> <li>Approved water supply resource to be used for water requirements for concreting and curing during foundation activities;</li> <li>Wastewater generated at labour camp will have proper disposal arrangements such as septic tank and soak-pits.</li> </ul>	Construction site and its associated facility location	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL	Monthly
Drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The study area has natural drainage pattern.</li> <li>The transmission line passes through River and nallah.</li> <li>Impact on local water resources.</li> </ul>	Drainage system should not be blocked by the construction activity.	Construction site and its associated facility location	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL	Monthly

Activity	Potential Impacts	Mitigation measures	Location or foot print applicable	Responsibility	Reporting
Occupational Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The erection of transmission towers, stringing of line will require working at heights. The commissioning of the transmission line will also involve live power lines.</li> <li>• The working at height has the risks of falling from the height and working on live wires carrying power has dangers of electric shock and electrocution.</li> <li>• Besides this, there could be slip and trip hazards especially during monsoon season.</li> <li>• The area experiences heavy rainfall. Working during very heavy rain could cause health hazards;</li> <li>• During tower erection and stringing activities, about 60 workers will be engaged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trained workers will be involved in the specific work activities such as tower erection and stringing;</li> <li>• Prior to start of work, workers will be informed about the related safety risks and precautions to be taken;</li> <li>• Stop work in monsoon season. The monsoon seasons star from April to September.</li> <li>• During summer and rainy days season with high temperature, work shall be started early in morning with no work during peak temperature in afternoon and rainy days. Generally, during hot days works start from 7 am to 11 am and in the afternoon 2.30 to 6.30 pm.</li> <li>• Construction areas to be marked and cordoned off;</li> <li>• Manual lifting by adult men to be less than 55kg and for women it should be less than 30kg;</li> <li>• Eye protection for welding, cutting or similar operations which may cause hazard to eyes.</li> <li>• All persons performing construction work to wear safety shoes and helmets confirming to national standard;</li> <li>• Every worker engaged in handling sharp objects which may cause injury to hand</li> </ul>	Construction site and its associated facility location	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL	Monthly

Activity	Potential Impacts	Mitigation measures	Location or foot print applicable	Responsibility	Reporting
		<p>shall be provided with suitable hand gloves;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A construction worker handling cement and concrete to wear close fitting clothing, gloves, helmet / hard hat, proper foot wear, masks etc. and will take all precaution to keep the cement and concrete away from his skin;</li> <li>• Moving parts of the hoists, grouting equipment used for concrete work are securely fenced to avoid any injury or unsafe condition;</li> <li>• The mixing of the concrete is done in such a way that minimum of dust escapes into the air;</li> <li>• Erection of steel structures should be carried out by experienced workers and they should use safety harness, lifelines, catchment etc.;</li> <li>• EPC contractor to ensure a First-aid Box is available at construction site;</li> <li>• EPC contractor to ensure that health and safety procedures, including working at height procedure under the CESMP are in place and training on same are provided to the workers prior to construction;</li> <li>• Once the stringing is complete, notices (danger sign boards) and anti-climbing</li> </ul>			

Activity	Potential Impacts	Mitigation measures	Location or foot print applicable	Responsibility	Reporting
		<p>devices to be put on all the faces of the tower;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency contact numbers and route to nearest hospital shall be displayed at construction site.</li> <li>• The local / host community shall be kept at safe distance from construction site.</li> <li>• Labour camps, tower foundation works, erection and stringing activities associated with the proposed transmission line construction will be carried out, along with the implementation of appropriate health and safety measures.</li> </ul>			
Sensitive Receptors	<p>There are no sensitive receptors located within the Right of Way (RoW) corridor of the proposed transmission lines. However, within a 500-meter radius of the proposed 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.) at Kumarikata GIS, several sensitive receptors have been identified. These include 6 educational institutions, 21 religious structures, 1 healthcare facility, 7 government/community institutions, and 2 commercial establishments.</p> <p>During the construction phase, no impact is anticipated on these CPRs, as most of them</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Periodical EQMT for Noise Level at 6 locations for loop in and 2 locations for loop out (within 100 m from the center line of the T/L) will be carried out nearby these sensitive receptors during construction phase and all possible measures will be taken to minimize pollution level.</li> </ul>	Sensitive Receptors (8 locations)	EPC Contractor / PMC / AEGCL	Monthly

Activity	Potential Impacts	Mitigation measures	Location or foot print applicable	Responsibility	Reporting
	are located at a considerable distance from the center line of the transmission lines. Similarly, within a 500-meter radius of the proposed 400kV LILO of Balipara- Bongaigaon D/C line at Rangia (Tamulpur) 400 kV GIS, no sensitive receptors have been identified.				
<b>Operation Phase</b>					
Soil Environment	Any spillage of Aluminium oxide paint during operation and maintenance of the transmission line towers may impact soil quality.	Preventive maintenance plan will be prepared for transmission line.	Project foot print	AEGCL	Monthly
Noise Level	The likely noise impacts from operation of the transmission line will be due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance and repair activities;</li> <li>• ‘Corona discharge’ from the overhead lines;</li> <li>• Once operational, noise from energised overhead lines along the transmission line route can be produced by a phenomenon known as ‘Corona Discharge’ (a limited electrical breakdown of the air). Conductors are designed and constructed to minimise corona effects, although, under certain conditions this can be audible as a ‘hissing’ sound, sometimes accompanied by a low frequency hum. Conductors designed and constructed to minimise corona effects will be chosen for transmission. It is highly unlikely that the corona discharge noise will exceed the normal background noise levels in the area and</li> </ul>	The project design specifications include the measures to reduce the noise generated along transmission line.	Project foot print	AEGCL	Monthly

Activity	Potential Impacts	Mitigation measures	Location or foot print applicable	Responsibility	Reporting
	<p>furthermore, such noises are mostly restricted to rainy weather conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nearest receptor for noise emissions located within 500 m distance from transmission line route.</li> <li>• No ecological sensitivities located in the RoW of transmission line route.</li> </ul>				
Visual Impacts	<p>The footprint of the project comprise of about 109.52 hectares will experience permanent change in land use and 38.42 km long transmission line with 130 towers.</p> <p>The transmission line route passes through agriculture / crops, trees / vegetation, built up, and water bodies. The vertical forms of the transmission towers would be prominently visible from the road and nearby settlements. Besides this, the farmers in the field would have clear view of these towers. It is to be noted that the study area already had other existing transmission towers and the new transmission line will be easily absorbed in the existing landscape.</p> <p>The visual impacts will be perceived by two types of receptors, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receptors located at a fix point, i.e. habitations within the project foot print and area of influence; and</li> <li>• Receptors who will temporarily come into contact with the transmission line such as passing motorists in the area.</li> </ul>	The route alignment had avoided settlement areas during project planning.	Project foot print	PMC / AEGCL	Monthly

Activity	Potential Impacts	Mitigation measures	Location or foot print applicable	Responsibility	Reporting
Electro Magnetic Fields (EMFs)	The power evacuation through the transmission line during operation phase will result in development of electromagnetic fields. There have been some concerns about possible health risk from exposure to electromagnetic radiation from overhead transmission line. People working in the vicinity of transmission line are potentially prone to exposure to EMF. However, while the evidence of adverse health risks is low, it is still sufficient to warrant limited concern.	The minimum distance clearance had been provided in the project as per Electricity Act, 2003. The electrical clearance to protect from electromagnetic affect minimum 7 m is maintained for EHV lines.	Project foot print	PMC / AEGCL	Monthly
Occupational Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a possibility of line or towers / tower members falling to the ground, and safety risks during maintenance activities at towers, during the operational phase, contact with the transmission line can result in electrocution.</li> <li>• Unaware people trying to tap electricity from high tension wire can lead to fatal accidents.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risks to general public during operation will be reduced by public awareness and education and physical measures by attaching an appropriate warning sign on all faces of the tower;</li> <li>• Once the stringing work is complete, notices and permanent anti climbing devices will be installed on the tower. The operational start date for electricity transmission and safety implications will be publicised locally in advance.</li> <li>• The SOP for preventive maintenance and repairing of fault will be defined and followed.</li> </ul>	Project foot print	PMC / AEGCL	Monthly

### 10.3 Biological Environment

**Table 10.2: Detailed Management Plan (Biological Environment)**

Activity	Potential Impacts	Mitigation measures	Location or foot print applicable	Responsibility	Reporting
<b>Planning and Construction Phase</b>					
Impacts due to Vegetation Clearance	<p>The RoW of transmission line required 9111 (both loop in &amp; loop out) numbers of trees including fruit &amp; non fruit bearing, bamboos etc to be cut. Vegetation clearance is the first step in the establishment of access / internal roads and excavation for the erection of tower footing and transmission tower foundations and ancillary facilities. Impact of vegetation clearance could happen at the time of line stringing at few places. Within the transmission line corridor floral and faunal species are commonly found. Ground clearance will be maintained from the lowest cable and any object that is grounded (tree etc.). Clearing of vegetation from agriculture / crops, trees / vegetation, built up and range land reduces options for nesting habitat for birds, shelter from predators, foraging resources, shade, perching habitat and breeding sites. The loss of vegetation can also have a negative effect on soil quality and hamper survival of neighbouring floral species, burrowing faunal species and foraging resources for herbivores in the area.</p>	<p>In tower foundation location and transmission line corridor no mature fruiting tree or any other tree that is important for community will be felled. The tower locations will be adjusted to avoid mature trees that are important for the community. In case it is absolutely necessary, chopping and trimming of the branches will be undertaken.</p>	Construction site and its associated facility location	EPC contractors /PMC / AEGCL	Monthly
Impacts due to Construction Activities	<p>Construction activities include excavation, movement of machineries, increased anthropogenic movement (men and transport) in the project study area. These activities are assessed with respect to disturbance of habitats and species.</p>	<p>In-house training provided to the labour force and supervisory staff for situations dealing with wildlife encounters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.</li> </ul>	Construction site and its associated facility location	EPC contractors /PMC / AEGCL	Monthly

Activity	Potential Impacts	Mitigation measures	Location or foot print applicable	Responsibility	Reporting
	<p>Excavation for the construction of the foundations for transmission towers and ancillary facilities has direct impact on burrowing fauna, mammalian fauna and an indirect impact on flora / fauna through the changing of soil properties. This type of impact could happen for each tower footing area.</p> <p>Anthropogenic movement will result in increased stress placed on fauna in the area that remain alert for an extended period of time and may prevent proper breeding, nesting, mating, socializing and foraging.</p> <p>Noise from anthropogenic movement (men and transport) from the construction activities shall cause disturbance to fauna in the nearby areas.</p> <p>This type of impact could happen during footprint and tower foundation, stringing activities of the transmission line.</p>				
<b>Operation Phase</b>					
Collision and Electrical hazards for avifaunal species	<p>Birds species identified during the ecological study were found roosting on wires and poles in the area. Some birds also utilize the transmission towers for nesting by placing the nests across wires or using holes in the tower itself. Collision of birds can happen with transmission line due to specific behaviours like courtship displays, aerial hunting as they may distract the birds from the presence of the power lines.</p>	<p>The following mitigation measures will reduce the impact significance on avifaunal species:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installing perch rejecter on the cross arms.</li> <li>• In order to mitigate and minimize collision of birds, power line markers should be used specifically areas that are more vulnerable to avifauna, which reduce the risk by increasing the</li> </ul>	Project foot print	PMC / AEGCL	Monthly

Activity	Potential Impacts	Mitigation measures	Location or foot print applicable	Responsibility	Reporting
	<p>Collision may happen for birds that make regular and repeated flights between roosting and feeding areas in proximity to power lines.</p> <p>Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC). 2012. Reducing Avian Collisions with Power Lines: The State of the Art in 2012. Edison Electric Institute and APLIC. Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Collision and electrocution hazard may happen at the transmission line.</p>	<p>visibility of overhead lines to birds (Sporer et al. 2013).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A specific monitoring requirement in the form of wildlife monitoring checklist for LILO operator to regularly monitor/observe and record bird collisions and deaths along the transmission line ROW. The bird/wild Animal monitoring is to be regularly reported to the PMU and the AIIB.</li> </ul> <p><b>Checklist provided in Appendix 7.</b></p>			

#### **10.4 Social Environment**

This section outlines the potential impacts, mitigation measures, monitoring and management responsibilities during construction and operation phases of the Transmission lines. In order to minimize adverse impacts during different phases of project lifecycle, mitigation measures, monitoring plan and responsibilities for its implementation. Mitigation measures are provided for the construction activities and operation and maintenance activities.

In addition to the ESMP, an Abbreviated/Resettlement Action Plan report will be prepared before commencement of works. The purpose of the A/RAP is to ensure the restoration of livelihoods of the impacted PAFs. Grievance Redressal Mechanism has been formulated for the project. This GRM shall be applicable through the project lifecycle.

**Table 10.3: Detailed Management Plan (Social Environment)**

Activity	Potential Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Location or foot print applicable	Responsibility	Reporting to AEGCL
<b>Construction phase</b>					
Social	Health and safety risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPC contractor should follow General Health and Safety measures as per contract agreement. Some of the key provisions relevant for the EPC contractor are mentioned below:</li> <li>• Adopt an H&amp;S Policy for construction workers;</li> <li>• Eye protection for welding, cutting or similar operations which may cause hazard to eyes;</li> <li>• All persons performing construction work to wear safety shoes and helmets conforming to national standard;</li> <li>• Every worker engaged in handling sharp objects which may cause injury to hand shall be provided suitable hand gloves;</li> <li>• Erection of steel structure is considered as a hazardous work. Workers engaged in erection of transmission tower to follow safety measures. The work should be carried out by experienced workers and they should use safety harness, lifelines, catchment etc.</li> <li>• The First-aid Box will be available at construction site which shall be ensured by EPC contractor</li> <li>• EPC contractor shall ensure that health and safety procedures are in place and training on same will be provided to the workers prior to construction;</li> <li>• EPC contractor shall ensure that adequate PPEs and safety measures are used during stringing activity. Once the stringing is complete, notices (danger sign boards) and anti-climbing devices to be put on all the faces of the tower;</li> <li>• Emergency contact numbers and route to nearest hospital shall</li> </ul>	All Tower locations and RoW of Transmission line	EPC Contractor	Monthly Report to AEGCL

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Activity	Potential Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Location or foot print applicable	Responsibility	Reporting to AEGCL
		be displayed at construction site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The local / host community shall be kept at safe distance from construction site.</li> </ul>			
	Impact on land and livelihood due to transmission line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entitlement in keeping with the Abbreviated/Resettlement Action Plan for the transmission line.</li> <li>Payment of compensation for tower base area and RoW of transmission line in keeping with the Ministry of Power 2015 notification and Assam Government notification, 2017 and new guideline of Ministry of Power, Govt. of India (Ref No. 3/4/2016-Trans-Part (4) dated 14.06.2024) &amp; Government of Assam Power Department Dispur, Guwahati-6 Notification dated Dispur the 04-11-2024.</li> <li>Ensure access of the local community to a Grievance Redressal Mechanism</li> </ul>	Transmission Lines	PMU / PMC	Reporting to AEGCL after payment of compensation.
<b>Operation Phase</b>					
Occupational Health and Safety	Health and Safety Risks; Electrical hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Lock Out-Tag Out system will be followed during maintenance/ repair activities at transmissionline;</li> <li>Records of incident/ accidents shall be maintained;</li> <li>Root cause analysis shall be carried out for any incident/ accident.</li> </ul>	All Tower Locations of transmission lines	AEGCL	Annual Report to AEGCL
Social	Loss of any crop or agricultural field during stringing or maintenance- Economic impact due to loss of crop/ agricultural field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have provision to compensate adequately any kind of damage to the assets/crops/other properties of the local incurred due to project maintenance.</li> <li>Ensure access of the local community to the GRM formulated for the project.</li> </ul>	All Tower Locations of transmission lines	AEGCL	Regular reporting at time of maintenance Activities.
	Economic Displacement-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide priority to the local community for any contractual opportunities during the operations phase;</li> </ul>	All Tower locations of	AEGCL	Monthly progress reports

Activity	Potential Impacts	Mitigation Measures	Location or foot print applicable	Responsibility	Reporting to AEGCL
	Loss of income sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake skill training activities as part of the Abbreviated RAP for the project which would allow the community to undertake income generation activities outside the project as well.</li> </ul>	transmission lines		
	Risk to Community health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake health awareness programmes among the local community,</li> <li>Implement GBV code of conduct for workers .</li> <li>Ensure access to the local community to the GRM for the project and that GRM can receive gender-based violence related grievances.</li> </ul>	All Tower locations transmission lines	AEGCL	Annual reports

### 10.5 Environmental And Social Monitoring Plan (ESMOP)

This chapter outlined the Environmental and Social Monitoring program for the project.

**Table 10.4: Environmental and Social Monitoring Plan**

Activity / Issue	Project stage	Parameters to be monitored	Location	Frequency <sup>6</sup>	Standards	Implementation	Supervision
Regulatory Compliance	Pre-construction, Construction and operation Stage	Availability of required regulatory permissions, Compliance to applicable environmental and labour laws.	-	Monthly	-	EPC Contractor	AEGCL / PMC
Labour Camp Monitoring	Construction Stage	Location of labour accommodation in relation to local village settlement, Availability of adequate potable water in labour camp and at construction site, Appropriate toilet and bathing facilities and their maintenance, Appropriate waste water disposal system, Source of cooking fuel, Appropriate lighting and ventilation in labour camp, Emergency response plan with emergency contact details displayed in the camp, Adequacy of first aid kit with required first aid medicine filled, Key Health (Malaria / dengue / fever / any other)	Labour Camp	Weekly/ As per requirement	IFC benchmark standards for workers accommodation	EPC Contractor	AEGCL / PMC

<sup>6</sup>Here the frequency means the frequency for the monitoring report. The ground data collection frequency should refer to those in the ESMP.

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Activity / Issue	Project stage	Parameters to be monitored	Location	Frequency <sup>6</sup>	Standards	Implementation	Supervision
		issues reported during the last month. Refer IFC Benchmark Standards for Workers Accommodation as <b>Appendix 5.</b>					
Tower foundation, erection and stringing	Construction Stage	Use of PPEs at site, Toolbox talks prior to start of work, Availability of emergency contact numbers, Disposal of waste materials, Preparation and Implementation of Site Emergency Response Plan, Water consumption.	Transmission line	Monthly	As per specification and norms	EPC Contractor	AEGCL / PMC
Air Quality Monitoring	A. Pre-Construction Stage	PM10, PM2.5, along with Meteorological data- temperature Humidity, wind speed, wind direction.	Near sensitive receptor sites (8 locations within 100 m from the center line of the T/L)	One time	National Air quality standards of CPCB	EPC contractor by NABL/CPCB approved laboratory	AEGCL / PMC
	B. Construction Stage	PM10, PM2.5, along with Meteorological data- temperature Humidity, wind speed, wind direction.	Same location as selected during pre-construction period	Twice a year	National Air quality standards of CPCB	EPC contractor by NABL/CPCB approved laboratory	AEGCL / PMC

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Activity / Issue	Project stage	Parameters to be monitored	Location	Frequency <sup>6</sup>	Standards	Implementation	Supervision
	C. Operation Stage	PM10, PM2.5, along with Meteorological data- temperature Humidity, wind speed, wind direction.	Same location as selected during pre-construction period	One time	National Air quality standards of CPCB	EPC contractor by NABL/CPCB approved laboratory (Defect Liability Stage)	AEGCL / PMC
Noise Level Monitoring	A. Pre-Construction Stage	Noise level (dB level) On hourly basis for 24 hours	Near sensitive receptor site (8 locations within 100 m from the center line of the T/L)	One Time	CPCB standards for Noise and vibrations	EPC contractor by NABL/CPCB approved laboratory	AEGCL / PMC
	B. Construction Stage	Noise level (dB level) On hourly basis for 24 hours	Same location as selected during pre-construction period	Twice a year/ noise assessments by demand	CPCB standards for Noise and vibrations	EPC contractor by NABL/CPCB approved laboratory	AEGCL / PMC
	C. Operation Stage	Noise level (dB level) On hourly basis for 24 hours	Same location as selected during pre-construction period	One Time	CPCB standards for Noise and vibrations	EPC contractor by NABL/CPCB approved laboratory (Defect Liability Stage)	AEGCL / PMC
Water Quality Monitoring	A. Pre-Construction Stage	As per IS: 10500 (PH, Colour, TSS, Conductivity, Odour, Nitrate, Fluoride, Sulphates, Chloride, DO, BOD, T. coliform, E. coliform, Dissolved Iron, total pesticides, Floating	Near sensitive receptor site (8 locations within 100 m from the center line of the T/L)	One time	National water quality standards of CPCB	EPC contractor by NABL/CPCB approved laboratory	AEGCL / PMC

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Activity / Issue	Project stage	Parameters to be monitored	Location	Frequency <sup>6</sup>	Standards	Implementation	Supervision
		materials- wood, plastic, rubber etc. Oil and grease, TDS Turbidity, Total hardness, (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> ), corrosivity, Taste).					
	B. Construction Stage	As per IS:10500 {pH, Colour, TSS, Conductivity, Odour, Nitrate, Fluoride, Sulphates, Chloride, DO, BOD, T. coliform, E. coliform, Dissolved Iron, total pesticides, Floating materials- wood, plastic, rubber etc. Oil and grease, TDS, Turbidity, Total hardness, (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> ), corrosivity, Taste}.	Same location as selected during pre-construction period	Twice a year	National water quality standards of CPCB	EP EPC contractor C by NABL/CPCB approved laboratory	AEGCL / PMC
	C. Operation Stage	As per IS: 10500 (PH, Colour, TSS, Conductivity, Odour, Nitrate, Fluoride, Sulphates, Chloride, DO, BOD, T. coliform, E. coliform, Dissolved Iron, total pesticides, Floating materials- wood, plastic, rubber etc. Oil and grease, TDS, Turbidity, Total hardness, (as CaCO <sub>3</sub> ), corrosivity, Taste).	Same location as selected during pre-construction period	One Time	National water quality standards of CPCB	EPC contractor by NABL/CPCB approved laboratory (Defect Liability Stage)	AEGCL / PMC
Soil Quality Monitoring	A. Pre-Construction Stage	PH, Sulphate (SO <sub>3</sub> ), Chloride, ORP, water Soluble salts EC, Organic Matter, Moisture Content.	Near sensitive receptor site (8 locations within 100 m from the center line of the T/L)	One time	Technical specifications	EPC contractor by NABL/CPCB approved laboratory	AEGCL / PMC

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Activity / Issue	Project stage	Parameters to be monitored	Location	Frequency <sup>6</sup>	Standards	Implementation	Supervision
	B. Construction Stage	PH, Sulphate (SO <sub>3</sub> ), Chloride, ORP, water Soluble salts EC, Organic Matter, Moisture Content.	Same location as selected during pre-construction period	Twice a year	Technical specifications	EPC contractor by NABL/CPCB approved laboratory	AEGCL / PMC
	C. Operation Stage	PH, Sulphate (SO <sub>3</sub> ), Chloride, ORP, water Soluble salts EC, Organic Matter, Moisture Content.	Same location as selected during pre-construction period	One Time	Technical specifications	EPC contractor by NABL/CPCB approved laboratory (Defect Liability Stage)	AEGCL / PMC
EMF	A. Pre-Construction Stage	Design specification	-	Once during final design approval	National Electrical Safety Code, American National Standard Institute, C2	Contractor (designing), PMC and PMU (design review)	AEGCL / PMC
	B. Construction Stage	Adherence to Design specification during construction work.	Transmission line routes	Continuous activity	National Electrical Safety Code, American National Standard Institute, C2	Contractor	AEGCL / PMC
	C. Operation Stage	Maintenance of conductor to ground, phase to phase and circuit to circuit clearances.	Transmission line routes	Continuous activity	National Electrical Safety Code, American National Standard Institute, C2	AEGCL – Field Staff	AEGCL / PMC
Carcass	A. Pre-Construction Stage	Visual inspection for transmission line locations	Transmission line routes	Continuous activity	Identification of carcass (animals/birds) to be reported to concerned forest/wildlife authority for identification of species. Record to be maintained for number of carcasses	Surveyor	AEGCL / PMC
	B. Construction Stage	Visual Physical Inspection for transmission line locations.	Transmission line routes	Continuous activity		Contractor	AEGCL / PMC
	C. Operation Stage	Visual Physical Inspection for transmission line locations	Transmission line routes	Continuous activity		AEGCL – Field Staff	AEGCL / PMC
Traffic	A. Pre-Construction Stage	Number & type of vehicles being used to access substation site.	Transmission line routes	Continuous activity	Record maintenance for being used for survey and increased traffic	Surveyor	AEGCL / PMC

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Activity / Issue	Project stage	Parameters to be monitored	Location	Frequency <sup>6</sup>	Standards	Implementation	Supervision
					load in localities		
	B. Construction Stage	Number & type of vehicle being used for material transportation by EPC contractor.	Transmission line routes	Continuous activity	Maintenance of Logbook for in-out time of vehicle on site (substation).	Contractor	AEGCL / PMC
	C. Operation Stage	Number & Type of vehicles being used for maintenance activity.	Transmission line routes	Continuous activity	Maintenance of Logbook for in-out time of vehicle on site (substation)	AEGCL – O&M staff	AEGCL / PMC
Tree cutting	A. Pre-Construction Stage	Enumeration of trees after finalization of layout plan of selected transmission line route.	Transmission line routes	Once during detailed survey and layout design development	Documentary evidence to be maintained by surveyor for counting of trees.	Surveyor	AEGCL / PMC
	B. Construction Stage	Development of inventory of tress before initiating the transmission line construction.	Transmission line routes	During the construction phase	Marking of tress by revenue authority in presence of Contractor and AEGCL officials Obtaining applicable clearance from forest department.	Contractor / Revenue Department / AEGCL	AEGCL / PMC
	C. Operation Stage	Pruning/cutting of tress after getting prior permission from the competent authority for maintenance activity.	Transmission line routes	During the operation phase	Maintenance of record	AEGCL	AEGCL / PMC
Stakeholder Engagement	A. Pre-Construction Stage	Mapping of stakeholders	Transmission line routes	Continuous activity	Keep record of the Consultation with mapped stakeholders (Keep minutes of Consultation and attendance sheet)	Survey Consultant/ Concerned revenue circle	AEGCL / PMC
	B. Construction Stage	Listing of identified stakeholders (administrative and project affected people)	Transmission line routes	Continuous activity	Keep record of the Consultation with mapped stakeholders and PAPs (Keep the record MOM of	Contractor/PMC /AEGCL/ Concerned revenue circle	AEGCL / PMC

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Activity / Issue	Project stage	Parameters to be monitored	Location	Frequency <sup>6</sup>	Standards	Implementation	Supervision
					Consultation and attendance sheet)		
	C. Operation Stage	Identification of stakeholders	Transmission line routes	Continuous activity	Consultation with identified stakeholders has to be kept and the copy of minutes of Consultation and attendance sheet also to be kept.	Contractor (Defect Liability Stage)/ AEGCL – Field Officers	AEGCL / PMC
Grievance Mechanism	A. Pre-Construction Stage	Identification of officials, NGO, stakeholders to be part Grievance redressal committee.	Transmission line routes	Continuous activity	Development of Grievance redresses mechanism as per provisions Notification of formulation of GRM and GRC.	AEGCL - PMU	AEGCL / PMC
	B. Construction Stage	Working files of GRC and GRM records.	Transmission line routes	Continuous activity	Notification of formulation of GRM and GRC and display of GRM procedure in project locations (in local language) keep records for GRM (if any)	Contractor, PMC, AEGCL – PMU, Revenue Concerned PIU, AEGCL – Field staff	GRC
	C. Operation Stage	Working files of GRC and GRM records.	Transmission line routes	Continuous	Notification of formulation of GRM and GRC and display of GRM procedure in project locations. Working records for GRM.	Concerned field staff, concerned PIU	AEGCL / PMC
Compensation	A. Pre-Construction Stage	Identification of project affected people	Transmission line routes	During identification of land parcel for tower base area and ROW of TL	Compensation is to be paid as per new guideline of Ministry of Power, Govt. of India (Ref No. 3/4/2016-Trans-Part (4) dated 14.06.2024) MoP new guideline March 2025 &	-	-
	B. Construction Stage	Mapping and listing of projects affected people (crop damage (if any area m <sup>2</sup> ), zirat damage (marking of trees & development of	Transmission line routes	of impact		-	-

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Activity / Issue	Project stage	Parameters to be monitored	Location	Frequency <sup>6</sup>	Standards	Implementation	Supervision
		inventory), Restricted use of land (area m <sup>2</sup> ) –if applicable.			Government of Assam Power Department Dispur, Guwahati-6		
	C. Operation Stage	Marking of trees (enumeration) to where pruning/cutting is required to maintain clearance between trees and conductor after obtaining prior permission from the competent authority Damage to crop (area m <sup>2</sup> and Listing of the types of crop during Stringing of line.	Transmission line routes	-	Notification dated Dispur the 04-11-2024	-	-
Livelihood	A. Pre-Construction Stage	Identification of any impact on livelihood due to Restricted use of land, crop damage and zirat damage.	Transmission line routes	Once during identification of land parcel for tower base area and ROW of TL	Compensation is to be paid as per new guideline of Ministry of Power, Govt. of India (Ref No. 3/4/2016-Trans-	Revenue Department & AEGCL - concerned divisional officer, PMC, EPC Contractor	AEGCL / PMC
	B. Construction Stage	Identification of any impact on livelihood due to loss of land (area m <sup>2</sup> ) – land utilization pattern, crop damage (area m <sup>2</sup> and type of crop) and zirat damage (inventory development).	Transmission line routes	Once – before commencing construction work	Part (4) dated 14.06.2024) MoP new guideline March 2025 & Government of Assam Power Department Dispur, Guwahati-6	Revenue Department & AEGCL - concerned divisional officer, PMC, EPC Contractor	AEGCL / PMC
	C. Operation Stage	Identification of any impact on livelihood due to Restricted use of land, crop damage and zirat damage (inventory development).	Transmission line routes	Continuous activity	the 04-11-2024	Revenue Department & AEGCL - concerned divisional officer, EPC Contractor (Defect Liability Stage)	AEGCL / PMC
Restoration	A. Pre-Construction Stage	Identification of any damage to public utilities and	Transmission	Once during identification of	Compensation is to be paid as per new	Revenue Department & AEGCL -	AEGCL / PMC

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Activity / Issue	Project stage	Parameters to be monitored	Location	Frequency <sup>6</sup>	Standards	Implementation	Supervision
		public/private property to be envisaged during construction phase.	sion line routes	land Parcel for tower base area and ROW of TL	guideline of Ministry of Power, Govt. of India (Ref No. 3/4/2016-Trans-Part (4) dated 14.06.2024)	concerned divisional officer, PMC, EPC Contractor	
	B. Construction Stage	Marking and listing of damage to public utilities / shifting of public utilities and public / private property.	Transmission line routes	Continuous activity	MoP new guideline March 2025 & Government of Assam Power Department	Revenue Department & AEGCL - concerned divisional officer, PMC	AEGCL / PMC
	C. Operation Stage (Defect Liability Stage)	Marking and listing of damage to public utilities / shifting of public utilities and public / private property.	Transmission line routes	Continuous activity	Dispur, Guwahati-6 Notification dated Dispur the 04-11-2024	Revenue Department & AEGCL - concerned divisional officer	AEGCL / PMC

**External Reporting and Communication**

The Project head is responsible for ensuring that communication with government agencies and stakeholders are maintained as per the requirement for obtaining various permission from different line departments like-

**For 132kV Transmission Line**

- Power Line Crossing location at LILO of 400 KV D/C Balipara – Bongaigaon Tr. Line - 1 location, 220KV D/C Salakati to Rangia Tr. Line- 1 Location. 132kV S/C Rangia to Barnagar T/L - 1 location, 132kV S/C Rangia - Dhaligaon T/L - 1 location.
- No Railway Line crossing
- River crossing at three locations (3-time Pagladeya River, 2 times Mutanga Nadi) from Water Resource Department.
- Communication to all concern Circle Office for approval of land scheduling report/compensation details of Tower footing and RoW.

**For 400kV Transmission Line**

- Power Line Crossing location at Prop. 220KV Amingaon - Rangia at New Rangia S/S(LOOP OUT), 1 location
- No Railway Line crossing
- No River crossing
- Communication to all concerned Circle Offices for approval of land scheduling report/compensation details of Tower footing and RoW.For 400kV Transmission Line

**10.6 Budget For Implementation of ESMP-Specific Activities Covered By the ESIA – ESMP**

The project will have its own budget for implementation of ESMP and RAP. The budget heads for Construction and O&M stage will include cost towards

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- Wastewater treatment;
- Personal protective equipment;
- Health & Safety; and
- Hazardous material transportation & disposal

ESMP cost to implement the key environmental & social measures and environmental & social monitoring plan which a part of Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) Contractor's good Engineering practice. An indicative budgetary allocation of **INR 23.50 Lakhs** for ESMP implementation during Construction and O&M stage is provided in table below.

**Table 10.5: Indicative Budgetary allocation for EMP Implementation**

Sl. No.	Particulars	Capital Cost (Lump sum INR in Lakhs)	Recurring Cost (Lump sum INR in Lakhs) per Annum	Remarks
<b>A. Construction Phase</b>				
1.	Waste Management	1.5	0.20	Considered as part of EPC contractor work under Good Engineering Practice
2.	Environment, health and safety and Contractor's Environmental and Social Management Plan (CESMP) Implementation	10.0	0.50	
3.	EQMT	2.0	0.30	EQMT will be done for Air, water, Noise Level and soil by EPC Contractor.
4.	Management Plan (Biological environment) and Perch rejecter and power line markers	5.00 Lakhs Lump sum	-	Considered as part of EPC contractor work under Good Engineering Practice for construction period under supervision of PMC and monitoring by AEGCL.  AEGCL will take necessary measures during Operation period
6.	<b>Compensatory afforestation</b>	The cost for compensatory plantation, as determined during the process, will be deposited into the account of the competent authority upon their demand		During the assessment of zirat (immovable asset) value along the Right of Way (RoW) for transmission lines (T/Ls), the competent authority will conduct tree enumeration.
7.	<b>Resources</b>			
	<b>PMU</b> Two numbers Environmental Safeguard Specialist Two numbers Social Safeguard Specialist	-	-	Experts are on board from AEGCL fund.

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Sl. No.	Particulars	Capital Cost (Lump sum INR in Lakhs)	Recurring Cost (Lump sum INR in Lakhs) per Annum	Remarks
	<p><b>PMC</b></p> <p>One number Senior Environmental Safeguard Expert</p> <p>One number Senior Social Safeguard Expert</p> <p>Three numbers Environmental Investigation Officers</p> <p>Three numbers Social Investigation Officers</p>	-	-	Experts are on board as part of PMC contract.
	<p><b>EPC</b></p> <p>One Environment, Health, Safety and Social Officer</p> <p>One Community Consultation Officer</p>	-	-	Experts are on board as part of EPC contract.
	<b>Sub – Total A</b>	<b>18.50</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
<b>B. Operation and Maintenance Phase</b>				
<b>1.</b>	Waste Management	1.0	0.20	
<b>2.</b>	Environment, health and safety and EMP Implementation	1.0	0.20	
<b>3.</b>	Facility Management for Housekeeping	1.0	0.60	
	<b>Sub – Total B</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
	<b>Total (Sub – Total A + Sub – Total B)</b>	<b>21.50</b>	<b>2.00</b>	
	<b>Social</b>			
	Livelihood restoration and CSR	As per RAP for the project		

Note: The above cost does not include cost of manpower needed for the EMP implementation.

### 10.7 Institutional Arrangement For Monitoring And Reporting

The Assam Intra-State Transmission System Enhancement Project (AISTSEP) is implemented by Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Limited (AEGCL) under the financial assistance from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). A Project Management Unit (PMU), established within the AEGCL, headed by a Project Director cum CGM (PP&D). The Project Director is accountable for overall supervision, coordination and responsibility of the project planning, implementation of the ESMP. The PMU will be supported by Project Implementation Units (PIUs) established at all divisional level. The PMC for the project will monitor the environmental and social aspects with the supervision of PMU's E&S special staff. The PMU's E&S staff and Divisional official at divisional level will supervise the

contractor. Other environmental good practices include sanitary waste management, noise abatement, maintaining hygienic conditions, maintenance of fire and safety equipment.

### **10.8 Monitoring of ESMP Compliance**

The proposed mitigation measures comprise of conducting environmental monitoring for Air Quality, Noise Level, Soil Quality and Water Quality during Pre-construction, construction and operational phases of the project. The Environment and Social staff of AEGCL shall ensure the monitoring of the environmental and social aspects. During the construction phase, the contractor should ensure that activities like handling of earth works, disposal of debris, storage of materials, labour camps, putting proper traffic signals is done properly to have minimum impact on the environment and affected communities. The PMC for the project will monitor these parameters with the supervision of PMU's E&S officers. The PMU's E&S officers and Divisional official at divisional level will supervise the contractor. Other environmental good practices include sanitary waste management, noise abatement, maintaining hygienic conditions, maintenance of fire and safety equipment.

The Environmental and Social staff of PMU will ensure that site engineers and contractors adhere and comply with all measures and procedures identified in the ESMP. Activities to be monitored should include, but are not limited to:

- All planning, coordination and management activities related to the implementation of E&S safeguard issues;
- The identification of corrective and preventive actions;
- Records of health and safety matters and training activities;
- Consultations with project affected people (as and when needed, particularly during the implementation);
- Feedback, troubles hooting and project related grievances;
- Ensuring that livelihoods, where negatively impacted, are restored to pre-Project levels;
- Preparation of progress and monitoring reports as required by the funding agency, and
- Verifying the projects overall compliance with safeguard measures and its progress towards achieving the intended loan outcomes.

### **10.9 Monitoring of ESMoP Compliance**

**Environmental Parameters to Be Monitored:** To ensure that project would not generate negative impacts to the environment and affected communities, monitoring of environmental and social parameters has to be performed by PMU- AEGCL and PMC as per contract provisions. The monitoring activities of the project include site supervision, verification of permits, monitoring of water quality, soil, noise and air, traffic disruptions, livelihood restorations, Occupational, Health and Safety, etc. Monitoring of the quality of water, soil, air and noise during the construction stage is the responsibility of the PMC. The ESMoP compliance will be monitored by E&S staff of PMU.

### **10.10 Reporting Line (from contractor to AIIB), report type and templates**

The Environmental and Social (E&S) staff is dedicated for projects funded by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to streamline decision-making and provide more autonomy for project execution and delivery. The E&S staff of AISTSE project is part of PMU which is headed by Project

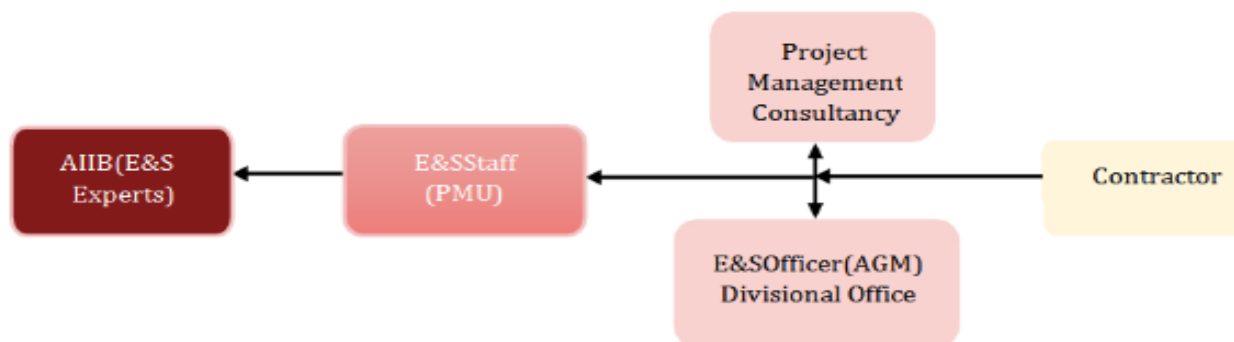
Director. At divisional level, the charge of E&S Officer is given to the concern's AGM. The AGM's will also act as project Manager for individual subprojects. The AGM's will work under the supervision of DGM at circle level.

Mitigation measures related to construction as specified in the ESMP to be incorporated into civil works contracts, and their implementation will be primarily the responsibility of the contractors. Contractors are required to submit monthly progress report (**template in Appendix 6A**) on the implementation of ESMP measures to PMC/PMU. ESMP implementation will be evaluated internally by the PMU/PIU itself and the PMC E&S Expert and through field level officials, who will be regularly monitoring ESMP implementation.

Project Management Consultant (PMC) to keep everything on track and carryout evaluation on the ESMP implementation. The PMC will submit monthly progress report (**template in Appendix 6B**) to update the Project Management Unit (PMU) on the ESMP implementation activities. The E&S Experts of PMC will submit semi-annual environmental and social monitoring report (**template in Appendix 6C**) on progress and compliance issues of ESMP implementation. Progress reports will include a description of implementable activities and their status; identify the responsible parties involved in their implementation; and provide project management schedules and time frames for doing so, along with their associated costs.

The E&S Experts of PMU, AEGCL will ensure that the semi-annual monitoring report submitted by PMC is in the line with the requirement of AIIB and submit the environmental and social monitoring to AIIB.

The illustration of reporting line is provided in figure 10.1 below.



**Figure-10.1: Illustration of Reporting Line**

The environmental monitoring report will be submitted by the PMC - E&S staff to the PMU, which will include the result of environmental monitoring into its environmental report. The Environment and Social Staff of PMU after interaction with PMC E&S staff will ensure the adequacy of submitted monitoring reports and PMU will further submit these reports to AIIB twice in a year. This report will demonstrate that sound environmental management practices are applied, and the set environments targets are achieved.

In case the implementation of ESMP measures is not satisfactory, AEGCL may engage external qualified experts to verify monitoring reports and assess the significant impacts and risks. These external monitoring experts shall recommend actions for AEGCL to enhance environmental compliance. Funding agency will continue to monitor project compliance with safeguard plans and

requirements on an on-going basis throughout the duration of the contract.

#### **10.11 Capacity building needs for this project**

The AEGCL has Environmental & Social project staffs, who have knowledge of environmental safeguards, and experience of AIB environmental safeguard policies and their implementation of AISTSEP. It is hence understood that they have required familiarity with AIB environmental safeguard policies and its implementation. Designated PMU officials, and PIUs staffs and engineers will be trained by PMC safeguards experts on safeguards issues related to the project. The capacity building program which included modules on: (i) introduction and sensitization to AIB environmental and social policy and requirements; (ii) project related requirements as provided in the ESMP; (iii) improved coordination within line departments; (iv) monitoring and reporting system; and (v) project GRM. Briefings on safeguards principles, GRM etc. will also be conducted to the contractors and PIU safeguard officers supported by PMC.

Training and capacity building programme are being conducted by PMC as per the requirement and PMC contract provision. Apart from these, training and capacity building programme are being conducted by E&S team of AIB to ensure implementation of E&S requirement.

## **11. Summary, Recommendations And Conclusion**

Power transmission projects including the construction of substation and associated transmission line have not been listed in the list of environmentally sensitive projects and hence, no environmental clearance is required, as per the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) notification of 2006 and its subsequent amendments by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC). However, project associated activity like quarry operation (if any) for the project may require prior Environmental Clearance. Clearance from the Forest Department is required only in cases where a project is constructed on forest land or requires cutting of forest trees. Clearance from the State Wildlife Board (SBWL) / National Wildlife Board (NWBL) is required only in cases where a project is constructed on Notified Wildlife area or within the Eco-sensitive Zone of Wildlife area. Clearance from the Wetland authority is required only in cases where a project is constructed on Notified Wetland or within the Eco-sensitive Zone of Wetland. Based on the screening, forest, wildlife and wetland clearances are not applicable for Transmission Lines.

As the Project is funded through the AIB, the Bank's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) applies. The Project has been assigned to "Category B" as per the ESP, as the Transmission lines are not located in sensitive areas.

**ESS 1** is applicable to the project as civil works may cause a limited number of potentially adverse environmental and social impacts. These impacts are not unprecedented and are limited to the project area

**ESS 2** is applicable as there is involuntary permanent and temporary restrictions on land use for the tower footing as well as RoW of the Transmission line and accordingly ARAP report will be prepared.

**ESS 3** - In accordance with the AIB Environmental and Social Policy (ESP), a screening exercise was conducted to assess the presence of Indigenous Peoples in the project area using the four defining characteristics outlined under ESS 3. The screening confirmed that Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities are present within the project's area of influence; therefore, ESS 3 is applicable to the transmission line component mentioned above. Project impacts on IP/ST households will be addressed through an inclusive environmental and social assessment process, including meaningful consultations. Mitigation and monitoring measures will be implemented in line with AIB requirements.

Given the nature and significance of the anticipated impacts, ESS 3 requirements will be addressed through proportionate measures integrated into the RAP and ESIA/ESMP instead of a separate Indigenous Peoples Plan (IPP). This will be substantiated through socio-economic and cultural evidence collected during the census survey, demonstrating that affected ST households are largely integrated into mainstream society. Impacts on Indigenous Peoples will be reflected in the ARAP/RAP, with appropriate and proportionate mitigation measures included to effectively address the same.

The various environmental and social attributes were identified through primary field study and secondary information.

Various alternatives have been considered for selection of most optimal route of transmission lines.

The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the transmission line system has evaluated the likely environmental and social impacts during both construction and operation phases. The assessment concludes that the impacts are generally limited in nature, few in number, site-specific, and largely reversible. Furthermore, these impacts can be effectively mitigated with appropriate measures.

Importantly, the ESIA emphasizes that forested and ecologically sensitive areas, such as National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, have been avoided through careful route selection, adhering to the principle of minimizing harm. The check survey for the Transmission line is completed; however approval of the land scheduling report from concerned Revenue Circle is awaited.

Remedial measures for climate risks have been adapted for Transmission Line at design stage.

The community consultations are carried out in all the villages along the both transmission line corridor with local habitants where one hundred six (106) participants were participated in the 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.) and 400kV LILO of Balipara-Bongaigaon D/C line like economically weak communities, women, vulnerable groups and other local community leaders nearby the proposed transmission lines on 22 th January 2026, 29 th January 2026, 3 rd February 2026, 15 th February 2026, 26 th February 2026, 11 th March 2026, 12 th March 2026 and 13 th March 2026 at 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.) and 7 th February 2026, 17 th February 2026, 6 th March 2026 and 10 th March 2026 at 400kV LILO of Balipara- Bongaigaon D/C line under Package-G.

For unwanted situation like danger, sexual harassment and other life threatening, the victim person may reach to the concerned officials who belong to the Tier-1 and Tier-2 committee and may contact for further needful action or the matter should be informed to AIIB immediately.

ESMP for identified impacts and the administrative aspects of ensuring that mitigative measures are implemented and their effectiveness monitored and Environmental and Social Monitoring program has been detailed in the main report.

ESMP cost to implement the key environmental & social measures and environmental & social monitoring plan which a part of Engineering Procurement Construction (EPC) Contractor's good Engineering practice. An amount of **INR 23.50 Lakhs** is estimated to be required for implementation of ESMP.

Institutional Arrangement for Monitoring and Reporting Assam Intra-State Transmission System Enhancement Project (AISTSEP) including Reporting Line (from contractor to AIIB) is in place and detailed in the main report.







Capacity building programmes are being conducted by PMC as per the requirement and PMC contract provision. Apart from these, training and capacity building programme are being conducted by E&S team of AIIB to ensure implementation of E&S requirement.

In summary, the ESMP provides a structured approach to ensuring that the temporary impacts during construction are minimized, while also maximizing the positive benefits, such as local employment opportunities, through effective management and monitoring.

It is recommended to implement all the mitigation measures outlined in Environmental and Social Management Plan, monitor Environmental and Social Monitoring Plan, continuous public consultation and maintaining GRM.


In conclusion, the potential impacts identified in the ESIA study are manageable and can be mitigated effectively through compensation, preventive measures and careful planning during the construction phase.

**SOME SITE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTES DURING SITE VISIT**

132KV Nalbari-Rangia (Tamulpur) D/C line form Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext) and LILO of both circuits of 400kV Balipara (PG) – Bongaigaon (PG) DC line with twin Moose ACSR at 400kV Rangia GIS	
AP- 33	AP- 47
 <p><b>132kv location no 21/7</b></p> <p>Latitude: 26.580654 Longitude: 91.553238 Elevation: 52.45±10.1 m Accuracy: 6.924 m Time: 16-03-2026 13:43 Note: 132kv Tamulpur to Nalbari TL location no 21/7</p> <p>AP- 21/7</p>	 <p><b>132kv location no 21/9</b></p> <p>Latitude: 26.57697 Longitude: 91.551244 Altitude: 62.75±66.0 m Accuracy: 64.96 m Time: 16-03-2026 13:56 Note: 132kv Tamulpur to Nalbari TL location no 21/9</p> <p>AP- 21/9</p>
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 <p><b>400kv / AP-1</b></p> <p>Latitude: 26.640216 Longitude: 91.60714 Elevation: 92.26±79 m Accuracy: 5.88 m Time: 20-03-2026 17:30 Note: 400kv loop in AP 1/0</p> <p>AP-1/0</p>	 <p><b>400kv / AP-2</b></p> <p>Latitude: 26.640206 Longitude: 91.6064 Elevation: 92.26±11.4 m Accuracy: 4.261 m Time: 20-03-2026 17:24 Note: 400kv loop in AP 2/0</p> <p>AP-2/0</p>

Source: Site Visit

**APPENDIX 1- TECHNICAL DETAILS**



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Date 24/10/2025

**No: AEGCL/GM(P&D)/AIB/132kV TL/Part-2 1153**

To  
 The Chief General Manager (PP&D)  
 AEGCL, Bijulee Bhawan,  
 Paltan Bazar, Guwahati-01

**Sub: Approval of revised profile drawing and tower schedule for 132kV D/C transmission line from existing 132/33kV Nalbari GSS to 400/220/132/33 kV Rangia GIS**

**Ref: 1) Your letter no. AEGCL/MD/AIB/PKG-G/Nalbari Bay/2025/51 dated 15/10/2025**

Madam,

With reference to the above, the revised profile drawing and tower schedule for 132kV D/C transmission line from existing 132/33kV Nalbari GSS to 400/220/132/33 kV Rangia GIS, submitted by M/s Shyama power have been checked and our comments are as under:

Sl. No.	Item Description	Comments
1	Sheet 1 (Rangia GSS to AP-10/0)	Found to be generally in order and hence approved.  However, as highlighted by the field officials, the TL corridor infringes with newly constructed houses/structures in the span between AP-5/0 and AP-5/1. The same shall be taken care during execution of work.
2	Sheet 2 (AP-10/0 to AP-19/0)	Found to be generally in order and hence approved.
3	Sheet 3 (AP-19/0 to AP-23/0)	Found to be generally in order and hence approved.
4	Sheet 4 (AP-23/0 to AP-29/0)	It is seen that the TL is rerouted between AP-26/0 to AP-28/0 resulting in 10 nos. of pile foundation. Hence, proper justification from the firm & verification from the field is sought and as such the same is kept on hold.
5	Sheet 5 (AP-29/0 to AP-40/0)	Found to be generally in order and hence approved.
6	Sheet 6 (AP-40/0 to AP-49/0)	Found to be generally in order and hence approved.  However, as highlighted by the field officials, the TL corridor infringes with newly earth filled land with boundary wall in the span between AP-46/0 and AP-47/0; & with newly constructed RCC building in the span between AP-48/1 and AP-49/0. The same shall be taken care during execution of work.
7	Sheet 7 (AP-49/0 to AP-55/0)	Found to be generally in order and hence approved.
8	Sheet 8 (AP-55/0 to Nalbari GSS)	Found to be generally in order and hence approved.  However, it is seen that at Nalbari GSS end, the line bays are not adjacent to each other, hence the DE tower shall be positioned at the midway between the two line bays so that the angle of deviation at gantry is maintained.

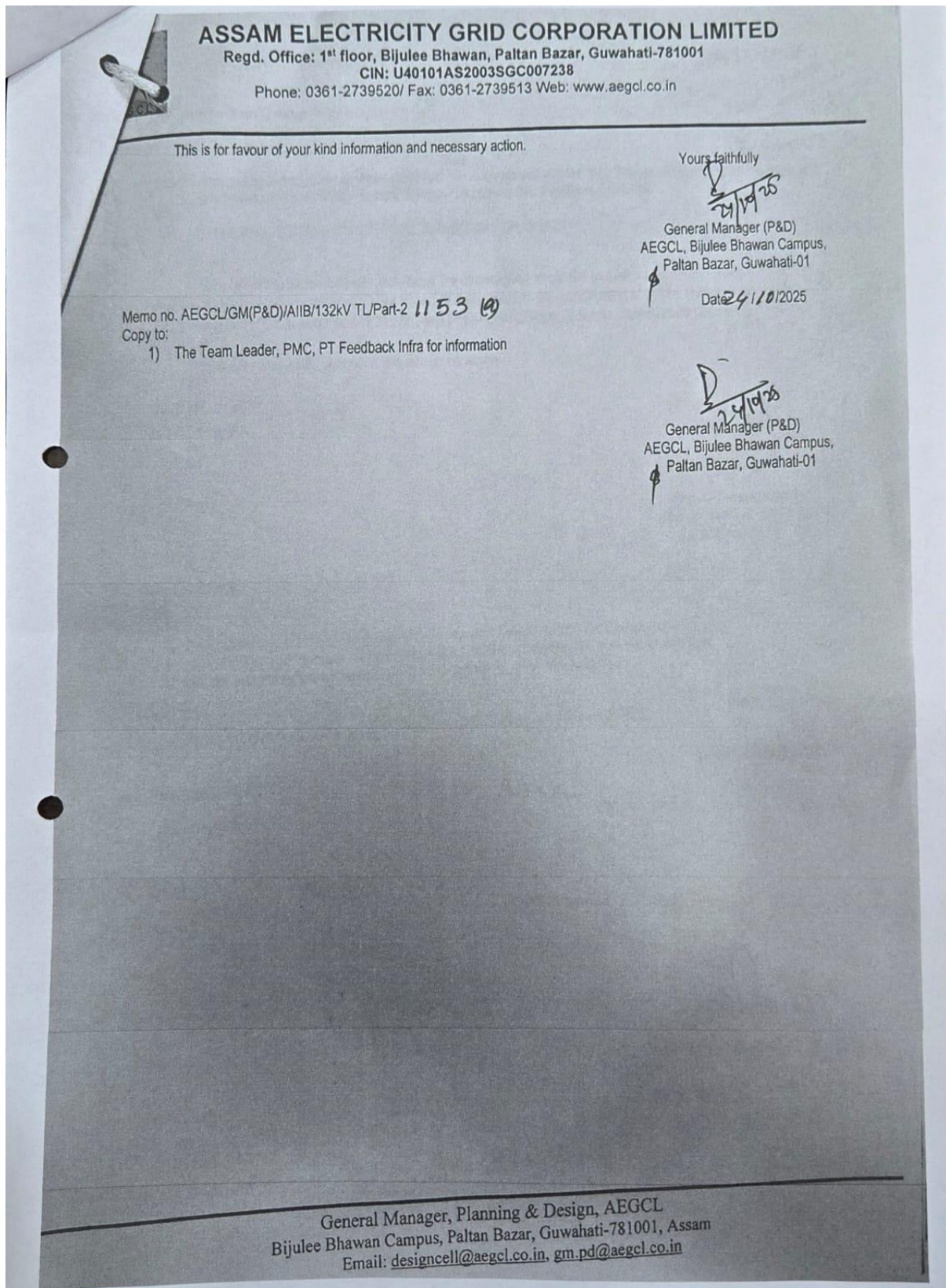
Further, the proposed foundations may be as per site condition and shall be approved by civil wing of AEGCL in consultation with concerned field officials.

It may be mentioned here that, as the firm has submitted only one set of profile drawing and tower schedule, the same is kept at this office for record purposes. The firm may be asked to submit additional copies at this end for onward transmission.

Moreover, comments from PMC have not been received at this end and the same shall be collected from their end.

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**APPENDIX 2- TECHNICAL DETAILS**

Approved Tower Spotting data PKG-G

**TOWER SPOTTING DATA**

**FOR**


**132KV 'D/C' TRANSMISSION LINE**


**"A", "B", "C", "D" & "DE"**


**(WIND ZONE-5)**

**PROJECT:** 400/220/132KV GIS SUBSTATION AT RANGIA (KUMARIKATA) ALONG WITH THE ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION LINES.


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
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
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
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**TOWER SPOTTING DATA WITHOUT AVATION WARNING SPHERE**  
 Normal Span= 335 m  
 Wind Span= 335 m  
 Note: All spans are in m and All loads are in kg.

Sr.No.	Description	Tower Type						
		A	B	C	D	DE		
1)	DEVIATION NOT TO EXCEED	0°- 2°	0°- 15°	15°- 30°	30°- 60°	0°- 0°		
2)	VERTICAL LOAD OF INDIVIDUAL SPAN							
VERTICAL LOAD LIMITATION								
WEIGHT SPAN LIMITS (m) MAX								
2A)	GROUND WIRE							
	EFFECT OF BOTH SPANS	505	505	505	505	505		
	EFFECT OF ONE SPAN	315	315	315	315	0		
	CONDUCTOR							
2B)	GROUND WIRE							
	EFFECT OF BOTH SPANS	185	0	0	0	0		
	EFFECT OF ONE SPAN	100	-200	-200	-200	0		
	CONDUCTOR							
3)	PERMISSIBLE SUM OF ADJACENT SPANS IN METERS FOR VARIOUS DEVIATION ANGLES (SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF MINIMUM SPECIFIED LIVE METAL /GROUND CLEARANCES AND WEIGHT SPAN LIMITATION AT SL NO 2). PERMISSIBLE ONE SPAN FOR VARIOUS DEVIATION ANGLES FOR ANGLE TOWERS SHOULD NOT EXCEED 60% OF THE VALUE SHOWN FOR SUM OF ADJACENT SPANS	2° - 870	15° - 670	30° - 670	60° - 670	0° - 335		
		1° - 894	14° - 710	29° - 710	59° - 704			
		0° - 718	13° - 750	28° - 750	58° - 738			
			12° - 790	27° - 790	57° - 772			
			11° - 830	26° - 830	56° - 806			
			10° - 870	25° - 870	55° - 840			
			9° - 910	24° - 910	54° - 875			
			8° - 950	23° - 950	53° - 910			
		Tower Checked for		Dead End				
		Line/Slack side		Line			Slack	
Angla of Deviation		0°- 30°		0°- 30°				
Wind Span Limit		150 m		100 m				
Total Wind Span		250 m						

**TOWER SPOTTING DATA WITH AVATION WARNING SPHERE**  
 Normal Span= 316 m  
 Wind Span= 316 m  
 Note: All spans are in m and All loads are in kg.

Sr.No.	Description	Tower Type						
		A	B	C	D	DE		
1)	DEVIATION NOT TO EXCEED	0°- 2°	0°- 15°	15°- 30°	30°- 60°	0°- 0°		
2)	VERTICAL LOAD OF INDIVIDUAL SPAN							
VERTICAL LOAD LIMITATION								
WEIGHT SPAN LIMITS (m) MAX								
2A)	GROUND WIRE							
	EFFECT OF BOTH SPANS	457	457	457	457	457		
	EFFECT OF ONE SPAN	285	285	285	285	0		
	CONDUCTOR							
2B)	GROUND WIRE							
	EFFECT OF BOTH SPANS	168	0	0	0	0		
	EFFECT OF ONE SPAN	91	-181	-181	-181	0		
	CONDUCTOR							
3)	PERMISSIBLE SUM OF ADJACENT SPANS IN METERS FOR VARIOUS DEVIATION ANGLES (SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF MINIMUM SPECIFIED LIVE METAL /GROUND CLEARANCES AND WEIGHT SPAN LIMITATION AT SL NO 2). PERMISSIBLE ONE SPAN FOR VARIOUS DEVIATION ANGLES FOR ANGLE TOWERS SHOULD NOT EXCEED 60% OF THE VALUE SHOWN FOR SUM OF ADJACENT SPANS	2° - 832	15° - 632	30° - 632	60° - 632	0° - 316		
		1° - 852	14° - 672	29° - 672	59° - 666			
		0° - 672	13° - 712	28° - 712	58° - 700			
			12° - 752	27° - 752	57° - 734			
			11° - 792	26° - 792	56° - 768			
			10° - 832	25° - 832	55° - 802			
			9° - 872	24° - 872	54° - 837			
			8° - 912	23° - 912	53° - 872			
		Tower Checked for		Dead End				
		Line/Slack side		Line			Slack	
Angla of Deviation		0°- 30°		0°- 30°				
Wind Span Limit		141 m		94 m				
Total Wind Span		235 m						

**NOTE :-**

- For section where Avation Warning Spheres are installed, All spans (Normal/Basic Span, Wind Span and Max. Weight Span) shall be reduced as mentioned in the table. Refer sample calculation in Annexure - A, Included in document.
- For the line clearances and Sag-Tension please refer General Notes
- For Design Load Tension please refer Sag-Tension calculation sheet.

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**PROJECT : 132KV D/C TRANSMISSION LINE**  
**"Kumarikata - Nalbari" - Rangia Project**  
**WIRE : PHASE CONDUCTOR**

<b>SAG TENSION CALCULATION</b>		<b>Phase Conductor</b> <b>AAAC "PANTHER"</b>
STRANDING OF THE CONDUCTOR :	<b>37/3.15</b>	
AREA :	mm <sup>2</sup> <b>288</b>	
DIA :	mm <b>22.05</b>	
WT OF CONDUCTOR :	Kg/m <b>0.794</b>	
ULTIMATE TENSILE STRENGTH :	Kg <b>8638</b>	
MODULUS OF ELASTICITY :	Kg/mm <sup>2</sup> <b>5814</b>	
MAX WORKING SPAN :	m <b>335</b>	
MIN TEMPERATURE :	°C <b>0</b>	
EVERY DAY TEMPERATURE :	°C <b>32</b>	
MAX TEMPERATURE :	°C <b>95</b>	
COEFF OF LINEAR EXPANSION :	/°C <b>2.30E-05</b>	
INITIAL F.O.S OR SAG (m)		
TYPE 'F' FOR FOS :		
	FOS	
	SAG	4.418
INITIAL TEMP :	°C <b>0</b>	
INITIAL WIND PRESSURE :	Kg/m <sup>2</sup> <b>0</b>	
RADIAL ICE FORMATION :	mm <b>0</b>	

APPROVED, subject to the condition that the approval conveyed herein neither relieves the contractor of his contractual obligations and his responsibilities design details, performance particulars and conformity of the supplies with the Indian Statutory laws / IEC specifications as may be applicable, nor does limit the AEGCL's right under the contract.

	WIND PRESS (Kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	TEMP DEG (°C)	ICE FORMATION (mm)	SAG (m)	STRESS (Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	TENSION (Kg)	F.O.S (% of UTS)	SPAN (m)
	0	0	0	4.418	875.30	2,521	29.2	335
0%	64.8	0	0	-	1206.87	3,476	40.2	335
36%	0	32	0	5.889	656.75	1,891	21.9	335
0%	0	32	0	-	1206.47	3,475	40.2	335
50%	90.0	32	0	-	1521.52	4,382	50.7	335
75%	135.0	32	0	-	1812.43	5,220	60.4	335
100%	180.0	32	0	-	1812.43	5,220	60.4	335
0%	0	95	0	8.917	433.72	1,249	14.5	335
F <sub>D30:2</sub>	137.7	32	0	-	1539.61	4,434	51.3	335
F <sub>D45:2</sub>	93.1	32	0	-	1228.99	3,539	41.0	335
F <sub>D30:15</sub>	153.6	32	0	-	1644.45	4,736	54.8	335
F <sub>D45:15</sub>	113.3	32	0	-	1372.81	3,954	45.8	335
F <sub>D30:30</sub>	167.9	32	0	-	1736.33	5,001	57.9	335
F <sub>D45:30</sub>	135.0	32	0	-	1521.52	4,382	50.7	335
F <sub>D30:60</sub>	180.0	32	0	-	1812.43	5,220	60.4	335
F <sub>D45:60</sub>	167.9	32	0	-	1736.33	5,001	57.9	335

Notes: Basic wind speed V<sub>b</sub> = **50 m/sec**      Wind zone - **5**  
 Reliability level - **1**;  
 K<sub>1</sub> = **1.00**  
 Terrain Category - **2**;  
 For Plain Terrain; K<sub>2</sub> = **1.00**  
 Ref Table 4 - IS 802 (Part 1/Sec 1):2015

Design wind pressure P<sub>d</sub> = **793 N/m<sup>2</sup>**  
 = **80.9 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>**

Wind pressure on conductor F<sub>wc</sub> = P<sub>d</sub> \* C<sub>dc</sub> \* G<sub>c</sub>      C<sub>dc</sub> : **1.00**  
 = **180.0 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>**      G<sub>c</sub> : **2.224**  
 [G<sub>c</sub> considered at a height of : **38.221 m**]

Wind pressure on Insulators F<sub>wi</sub> = P<sub>d</sub> \* C<sub>di</sub> \* G<sub>c</sub>      C<sub>di</sub> : **1.20**  
 = **234.6 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>**      G<sub>c</sub> : **2.417**  
 [G<sub>c</sub> considered at a height of : **42.087 m**]

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**PROJECT : 132KV D/C TRANSMISSION LINE**  
**"Kumarikata - Nalbari" - Rangla Project**  
**WIRE : EARTHWIRE**

**SAG TENSION CALCULATION**

STRANDING OF THE CONDUCTOR :		<b>OPGW96FSSATAS</b>	<b>Earthwire</b>
AREA :	mm <sup>2</sup>	<b>61.28</b>	<b>OPGW</b>
DIA :	mm	<b>12.50</b>	
WT :	Kg/m	<b>0.480</b>	
ULTIMATE TENSILE STRENGTH :	Kg	<b>8668</b>	
MODULUS OF ELASTICITY :	Kg/mm <sup>2</sup>	<b>12848</b>	
MAX WORKING SPAN :	m	<b>335</b>	
MIN TEMPERATURE :	°C	<b>0</b>	
EVERY DAY TEMPERATURE :	°C	<b>32</b>	
MAX TEMPERATURE :	°C	<b>53</b>	
COEFF OF LINEAR EXPANSION :	/°C	<b>1.40E-05</b>	
INITIAL F.O.S OR SAG (m)			
TYPE 'F' FOR FOS :		<b>F</b>	
	FOS	<b>2.500</b>	
	SAG		
INITIAL TEMP :	°C	<b>32</b>	
INITIAL WIND PRESSURE :	Kg/m <sup>2</sup>	<b>221.7</b>	
RADIAL ICE FORMATION :	mm	<b>0</b>	

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	WIND PRESS (Kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	TEMP DEG (°C)	ICE FORMATION (mm)	SAG (m)	STRESS (Kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	TENSION (Kg)	F.O.S (% of UTS)	SPAN (m)
0%	0	0	0	3.977	2763.16	1,693	19.5	335
36%	79.8	0	0	-	3707.21	2,272	26.2	335
0%	0	32	0	4.648	2364.24	1,449	16.7	335
50%	110.9	32	0	-	3931.04	2,409	27.8	335
75%	166.3	32	0	-	4827.94	2,959	34.1	335
100%	221.7	32	0	-	5657.96	3,467	40.0	335
0%	0	53	0	5.146	2135.41	1,309	15.1	335
F <sub>D30:2</sub>	169.6	32	0	-	4879.52	2,990	34.5	335
F <sub>D45:2</sub>	114.7	32	0	-	3995.62	2,449	28.2	335
F <sub>D30:15</sub>	189.2	32	0	-	5178.74	3,174	36.6	335
F <sub>D45:15</sub>	139.5	32	0	-	4403.54	2,698	31.1	335
F <sub>D30:30</sub>	206.8	32	0	-	5440.75	3,334	38.5	335
F <sub>D45:30</sub>	166.3	32	0	-	4828.33	2,959	34.1	335
F <sub>D30:60</sub>	221.7	32	0	-	5657.96	3,467	40.0	335
F <sub>D45:60</sub>	206.8	32	0	-	5440.75	3,334	38.5	335

Notes:

Basic wind speed V<sub>B</sub> = **50** m/sec      Wind zone - **5**  
 Reliability level - **2**;  
 For values of F<sub>a</sub> refer attached **DATA SHEET**      K<sub>1</sub> = **1.00**  
 Terrain Category - **2**;  
 For Plain Terrain; K<sub>2</sub> = **1.00**

Design wind pressure P<sub>d</sub> = **793** N/m<sup>2</sup>  
 = **80.9** Kg/m<sup>2</sup>      Ref Table 4 - IS 802 (Part1/Sec1):2015

Wind pressure on conductor F<sub>wc</sub> = P<sub>d</sub> \* C<sub>dc</sub> \* G<sub>c</sub>      C<sub>dc</sub> : **1.20**  
 = **221.7** Kg/m<sup>2</sup>      G<sub>c</sub> : **2.284**  
 [G<sub>c</sub> considered at a height of : **44.174** m]

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DATA SHEET					
EFFECTIVE HEIGHTS & WIND PRESSURES ON CONDUCTOR, EARTHWIRE & INSULATOR					
Details	Phase Conductor	Earth Wire	Insulators for Phase Conductors		
Ground clearance =	6.100	-	-		
Max. conductor Sag =	8.917	-	-		
Sag Error =	0.150	-	-		
Spacing of Subconductor =	0.000	-	-		
Vert. Dist - Top & Middle Cond <sup>r</sup> =	4.000	-	-		
Vert Dist - Mid & Bottom Cond <sup>r</sup> =	4.000	-	-		
Height of Maximum Extension =	18.000	-	-		
Ht. of TPC attachment point =	<b>41.167</b>	-	-		
[6100 - Sag Diff. between TPC & E/W] =	-	5.658	-		
Height of Earthwire =	-	<b>46.825</b>	-		
CG of Susp. Insulator (= 1840/2) =	-	-	0.920		
Height of Insulator =	-	-	<b>42.087</b>		
<b>Reductions:</b>					
Min <sup>m</sup> Sag at 0°C no wind =	4.418	3.977	-		
2/3 <sup>rd</sup> of minimum Sag =	<b>2.946</b>	<b>2.651</b>	-		
Average effective Hts (m) =	<b>38.221</b>	<b>44.174</b>	<b>42.087</b>		
Design wind pressure P <sub>d</sub> (N/m <sup>2</sup> ) =	793		-		
(Kg/m <sup>2</sup> ) =	80.9		-		
C <sub>dc</sub> =	1.000	1.200	1.200		
G <sub>c</sub> =	2.224	2.284	2.417		
Perpendicular Wind pressure on cond <sup>r</sup> , E/W & Ins. F <sub>wc</sub> (Kg/m <sup>2</sup> ) =	<b>180.0</b>	<b>221.7</b>	<b>234.6</b>		
Notes: All dimensions are in metres, unless mentioned					
	Phase Conductor	Earth Wire	Insulators for Phase Conductors		
	Effective Wind Pressure (F <sub>Ω</sub> ) on Cond <sup>r</sup> due to effect of Wind incidences & deviations angle		Various Conditions of Wind Incidences & Line Angle Deviations	Wind Direction	Line Deviation
	(Kg/m <sup>2</sup> )			(deg)	(deg)
	F <sub>Ω</sub> = F <sub>wc</sub> * SIN <sup>2</sup> [90-(θ-φ/2)]			θ	φ
F <sub>Ω 30:2</sub>	137.7	169.6	30	2	
F <sub>Ω 45:2</sub>	93.1	114.7	45	2	
F <sub>Ω 30:15</sub>	153.6	189.2	30	15	
F <sub>Ω 45:15</sub>	113.3	139.5	45	15	
F <sub>Ω 30:30</sub>	167.9	206.8	30	30	
F <sub>Ω 45:30</sub>	135.0	166.3	45	30	
F <sub>Ω 30:60</sub>	180.0	221.7	30	60	
F <sub>Ω 45:60</sub>	167.9	206.8	45	60	

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### **APPENDIX 3A- STANDARD OPERATING (WORK) PROCEDURE TOWER ERECTION**

#### **PURPOSE:**

This document describes the step wise work procedure to carry out the Erection work of 11-132 / 220 / 400 / 765 kV D/C, 800 kV HVDC or other kind of Transmission Line work in planned and controlled manner with reference to the drawings, technical specification and standards.

#### **SCOPE:**

This includes Tower Erection for all Types of Towers substructure works as indicated on Technical Specification / Drawing. The work shall be carried out in accordance with the specification and corresponding approved drawings.

#### **EQUIPMENT:**

- Derrick Pole
- Poly Propylene Ropes - 12 to 32 mm dia. (Depending on the requirement)
- Winch and Tirfor
- Chain blocks, Single way Pulley, Hammer, Ring Spanner, D Spanner, Box Spanner, Drift Pins
- Safety Belts
- Helmets
- Crow Bar
- Portable Welding Machine
- Mobile Crane

#### **CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCE:**

The later stated construction sequence is followed for the complete erection of tower, for which certain checks are necessary which are as under stated.

- Material is to be sent to the sites of erection (as per tower schedule) from store with proper indent.
- Indent shall contain the following information –
- Type of tower
- No. of towers.
- Extension, if any
- Type of tower to be erected shall be identified from the Foundation check report / Tower schedule & the same to be sent to the required location.
- Site to be visited for checking the condition (accessibility of vehicles, water level, ROW issue, etc.)
- Forecast for weather conditions to be checked.
- Checking of foundation oldness with respect to the foundation report.
- Towers shall be erected after the concrete is at least 14 days old, but a gap of 28 days shall be preferred. (IS5613-3-2 14.1). Unless special procedures or technique are followed for early erection.

#### **METHODS FOR ERECTION**

Towers shall be erected by any suitable method in the sequence best adapted to the equipment, workers' experience and site conditions which will not overstress structure members.

Generally, there are three main methods of erection of steel transmission towers which are described as below:

- 1) Air Erection (Erection by Helicopter / Drone)
- 2) Erection thru Mobile Crane
- 3) Manual Erection with Gin pole / Derrick.

### **Manual Erection by Gin Pole**

This method contains erection of tower by using a gin pole & then lifting the parts or panels accordingly.

A gin pole is a boom of steel or aluminium pipe, wood pole or latticed truss secured at its base and usually inclined at a slight angle to the vertical. Generally, the lifting is done in any or combination of the two ways.

#### **1) Built Up or Piece Meal Method**

This method is most commonly used for the erection of 132 kV, 220 kV and 400 kV transmission line towers due to the following advantages:

- Tower materials can be supplied to site in knocked down condition, i.e., in pieces which facilitates easier and cheaper transportation.
- It does not require any heavy machinery such as cranes, etc.
- Tower erection activity can be done in any kind of terrain and throughout most of the year.
- Availability of workmen at cheaper rates.

This method consists of erecting the tower member by member.

The tower members are first set out and kept on the ground serially according to erection sequence to avoid time loss due to searching for them as and when required. In order to maintain speed and efficiency, a small assembly party can be sent ahead of the main erection gang for sorting out the tower members, keeping the members in correct position on the ground and assembling those panels on the ground which can be erected as a complete unit. The main corner leg members are prepared by fitting all cleats / plates for joints & bracings and step bolts.

The erection progresses from the bottom upwards. More than one leg section of each corner leg may be bolted together at the ground and erected in case they are short in length and light in weight. The main legs of the tower to be attached to the stub would be lifted by individual pieces and fixed with the stubs using the cleats, plates and bolts as per the drawing.

Since the legs are not self-supported at this stage, they would be anchored individually using guyed ropes diagonally. After erections of each leg ensure that the guy must be supported by 32mm crowbar & the angle of guy must be 30°-45° degree from horizontal. After this the lattices & bracings are lifted and joint with each other. This completes erection of base structure (leg extension or body extension). Then the gin pole is to be attached to a suitable corner. With the help of hook provided on gin pole's base the leg & pole are fixed together on a support strut. Proper care shall be taken to provide soft/cushioning material between the pole & leg member to avoid abrading of galvanizing due to friction & pressure.

The top of a single gin pole is kept in the centre of the structure by suspending it from the leg members at any elevation using guys & temporary ground anchors. Two wire-guys about 60° to 90° apart in the plan view are attached to the top of the gin pole to resist or support the load to be lifted.

For safety, a third, and preferably a fourth guy, is installed in front to prevent the pole from falling over backward in the event of an unexpected impact or the sudden release of load. It is recommended to use 10t capacity turn buckle at the guying support. For smaller base towers / vertical configuration towers, one derrick / gin pole is used. For wide based towers and if one assembled section / panel of the tower is to be erected, then two derricks / gin poles are placed, one each on the top of diagonally opposite corner legs.

A rope is passed thru the pulley block attached to the top end of the gin pole & other end from the pulley block affixed to the bottom of stub. The free end at bottom of stub is tied to the winch for pulling & the other end is left free for clamping to the members to be lifted.

First, the leg members of the second section are hoisted and assembled. The temporary rope guys are shifted to the legs of the second section when they are being raised for erection. The legs of the second section / storey are kept in position by fixing the temporary rope guys. The bracings of the second section are then hoisted and assembled.

The derrick is then shifted to the corner leg member on the top of the second section to raise the parts of third section of the tower in position for assembly. Derrick(s) / Gin pole(s) and the temporary rope guys for the leg members are thus moved up as the tower is built up. This process is continued till the complete tower is erected.

Cross - arms are assembled on the ground. The bird guards and hangers for suspension towers are fitted on the cross - arms. A rope is passed through a pulley fixed on the tower peak. The cross - arms are raised up with this rope and fixed to the main body of the tower.

For heavier towers, a small boom is rigged on one of the tower legs for hoisting purposes, the members / sections can be hoisted either manually or by pulling with a winch machine operated from the ground

## **2) SECTION METHOD**

The major sections of the tower are assembled on the ground and the same are erected as units. The derrick / gin pole used is approximately 10m long and is held in place by means of guys on the side of the tower to be erected.

The two opposite sides of the tower section of the tower are assembled on the ground. Each assembled side is then lifted clear of the ground with the derrick / gin pole and is lowered into position on bolts to stubs or anchor bolts. One side is held in place with props or rope guys while the other side is being erected. The two opposite sides are then laced together with cross members and bracings / diagonals, and the assembled section is lined up and made square to the line.

After completing the first section, the derrick / gin pole is set on the top of the first section. The derrick / gin pole is made to rest on a strut of the tower immediately below the leg joint. The derrick / gin pole has then to be properly guyed into position.

The first face of the second section is raised. To raise the second face of this section, it is necessary to shift the foot of the derrick / gin pole on the strut of the opposite side of the tower. After the two opposite faces are raised, the bracings on the other two sides are fitted and bolted up. The last lift raises the top of the towers. After the tower top is placed and all side bracings have been bolted up, all the guy are removed except the one which is to be used to lower the derrick / gin pole.

Sometimes, one whole face of the tower is assembled on the ground, hoisted and supported in position. The opposite face is similarly assembled and hoisted and then the bracing angles connecting these two faces are fitted.

The cross - arms are assembled and erected in the manner given above.

### **TIGHTENING AND PUNCHING OF BOLTS AND NUTS:**

Once the entire tower is installed, the next would be to set out a team for the tightening of all the bolts and also, to ensure that all the members are in place.

All empty holes are to be filled in with nut and bolt of appropriate size and a spring washer.

All nuts shall be tightened properly using correct size spanners.

Before tightening it should be seen that filler washers and plates are placed in relevant gaps between members, bolts of proper size and length are inserted, and one spring washer has been inserted under each nut. In case of step bolts, spring washer shall be placed under the outer nut.

The tightening shall progressively be carried on from the top downwards, care being taken that all bolts at every level are tightened simultaneously.

It may be better to employ four persons, each covering one leg and the face to his left.

The threads of bolts projecting outside nuts shall be punched at three positions on the diameter to ensure that the nuts are not loosened in course of time & on the treads of the bolts deep enough not to give room of loosening under any circumstances.

Suitable punches to create three impressions must be used. This will be implemented till the bottom belt level.

If during tightening a nut is found to be slipping or running over the bolt threads, the bolt together with the nuts shall be changed outright.

#### **FINAL INSPECTION**

Even after the full completion of the erection of tower, implement a process of checking the same, section wise before the tacking welding works to ensure that the tower is in perfect condition for taking the loads during the stringing operations.

### **APPENDIX 3B- STANDARD OPERATING (WORK) PROCEDURE STRINGING**

#### **PURPOSE:**

This document describes the step wise work procedure to carry out the stringing work of 132 / 220 / 400 / 765 kV D/C, 800 kV HVDC or other kind of Transmission Line work in planned and controlled manner with reference to the drawings, technical specification and standards.

**SCOPE:**

This includes Tower Erection for all Types of Towers substructure works as indicated on Technical Specification / Drawing. The work shall be carried out in accordance with the specification and corresponding approved drawings.

**EQUIPMENT:**

- Tensioner & Puller
- Rollers
- Traveler
- Reel Stand
- Pilot Line Winder
- Swivel
- Running Board
- Theodolite
- Crimper
- Discharge rods
- And any other equipment / accessories required for safe handling & work purpose

**PROCEDURE:**

**INSULATOR HOISTING:**

- Ensure complete and apposite assembly of insulator with accessories as per the approved drawing on the ground before lifting.
- Ensure that the assembly is done on clean and dry surface
- Ensure that no damaged insulator is taken for assembly.
- Ensure insulator handling as per recommended by the OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer)
- Clean each insulator before hoisting, in such a manner that it will not scratch damage or spoil the surface of the insulator, but in no case, oil should be used for cleaning.
- The corona rings shall be fully installed on their respective hardware before such hardware or insulator assembly is installed on the structure as per requirement.
- The insulator assembly shall be attached to the structure as indicated on the applicable drawing.
- Once it reaches its position it should be firmly fitted as per drawing.
- An insulator consisting of multiple insulator units, which shall be supported and protected during installation to prevent damage.

**PRE-REQUISITE ACTIVITIES**

**Site Selection –**

- Sites are to be selected keeping in view the accessibility of site for pullers, tensioners etc.
- Choose equipment location such that the sub structures shall not be overloaded.
- Drum length for conductor/OPGW/Earth wire should be considered before selection of the stringing section.
- Splicing position is to be considered depending up on the drum length, position of tower & tower access.
- A detailed patrolling of the site is to be done to know the condition of soil especially during rainy season.
- Clear all the area from obstacles.

**Government Clearance–**

- Ensure that a proper application is given to the section in-charge of electricity distribution division to obtain
- A shutdown where stringing work encounters live lines.
- After obtaining this, it should be sent to the corresponding substation for obtaining the shutdown.

**Route Clearing–**

- Trees and tall scrubs shall be cleared on either side of the center line of the route as per ROW clearance based on the voltage level.
- In addition, tall trees outside the area, of such height that they could fall within three meters of conductors shall be cut down after obtaining necessary permission. Before commencement of any tree cutting operation proper approval from authorized department has to be taken.

**Resources Accumulation–**

- Ensure that every tool and tackle that is required to carry out the work is available and in good working condition.
- Ensure the equipment (puller, tensioner etc.) are in good condition and with a valid test certificate.
- Ensure skilled manpower is available.
- Ensuring the proper drum schedule so that unnecessary mobilization of conductor drums / earth wire drums may be avoided to minimize the damage risk factor.
- Ensure availability of stringing material (conductor, crimper, traveler etc.)

**Reinforcement of End Support–**

- Double stays are provided on all cross arms and single stay is provided on the peak(s) of the angle / section towers.
- Anchor spikes/blocks have to be positioned adequately away from tower base, so that it is not exceeding 45° with horizontal (ground) as far as the topography permits the same.
- Earth anchors of sufficient capacity to be used for providing back stay for the towers.
- Steel stay wires are fixed on the cross arms / peaks using D – shackles and pulled up to the stay pit. They are connected to the stay lead from the pit through a turnbuckle using bulldog clamps.
- The turnbuckle is then tightened to a tension sufficient to balance the load which will be imposed on the cross arms / peak(s) when stringing is carried out on the other side of the tower.

**INSTALLATION OF TRAVELER/ROLLER/RUNNING BLOCKS**

- Install rollers (single/triple sheave) directly to the insulator in case of suspension tower for single conductor.
- Rollers are to be connected directly to yoke plate for V Strings.
- For bundle conductors travelers must be installed to the end of the insulator (suspension).
- For angle towers travelers are to be installed with a string attached to the cross arm. If substantial line angles are involved, two rollers in tandem may be required to reduce the bending radius of the conductor or the load on each traveler, or both. The running blocks shall be suspended in a manner to suit the design of the cross-arm.
- All running blocks especially those eat the tensioning and, will be fitted on the cross-arms with jute cloth wrapped over the steel work and under the slings to avoid damage to the slings as well as to the protective surface finish of the steel work. The rollers/travelers shall be having a groove to accommodate a semicircular section of conductor and larger than the diameter of the conductor/earth wire with enough space for free movement of the conductor wire inside it, so that it does not slip over or rub against the sides.
- The rollers/traveler's groove shall be lined with hard rubber or neoprene to avoid damage to conductor

and shall be mounted on properly lubricated bearings.

### **STRINGING OF CONDUCTOR**

Usually there are 2 methods used for stringing the conductors and ground wires as stated below.

- a) Slack or Layout Stringing (Installation by Pulling Lines).
- b) Tension Stringing.

#### **Slack or Layout Stringing (Installation by Pulling Lines)–**

In this method, the conductor reel is carried along the line on a vehicle and the conductor is deposited on the ground. The conductor reels are positioned on reel stands mounted on a transporting vehicle at the start of stringing section.

The conductor is unreeled from the shipping reel & dragged along the ground by means of a vehicle or pulling device. Braking device is normally provided to prevent overrunning and backlash. When the conductor reel is carried past a supporting structure, pulling is stopped and the conductor is placed in the travelers attached to the structure before proceeding to the next structure.

The conductor is then reattached to the pulling equipment and pull is continued till the next structure. This method is generally not recommended due to the damage to the conductor surface from dragging over ground, though it can be used where pulling equipment (tensioner, puller etc.) can't be moved on the site with permission from the customer.

#### **Tension Stringing–**

This method is generally used preferred for all type of transmission line stringing work. Using this method, the conductor is kept off the ground thus minimizing the damage caused by friction. The following steps are to be considered for this type of stringing.

#### **Equipment/Material Transportation & Storage:**

- The material along with the equipment (like conductor drums, conductor bits, pullet, tensioner, pulling ropes, pilot wire etc.) shall be transported & stored with care.
- Planning to be done in advance so that the material & equipment are available at site before starting the work.
- For handling and installation of equipment the handling or user manual from manufacturer must be referred.
- Once the pull sections are identified the placement of the puller, tensioner, reel stand etc. can be done. The drum is placed at the selected site (with the space required for its location) so that the cable outlet is on the upper part and aligned with the planned laying direction.
- The drum must be located at a suitable distance from the tensioner to allow enough fleet angles for the conductor leaving the reel and entering the bull wheel of the tensioner, so that no damage or scuffing of the conductor can occur.
- The lifting components usually used are hydraulic jacks and a bar with the suitable dimensions inserted in the central opening of the drum. The drum must be located at a sufficient height from the ground for free rolling movement. Level of the surface should be such that while rolling movement of the drum due to conductor pull is done it should not be unbalanced. Care shall be taken to insure that the conductors from the reels carry no dirt. Reels shall be properly cleaned before starting stringing operations for any line section. Before placing the drum reconfirm the length.
- Either the puller & the tensioner must be placed at a minimum distance from the tower equal to or more than twice the tower's height at respective positions. The tensioner as well as the puller should be placed aligned with the conductors. Tensioner machine will be anchored using spikes driven in the ground to

counter the pull force. Care will be taken to ensure the Tensioner is positioned on almost level ground level and also at minimum off-set from center line as far as possible.

- Care has to be taken to minimize the angle of pull line with a maximum limitation of thirty degree from center line axis of stringing section.
- All the tools & tackles i.e. Pulleys, Anti-Twisting devices, swivel, pulling grip, clamps & suitable pulling ropes used must be placed near to the working area.
- Temporary electrical grounds shall be placed at both ends of the section and at intervals along the line, which is under construction. The grounding sets installed at both ends of the section shall remain in place until the completion of the work and shall be removed as the last phase of the clean-up. Hot stick shall be used for installing and removing the grounding sets.
- All temporary grounds installed for protection shall be clearly visible for inspection and shall be flagged by use of a red cloth placed at the point of grounding.
- All pulling and tensioning equipment shall be bonded and effectively grounded with approved type driven grounds securely attached to the equipment. At least two driven grounds shall be used at both the pulling and tensioning setup. All conductive parts of the tensioning setup and equipment shall be operated from grounded or insulated platform.
- All existing lines, which are de-energized for crossing, shall be short circuited and grounded at each side of the crossing. Use of discharge rod is necessary at both the ends of a line crossing.
- All grounds, except those placed at both ends of the section, and red flags shall be removed when they are no longer needed for protection. Guy wire or temporary guy wire shall not be used for grounding.
- The pulley block on each tower must be earthed and grounding roller to be used on drum side to ensure grounding of any induction current developed during installation.
- Communication will be established between winch and tensioner area and at designated points along pulling section by walkie-talkies. It is recommended to provide Green / Red flag in each & every tower of the stringing section.
- For stringing of bundled conductors with running board, it will be desirable to observe the running board as it passes through each traveler so in case of any blockage the observer can communicate to the puller & tensioner end. A back up communication system must be available during actual stringing, in case if one of it fails during the work.

### **Paving Out of Conductor**

A pilot wire is first paved out by passing through the rollers / travelers fixed on the cross arms. The Supervisor will confirm if all pilot wires are positioned in the rollers and that the connector is properly secured. Pilot wires are pulled in under tension. The pilot wire is connected to a single conductor through swivel link, or to bundle conductors through swivel links thru woven grip and a running board, sometimes pilot lines are used to pull a heavier pulling line which in turn is used to pull the conductors. The conductors shall be run out of the drums from the top in order to avoid any damage due to chafing. On confirmation of above, pulling will be started, slowly but steadily by synchronizing the operation of Puller and Tensioner, through radio communication. Conductor and earth wire will be kept off the ground and other obstructions by controlled tension at any time of the operation.

The spinning of the conductors and ground wires shall be prevented during stringing. The conductor shall be continuously observed for loose or broken strands or any other damage. The maximum tension imposed on a conductor during stringing operations shall not exceed than that necessary to clear obstructions on the ground.

In general stringing tension of about one-half of sagging tension is a good criterion. The sequence of running out shall be from top to downwards, that is, the earth wire shall be run out first, followed by the conductors in succession. Unbalances of loads on towers shall be avoided as far as possible.

Outer phases of line conductor shall be strung before the stringing of the middle phase is taken up. Adequate steps shall be taken to prevent clashing of sub-conductors from paving out to the installations of the spacers/spacer dampers.

Care shall be taken that both sub-conductors of a bundle are from the same conductor supplier and preferably from the same batch. When approaching end of a drum length at least three coils shall be left then the stringing operations are to be stopped. These coils are to be removed carefully, and, if another length is required to be run out, a joint shall be made as per the recommendations of the conductor manufacturers. It is recommended that the pulling to be continued until the conductor end is approximately 5 meters through winch tower, in order to facilitate sagging and tying in with tower cross arm.

It is recommended that the speeds of 3 – 4 km / hour should be maintained so as to provide a smooth passage of the running board or connecting hardware, or both, over the travelers. Slower speeds may cause significant swinging of the traveler and insulator hardware assemblies. Higher speeds may create a potential hazard of greater damage in case of a malfunction.

Hold-down blocks or similar devices will be used to uplift locations. Full tension joints shall be pressed during paying out and covered with joint protectors which will be removed at the end of the pull before sagging.

### **Splicing/Joints**

All the joints on the conductor and earth wire shall be of compression type, in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer for which all necessary tools and equipment like compressors dies process, etc., shall have to be arranged in advance.

Each part of the joint shall be cleaned by wire brush to make it free of rust or dirt, etc. and properly greased with anticorrosive compound before the final compression is done with the compressors. All joints or splices shall be made at least 30 meters away from the structures.

No joints or splices shall be made in spans crossing over main roads, railways, small rivers in tension spans. Not more than one joint per sub-conductor shall be allowed in one span. The compression type fitting used shall be of self-centering type or care shall be taken to mark the conductors to indicate when the fitting is centered properly.

During compression or splicing operation, the conductor shall be handled in such a manner as to prevent lateral or vertical bearing against the dies. After pressing the joint the aluminium sleeve shall have all corners rounded, burrs and sharp edges removed and smoothed.

### **Considerations on Crossings**

Scaffoldings are to be used wherever there is road crossing, line crossing, railway lines etc. are to be crossed during the stringing operations. It is to be ensured that the other work (viz. road traffic flow, etc.) isn't affected due to stringing of the tower.

It is to be ensured that the scaffolding provided for the crossing is of adequate strength so as to bear the loads of stringing operation.

Ensure that the shutdown permission is obtained from the concerned authority in case of electric line crossing. The shutdown procedure as stated below shall be followed.

- Ensure that the DB is switched off with a person present at DB all time possessing communication equipment (two-way radios/mobile).
  - Ensure that for each line conductor there are 2 discharge rods available for shutdown.
  - Electrical rubber hand gloves with rod for discharging cable fitting should be present at the site/location.
  - First grounding/earthing of the mild steel (MS) rod should be done as shown overleaf.  
Then the cable to be earthed to the earthing rod. Then one by one discharge cables to be tightened to the electrical lines/phases with the help of discharge rods.
- All the shutdown procedure form/ Permit to work form should be submitted by the supervisor/Engineer.

### **Sagging**

Sagging processes consist of sag matching with the sag details mentioned in sag chart. The following considerations are to be made before sagging.

- Regulating spans or sag sighting spans identified.
- Sag Section.

Sagging is generally carried out by Sagging winch and a 4 way + 4-way pulley arrangement.

One steel wire rope lead is passed through an equalizing pulley, of diameter equal to the sub-conductor spacing, and its ends are connected to both the come along clamps on the conductors. This is done so that the tension on both the conductors remains the same. The equalizing pulley is connected to one end of the pulley system. The other end of the pulley system is connected to the dynamometer. The double tension hardware is hoisted and anchored on the cross arm. The dynamometer is connected to the yoke plate of the double tension hardware.

The running blocks, when suspended from the transmission structure for sagging shall be so adjusted that the conductors on running blocks will be at the same height as the suspension clamp to which it is to be secured.

Two leads and two pulley systems, one for each conductor, can be used in place of equalizing pulley. Both the pulley systems are connected to the yoke plate of the double tension hardware and tensioned together one by one as shown in following figures. However, dynamometer is used only on one conductor and the sag on the other conductor is matched with the sag of the first conductor.

A come along clamp is fitted on each rough sagged conductor at a distance from the tower on which the final sagging is being carried out. The come along clamp is then connected to the pulley arrangement which is being used for final sagging through a steel wire rope which is generally referred to as "lead".

The length of this lead is such that, after final sag, the come along clamp remains far enough from the tower so that the loose portion of the conductor on the tower side can be pulled up to the cross arm for the purpose of measurement.

Now the tensioning is done in the wires so as to provide final sag, which is measured to complete the sagging of conductor/earth wire/OPGW. The conductors shall be pulled up to the desired sag and left in running blocks for at least one hour after which the sag shall be rechecked and adjusted. If necessary, before transferring the conductors from the running blocks to be suspension clamps.

The conductors shall be clamped within 56 hours of sagging in. The sag will be checked in the first and the last span of the section in case of sections up to eight spans and in one intermediate span also for sections with more than eight spans. The sag shall also be checked when the conductors have been drawn up and transferred from running blocks to the insulator clamps.

### **Clipping In**

Clipping of the conductors in position shall be done in accordance with the recommendations of the manufacturer. Conductor shall be fitted with armour rods where it is made to pass through suspension clamps.

The jumpers at the section and angle towers shall be formed to parabolic shape to ensure maximum clearance requirements. Pilot suspension insulator string shall be used, if found necessary, to restrict the jumper swings to the design values. The security clip shall be properly opened and sprung into position.

### **Fittings/Accessories Installation**

Spacers, spacer dampers, vibration dampers and other conductor and earth wire accessories shall be installed as per the design requirements and respective manufacturer's instructions. Spacers shall be fitted within 24 hours of the conductor clamping.

While installing the conductor and earth wire accessories proper care shall be taken to ensure that the surfaces are clean and smooth and no damage shall occur to any part of the accessories. Fasteners in all fittings and accessories shall be secured in position using torque wrench. Spacing bicycle/ trolley may also be used for fixing conductor accessories.

### **Recommendations for Sagging of the OPGW Cables:**

The specific recommendations for OPGW are as follows

At the time of sagging, the attachment fittings must also be installed to prevent damage to the OPGW cable. While holding of OPGW wire, exact size groove type clamp should be used for holding the rough sag load of the OPGW wire. Over sagging for OPGW wire should not be done, as per sag chart only load should be taken to avoid damage to the fibre inside & earth peak bend.

After completion of sagging and clipping, the surplus OPGW is to be laid temporary on the tower body in coil (Diameter of coil is approximately 1.0 - 1.5 m) and fixed on the tower. It is important that precautions must be taken to prevent any damage to OPGW.

While connecting the OPGW to down lead clamp bending radius should be maintained as mentioned above otherwise fibers inside OPGW may get damage. Sealing of both ends to be done properly of OPGW cable, if Splicing / jointing work is not under progress.

Ensure that the 15–20-meter extra cable should be kept at both ends in addition to the tower height. Surplus length of OPGW is necessary to lead down from the strain clamp on the top of tower to the joint box along with the arm and tower structures. The position of joint box is near the bottom cross-arm and excess OPGW shall be coiled in such a way that the OPGW remains above the bottom cross-arm of the tower.

After splicing, each joint is to be optically verified using OTDR in order to ensure that the attenuation values are within the required margins.

### **Post Installation Tests/Checks**

The conductor & OPGW is required to be tested for continuity, attenuation values etc. tests as required by client after completion of final sagging.

### **Conductor**

- Continuity test are carried as per the client's requirement for ensuring that there is proper continuity and there is no breakage in the conductor.

**OPGW**

- The OPGW is verified optically using OTDR in order to ensure that the attenuation values are within the required margin. Also, the values are matched with the values obtained before installation & after installation.

**TRANSPORT, LOADING, UNLOADING AND STORAGE:**

The drums should always be transported in vertical position with the cable ends fixed to prevent cable from slackening. All of the staves and safe guards should be maintained until the drums are situated for immediate installation.

After the transport, the drums should be inspected to verify that they have not been damaged and that none of the staves and / or safeguards is broken.


The drums should never, in any case, be thrown from the lorry during unloading, or moved by uncontrolled rolling. Loading and unloading are performed so that the drum remains in vertical position and the sides of the drum are not damaged by using suitable method.

The direction of the drum turns should follow the instruction of the mark on the drum. In any case the drum should not be stored horizontally. The ends of the cable should be sealed to prevent water penetration.

The drums can be moved by rolling a short distance ensuring that there are no objects that may damage the staves. The direction in which the drum turns should be the same as that in which the cable is wound during manufacture. If available the handling and storage should be done as per the recommendations of the OEM.

The drum should not be stored on its side under any circumstances whatsoever. The ends of the cable should be sealed to prevent water penetration. The drums should be stored on flooring that is strong enough to prevent sinking. The drums should be stored to facilitate handling and loading. They should be located far from any activity that may damage them.


**APPENDIX 4A: SAMPLE ATTENDANCE SHEET OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION**



**ASSAM INTRA-STATE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**  
Attendance Sheet of Public Consultation

Venue: Dimiliapure Village (132 KV Nalbari - Rangia T/L) Date: 29/01/2026

SL. No.	Name	Sex	Occupation	Signature
1	Shankar Pandit	M	Farmer	শঙ্কর পন্ডিট
2	Shashindra Tukdar	M	Business	শশিন্দ্র তুঙ্কদা
3	Pradip Boro	M	Business	প্রদীপ বরো
4	Pankaj Boro	M	Farmer	পঙ্কজ বরো
5	Chandra Kochasri	M	Farmer	চন্দ্রা কোচাসরি
6	Bhupen Rava	M	Daily wage worker	ভূপেন রায়
7	Bireen Kalita	M	Farmer	বিরেন কলিতা



**ASSAM INTRA-STATE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**  
Attendance Sheet of Public Consultation

Venue: Katribari Village (132 KV Nalbari - Rangia T/L) Date: 15/02/2026

SL. No.	Name	Sex	Occupation	Signature
1	Bhabendra Rava	M	Farmer	ভবেন্দ্র রায়
2	Nongj Boro	M	Business	নগজ বরো
3	Bhamu Rava	F	H. wife	ভামু রায়
4	Nilima Rava	F	Farmer	নিলিমা রায়
5	Bima Rava	F	H. wife	বিমা রায়
6	Nayan Boro	M	Business	N. BORO
7	Suresh Rava	M	Farmer	সুরেশ রায়
8	Bimoy Boro	M	Farmer	বিময় বরো
9	Debem Das	M	Farmer	দেবেন দাস
10	Nilai Debnath	M	Farmer	নীল দেবনাথ



ASSAM INTRA-STATE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT  
Attendance Sheet of Public Consultation

Venue: Nomati Village (132 KV Nalbari - Rangia T/L)

Date: 11/03/2026

SL. No.	Name	Sex	Occupation	Signature
1	Jalal Ali	M	Farmer	জালাল আলি
2	Jarina Bibi	F	Farmer	জারিনা বিবি
3	Fajal Ali	M	Farmer	ফাজল আলি
4	Fulkan Bibi	F	Farmer	ফুলকান বিবি



ASSAM INTRA-STATE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT  
Attendance Sheet of Public Consultation

Venue: Kachubati Village (400 KV Bongaigaon Balipara D/c Line)

Date: 07/02/2026

SL. No.	Name	Sex	Occupation	Signature
1	Rangita Boro	F	H. wife	রাংগিতা বরো
2	Sarada Boro	F	H. wife	সারদা বরো
3	Kamal Boro	M	Farmer	কমল বরো
4	Kabim Rava	M	Farmer	কাবিম রবো

**SAMPLE ATTENDANCE SHEET OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION WITH TRIBAL PEOPLE**



**ASSAM INTRA-STATE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

**Attendance Sheet of Public Consultation**

Venue: Rangia T/L

Date: 23/04/2026

SL. No.	Name	Sex	Occupation	Signature
	Bilati Rava	F	Farmer	Bilati Rava
	Nalini Rava	F	H. wife	Nalini Rava
	Sinu Rava	F	H. wife	Sinu Rava
	Maloti Boro	F	Business	Maloti Boro
	Hemanta Boro	M	Business	Hemanta Boro
	Jhony Boro	M	Business	Jhony Boro
	Sikam Rava	M	Farmer	Sikam Rava
	Akamika Boro	F	Farmer	Akamika Boro

**APPENDIX 4B: SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

**At 132kV Nalbari- Rangia (Tamulpur D/C line from Rangia (New) to Nalbari (Ext.) Transmission Line**



**Photo Plate 1:** Public consultation at Geruapar village.



**Photo Plate 2:** Public consultation at Pub Haloi Village.



**Photo Plate 3:** Public consultation at Barnagar village.



**Photo Plate 4:** Public consultation at Digholipar village.



**Photo Plate 5:** Public consultation at Dimiliapur village.



**Photo Plate 6:** Public consultation at Bilpar village.



**Photo Plate 7:** Public consultation at Bhakat Para village.



**Photo Plate 8:** Public consultation at Kalakuchi village.



**Photo Plate 9:** Public consultation at Teteliguri village



**Photo Plate 10:** Public consultation at Katribari village



**Photo Plate 11:** Public consultation at Bherbheri village.



**Photo Plate 12:** Public consultation at Dhamdhama village.

At 400 kV LILO of Balipara- Bongaigaon D/C line



**Photo Plate 1:** Public consultation at Kachu Bari village.



**Photo Plate 2:** Public consultation at Kachu Bari village.



**Photo Plate 3:** Public consultation at Kachu Bari village.



**Photo Plate 4:** Public consultation at Kachu Bari village.

**APPENDIX 4C: SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION WITH TRIBAL PEOPLE**



**Photo Plate 1:** Public consultation at Nomati village.



**Photo Plate 3:** Public consultation at Rangafali village.

## APPENDIX 5: IFC BENCHMARK STANDARDS FOR WORKERS ACCOMMODATION

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### PART II: STANDARDS FOR AND MANAGEMENT OF WORKERS' ACCOMMODATION

#### I. Standards for workers' accommodation

This section looks at the principles and standards applicable to the location and construction of workers' accommodation, including the transport systems provided, the general living facilities, rooms/dormitories facilities, sanitary facilities, canteen and cooking facilities, food safety, medical facilities and leisure/social facilities.

##### A. National/local standards

The key standards that need to be taken into consideration, as a baseline, are those contained in national/local regulations. Although it is quite unusual to find regulations specifically covering workers' accommodation, there may well be general construction standards which will be relevant. These may include the following standards:

- **Building construction:** for example, quality of material, construction methods, resistance to earthquakes.
- **Housing and public housing:** in some countries regulations for housing and public housing contain requirements on issues such as the basic amenities, and standards of repair.
- **General health, safety and security:** requirements on health and safety are often an important part of building standards and might include provisions on occupation density, minimal air volumes, ventilation, the quality of the flooring (slip-resistant) or security against intrusion.
- **Fire safety:** requirements on fire safety are common and are likely to apply to housing facilities of any type. This can include provision on fire extinguishers, fire alarms, number and size of staircases and emergency exits, restrictions on the use of certain building materials.
- **Electricity, plumbing, water and sanitation:** national design and construction standards often include very detailed provisions on electricity or plumbing fixtures/fittings, water and sanitation connection/equipment.

#### Benchmark

1. The relevant national and local regulations have been identified and implemented.

#### B. General living facilities

Ensuring good standards in living facilities is important in order to avoid safety hazards and to protect workers from diseases and/or illness resulting from humidity, bad/stagnant water (or lack of water), cold, spread of fungus, proliferation of insects or rodents, as well as to maintain a good level of morale. The location of the facilities is important to prevent exposure to wind, fire, flood and other natural hazards. It is also important that workers' accommodation is unaffected by the environmental or operational impacts of the worksite (for example noise, emissions or dust) but is sufficiently close that workers do not have to spend undue amounts of time travelling from their accommodation to the worksite. Living facilities should be built using adequate materials and should always be kept in good repair, clean and free from rubbish and other refuse.

#### Benchmarks

1. Living facilities are located to avoid flooding and other natural hazards.
2. Where possible, living facilities are located within a reasonable distance from the worksite.
3. Transport from the living facilities to worksite is safe and free.
4. The living facilities are built with adequate materials, kept in good repair and kept clean and free from rubbish and other refuse.

#### Drainage

The presence of stagnant water is a factor of proliferation of potential disease vectors such as mosquitoes, flies and others, and must be avoided.

#### Benchmarks

1. The building site is adequately drained to avoid the accumulation of stagnant water.

**Heating, air conditioning, ventilation and light**

Heating, air-conditioning and ventilation should be appropriate for the climatic conditions and provide workers with a comfortable and healthy environment to rest and spend their spare time.

**Benchmarks**

1. For facilities located in cold weather zones, the temperature is kept at a level of around 20 degrees Celsius notwithstanding the need for adequate ventilation.
2. For facilities located in hot weather zones, adequate ventilation and/or air conditioning systems are provided.
3. Both natural and artificial lighting are provided and maintained in living facilities. It is best practice that the window area represents not less than 5% to 10% of the floor area. Emergency lighting is provided.

**Water**

Special attention to water quality and quantity is absolutely essential. To prevent dehydration, water poisoning and diseases resulting from lack of hygiene, workers should always have easy access to a source of clean water. An adequate supply of potable water must be available in the same buildings where bedrooms or dormitories are provided. Drinking water must meet local or WHO drinking water standards<sup>7</sup> and water quality must be monitored regularly. Depending on the local context, it could either be produced by dedicated catchment and treatment facilities or tapped from existing municipal facilities if their capacity and quality are adequate.

**Benchmarks**

1. Access to an adequate and convenient supply of free potable water is always available to workers. Depending on climate, weather conditions and accommodation standards, 80 to 180 litres per person per day are available.
2. Drinking water meets national/local or WHO drinking water standards.<sup>8</sup>
3. All tanks used for the storage of drinking water are constructed and covered as to prevent water stored therein from becoming polluted or contaminated.

7. [www.who.int/water\\_sanitation\\_health/dwg/en/](http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/dwg/en/)  
8. *Ibid*

4. Drinking water quality is regularly monitored.

**Wastewater and solid waste**

Wastewater treatment and effluent discharge as well as solid waste treatment and disposal must comply with local or World Bank effluent discharge standards<sup>9</sup> and be adequately designed to prevent contamination of any water body, to ensure hygiene and to avoid the spread of infections and diseases, the proliferation of mosquitoes, flies, rodents, and other pest vectors. Depending on the local context, treatment and disposal services can be either provided by dedicated or existing municipal facilities.

**Benchmarks**

1. Wastewater, sewage, food and any other waste materials are adequately discharged, in compliance with local or World Bank standards – whichever is more stringent – and without causing any significant impacts on camp residents, the biophysical environment or surrounding communities.
2. Specific containers for rubbish collection are provided and emptied on a regular basis. Standards range from providing an adequate number of rubbish containers to providing leak proof, non-absorbent, rust and corrosion-resistant containers protected from insects and rodents. In addition it is best practice to locate rubbish containers 30 metres from each shelter on a wooden, metal, or concrete stand. Such containers must be emptied at regular intervals (to be determined based on temperatures and volumes generated) to avoid unpleasant odours associated with decaying organic materials.
3. Pest extermination, vector control and disinfection are carried out throughout the living facilities in compliance with local requirements and/or good practice. Where warranted, pest and vector monitoring should be performed on a regular basis.

9. As per the "Pollution Prevention and Abatement Handbook", World Bank Group, July 1998, available from [www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org)

### C. Room/dormitory facilities

The standards of the rooms or dormitory facilities are important to allow workers to rest properly and to maintain good standards of hygiene. Overcrowding should be avoided particularly. This also has an impact on workers' productivity and reduces work-related accidents. It is generally acknowledged that rooms/dormitories should be kept clean and in a good condition. Exposure to noise and odour should be minimised. In addition, room/dormitory design and equipment should strive to offer workers a maximum of privacy. Resorting to dormitories should be minimised and single or double rooms are preferred. Dormitories and rooms must be single-sex.

#### Benchmarks

1. Rooms/dormitories are kept in good condition.
2. Rooms/dormitories are aired and cleaned at regular intervals.
3. Rooms/dormitories are built with easily cleanable flooring material.
4. Sanitary facilities are located within the same buildings and provided separately for men and women.
5. Density standards are expressed either in terms of minimal volume per resident or of minimal floor space. Usual standards range from 10 to 12.5 cubic metres (volume) or 4 to 5.5 square metres (surface).
6. A minimum ceiling height of 2.10 metres is provided.
7. In collective rooms, which are minimised, in order to provide workers with some privacy, only a reasonable number of workers are allowed to share the same room. Standards range from 2 to 8 workers.
8. All doors and windows should be lockable, and provided with mosquito screens where conditions warrant.
9. There should be mobile partitions or curtains to ensure privacy.
10. Every resident is provided with adequate furniture such as a table, a chair, a mirror and a bedside light.
11. Separate sleeping areas are provided for men and women, except in family accommodation.

#### Additional issue

Irrespective of whether workers are supposed to keep their facilities clean, it is the responsibility of the accommodation manager to ensure that rooms/dormitories and sanitary facilities are in good condition.

#### Bed arrangements and storage facilities

The provision of an adequate numbers of beds of an appropriate size is essential to provide workers with decent, safe and hygienic conditions to rest and sleep. Here again, particular attention should be paid to privacy. Consideration should be given to local customs so beds could be replaced by hammocks or sleeping mats for instance.

#### Benchmarks

1. A separate bed for each worker is provided. The practice of "hot-bedding" should be avoided.
2. There is a minimum space between beds of 1 metre.
3. Double deck bunks are not advisable for fire safety and hygiene reasons, and their use is minimised. Where they are used, there must be enough clear space between the lower and upper bunk of the bed. Standards range from 0.7 to 1.10 metres.
4. Triple deck bunks are prohibited.
5. Each worker is provided with a comfortable mattress, pillow, cover and clean bedding.
6. Bed linen is washed frequently and applied with repellents and disinfectants where conditions warrant (malaria).
7. Facilities for the storage of personal belongings for workers are provided. Standards vary from providing an individual cupboard for each worker to providing 475-litre big lockers and 1 metre of shelf unit.
8. Separate storage for work boots and other personal protection equipment, as well as drying/airing areas may need to be provided depending on conditions.

#### D. Sanitary and toilet facilities

It is essential to allow workers to maintain a good standard of personal hygiene but also to prevent contamination and the spread of diseases which result from inadequate sanitary facilities. Sanitary and toilet facilities will always include all of the following: toilets, urinals, washbasins and showers. Sanitary and toilet facilities should be kept in a clean and fully working condition. Facilities should also be constructed of materials that are easily cleanable and ensure privacy. Sanitary and toilet facilities are never shared between male and female residents, except in family accommodation. Where necessary, specific additional sanitary facilities are provided for women.

##### Benchmarks

1. Sanitary and toilet facilities are constructed of materials that are easily cleanable.
2. Sanitary and toilet facilities are cleaned frequently and kept in working condition.
3. Sanitary and toilet facilities are designed to provide workers with adequate privacy, including ceiling to floor partitions and lockable doors.
4. Sanitary and toilet facilities are not shared between men and women, except in family accommodation.

##### Toilet facilities

Toilet arrangements are essential to avoid any contamination and prevent the spread of infectious disease.

##### Benchmarks

1. An adequate number of toilets is provided to workers. Standards range from 1 unit to 15 persons to 1 unit per 6 persons. For urinals, usual standards are 1 unit to 15 persons.
2. Toilet facilities are conveniently located and easily accessible. Standards range from 30 to 60 metres from rooms/dormitories. Toilet rooms shall be located so as to be accessible without any individual passing through any sleeping room. In addition, all toilet rooms should be well-lit, have good ventilation or external windows, have sufficient hand wash basins and be conveniently located. Toilets and other sanitary facilities should be ("must be" in cold climates) in the same building as rooms and dormitories.

##### Showers/bathrooms and other sanitary facilities

Hand wash basins and showers should be provided in conjunction with rooms/dormitories. These facilities must be kept in good working condition and cleaned frequently. The flooring for shower facilities should be of hard washable materials, damp-proof and properly drained. Adequate space must be provided for hanging, drying and airing clothes. Suitable light, ventilation and soap should be provided. Lastly, hand washing, shower and other sanitary facilities should be located within a reasonable distance from other facilities and from sleeping facilities in particular.

##### Benchmarks

1. Shower/bathroom flooring is made of anti-slip hard washable materials.
2. An adequate number of handwash facilities is provided to workers. Standards range from 1 unit to each 15 persons to 1 unit per 6 workers. Handwash facilities should consist of a tap and a basin, soap and hygienic means of drying hands.
3. An adequate number of shower/bathroom facilities is provided to workers. Standards range from 1 unit to 15 persons to 1 unit per 6 persons.
4. Showers/bathrooms are conveniently located.
5. Shower/bathroom facilities are provided with an adequate supply of cold and hot running water.

#### E. Canteen, cooking and laundry facilities

Good standards of hygiene in canteen/dining halls and cooking facilities are crucial. Adequate canteen, cooking and laundry facilities and equipments should also be provided. When caterers are contracted to manage kitchens and canteens, special attention should be paid to ensure that contractors take into account and implement the benchmarks below, and that adequate reporting and monitoring mechanisms are in place. When workers can individually cook their meals, they should be provided with a space separate from the sleeping areas. Facilities must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition. In addition, canteen, kitchen, cooking and laundry floors, ceilings and walls should be made of easily cleanable materials.

#### Benchmarks

1. Canteen, cooking and laundry facilities are built in adequate and easy to clean materials.
2. Canteen, cooking and laundry facilities are kept in a clean and sanitary condition.
3. If workers can cook their own meals, kitchen space is provided separate from sleeping areas.

#### Laundry facilities

Providing facilities for workers to wash both work and non-work related clothes is essential for personal hygiene. The alternative is for the employer to provide a free laundry service.

#### Benchmarks

1. Adequate facilities for washing and drying clothes are provided. Standards range from providing sinks or tubs with hot and cold water, cleaning soap and drying lines to providing washing machines and dryers.
2. When work clothes are used in contact with dangerous substance (for example, application of pesticide), special laundry facilities (washing machines) should be provided.

#### Additional issue

When workers are provided with facilities allowing them to individually do their laundry or cooking, it should be the responsibility of each worker to keep the facilities in a clean and sanitary condition. Nonetheless, it is the responsibility of the accommodation manager to make sure the standards are respected and to provide an adequate cleaning, disinfection and pest/vector control service when necessary.

#### Additional issue

When the employer provides family accommodation, it is best practice to provide each family with a private kitchen or the necessary cooking equipment to allow the family to cook on their own.

#### Canteen and cooking facilities

Canteen and cooking facilities should provide sufficient space for preparing food and eating, as well as conform to hygiene and safety requirements.

#### Benchmarks

1. Canteens have a reasonable amount of space per worker. Standards range from 1 square metre to 1.5 square metres.
2. Canteens are adequately furnished. Standards range from providing tables, benches, individual drinking cups and plates to providing special drinking fountains.
3. Places for food preparation are designed to permit good food hygiene practices, including protection against contamination between and during food preparation.
4. Kitchens are provided with facilities to maintain adequate personal hygiene including a sufficient number of washbasins designated for cleaning hands with clean, running water and materials for hygienic drying.
5. Wall surfaces adjacent to cooking areas are made of fire-resistant materials. Food preparation tables are also equipped with a smooth durable washable surface. Lastly, in order to enable easy cleaning, it is good practice that stoves are not sealed against a wall, benches and fixtures are not built into the floor, and all cupboards and other fixtures and all walls and ceilings have a smooth durable washable surface.
6. All kitchen floors, ceiling and wall surfaces adjacent to or above food preparation and cooking areas are built using durable, non-absorbent, easily cleanable, non-toxic materials.
7. Wall surfaces adjacent to cooking areas are made of fire-resistant materials. Food preparation tables are equipped with a smooth, durable, easily cleanable, non-corrosive surface made of non-toxic materials. Lastly, in order to enable easy cleaning, it is good practice that stoves are not sealed against a wall, benches and fixtures are not built into the floor, and all cupboards and other fixtures have a smooth, durable and washable surface.
8. Adequate facilities for cleaning, disinfecting and storage of cooking utensils and equipment are provided.
9. Food waste and other refuse are to be adequately deposited in sealable containers and removed from the kitchen frequently to avoid accumulation.

## F. Standards for nutrition and food safety

When cooking for a number of workers, hygiene and food safety are absolutely critical. In addition to providing safe food, providing nutritious food is important as it has a very direct impact on workers' productivity and well-being. An ILO study demonstrates that good nutrition at work leads to gains in productivity and worker morale, prevention of accidents and premature deaths and reductions in health care costs.<sup>10</sup>

## Benchmarks

1. The WHO 5 keys to safer food or an equivalent process is implemented (see Box 6 below).
2. Food provided to workers contains an appropriate level of nutritional value and takes into account religious/cultural backgrounds; different choices of food are served if workers have different cultural/religious backgrounds.
3. Food is prepared by cooks. It is also best practice that meals are planned by a trained nutritionist.

### Box 6 - Five keys to safer food

#### Keep clean

Wash your hands before handling food and often during food preparation.  
Wash your hands after going to the toilet.  
Wash and sanitise all surfaces and equipment used for food preparation.  
Protect kitchen areas and food from insects, pests and other animals.

While most micro organisms do not cause disease, dangerous micro organisms are widely found in soil, water, animals and people. These micro organisms are carried on hands, wiping cloths and utensils, especially cutting boards and the slightest contact can transfer them to food and cause food borne diseases.

#### Separate raw and cooked

Separate raw meat, poultry and seafood from other foods.  
Use separate equipment and utensils such as knives and cutting boards for handling raw foods.  
Store food in containers to avoid contact between raw and prepared foods.

Raw food, especially meat, poultry and seafood, and their juices, can contain dangerous micro organisms which may be transferred onto other foods during food preparation and storage.

#### Cook thoroughly

Cook food thoroughly, especially meat, poultry, eggs and seafood.  
Bring foods like soups and stews to boiling to make sure that they have reached 70°C. For meat and poultry, make sure that juices are clear, not pink. Ideally, use a thermometer.  
Reheat cooked food thoroughly.

Proper cooking kills almost all dangerous micro organisms. Studies have shown that cooking food to a temperature of 70°C can help ensure it is safe for consumption. Foods that require special attention include minced meats, rolled roasts, large joints of meat and whole poultry.

#### Keep food at safe temperatures

Do not leave cooked food at room temperature for more than 2 hours.  
Refrigerate promptly all cooked and perishable food (preferably below 5°C).  
Keep cooked food piping hot (more than 60°C) prior to serving.  
Do not store food too long even in the refrigerator.  
Do not thaw frozen food at room temperature.

Micro organisms can multiply very quickly if food is stored at room temperature. By holding at temperatures below 5°C or above 60°C, the growth of micro organisms is slowed down or stopped. Some dangerous micro organisms still grow below 5°C.

#### Use safe water and raw materials

Use safe water or treat it to make it safe.  
Select fresh and wholesome foods.  
Choose foods processed for safety, such as pasteurised milk.  
Wash fruits and vegetables, especially if eaten raw.  
Do not use food beyond its expiry date.

Raw materials, including water and ice, may be contaminated with dangerous micro organisms and chemicals. Toxic chemicals may be formed in damaged and mouldy foods. Take care in selection of raw materials and implement simple measures such as washing.

**Source: World Health Organization, Food Safety**  
[www.who.int/foodsafety/publications/consumer/en/5keys\\_en.pdf](http://www.who.int/foodsafety/publications/consumer/en/5keys_en.pdf)

10. C. Wanjek (2005), "Food at Work - Workplace solutions for malnutrition, obesity and chronic disease", International Labour Organization, Geneva.

### G. Medical facilities

Access to adequate medical facilities is important to maintain workers' health and to provide adequate responses in case of health emergency situations. The availability or level of medical facilities provided in workers' accommodation is likely to depend on the number of workers living on site, the medical facilities already existing in the neighbouring communities and the availability of transport. However, first aid must always be available on site.

#### First aid facilities

Providing adequate first aid training and facilities can save lives and prevent minor injuries becoming major ones.

#### Other medical facilities

Depending on the number of workers living on site and the medical services offered in the surrounding communities, it is important to provide workers with additional medical facilities. Special facilities for sick workers and medical services such as dental care, surgery, a dedicated emergency room can, for instance, be provided.

#### Benchmarks

1. A number of first aid kits adequate to the number of residents are available.
2. First aid kits are adequately stocked. Where possible a 24/7 first aid service/facility is available.
3. An adequate number of staff/workers is trained to provide first aid.
4. Where possible and depending on the medical infrastructures existing in the community, other medical facilities are provided (nurse rooms, dental care, minor surgery).

#### Box 7 - UK/HSE First Aid facilities

##### What should be in a first aid kit?

There is no standard list and it very much depends on the assessment of the needs in a particular workplace:

- a leaflet giving general guidance on first aid, for example HSE leaflet *Basic advice on first aid at work*
- individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings (assorted sizes)
- two sterile eye pads
- four individually wrapped triangular bandages (preferably sterile)
- six safety pins
- six medium-sized (approximately 12 cm x 12 cm) individually wrapped sterile unmedicated wound dressings
- two large (approximately 18 cm x 18 cm) sterile individually wrapped unmedicated wound dressings
- one pair of disposable gloves.

##### What should be kept in the first aid room?

The room should contain essential first aid facilities and equipment. Typical examples of these are:

- a sink with hot and cold running water
- drinking water and disposable cups
- soap and paper towels
- a store for first aid materials
- foot-operated refuse containers, lined with disposable yellow clinical waste bags or a container for the safe disposal of clinical waste
- a couch with waterproof protection, clean pillows and blankets
- a chair
- a telephone or other communication equipment
- a record book for recording incidents where first aid has been given.

Source: UK Health and Safety Executive

### H. Leisure, social and telecommunication facilities

Basic leisure and social facilities are important for workers to rest and also to socialise during their free time. This is particularly true where workers' accommodation is located in remote areas far from any communities. Where workers' accommodation is located in the vicinity of a village or a town, existing leisure or social facilities can be used so long as this does not cause disruption to the access and enjoyment of local community members. But in any case, social spaces should also be provided on site. Exercise and recreational facilities will increase workers' welfare and reduce the impact of the presence of workers in the surrounding communities. In addition it is also important to provide workers with adequate means to communicate with the outside world, especially when workers' accommodation is located in a remote location or where workers live on site without their family or are migrants. Consideration of cultural attitudes is important. Provision of space for religious observance needs to be considered, taking account of the local context and potential conflicts in certain situations.

#### Benchmarks

1. Basic collective social/rest spaces are provided to workers. Standards range from providing workers multi-purpose halls to providing designated areas for radio, TV, cinema.
2. Recreational facilities are provided. Standards range from providing exercise equipment to providing a library, swimming pool, tennis courts, table tennis, educational facilities.
3. Workers are provided with dedicated places for religious observance if the context warrants.
4. Workers have access to public phones at affordable/public prices (that is, not inflated).
5. Internet facilities can also be provided, particularly where large numbers of expatriates/Third Country Nationals (TCNs) are accommodated.

#### Box 8 - Examples of social/leisure facilities

In Qatar there is a newly built 170-hectare complex which accommodates contractors and more than 35,000 workers for a project run by a major oil company. At the heart of this complex, the recreation area includes extensive sport facilities, a safety-training centre, an outdoor cinema and a park. The purpose of those facilities goes beyond providing adequate accommodation to the large numbers of contractors and workers on this project but is designed to provide the same level of services as a small town. The accommodation complex has a mayor, as well as a dedicated welfare team which is responsible for the workers' welfare, cultural festivals and also acts as the community's advocates.

## II. Managing workers' accommodation

Once the living facilities have been constructed and are operational, effective ongoing management of living facilities is essential. This encompasses issues such as the physical maintenance of buildings, security and consultation with residents and neighbouring communities in order to ensure the implementation of the housing standards in the long term.

### A. Management and staff

Worker camps and housing facilities should have a written management plan, including management policies or plans on health and safety, security, living conditions, workers' rights and representation, relationships with the communities and grievance processes. Part of those policies and plans can take the form of codes of conduct. The quality of the staff managing and maintaining the accommodation facilities will have a decisive impact on the level of standards which are implemented and the well-being of workers (for instance on the food safety or overall hygiene standards). It is therefore important to ensure that managers are competent and other workers are adequately skilled. The manager will be responsible for overseeing staff, for ensuring the implementation of the accommodation standards and for the implementation of the management plans. It is important the accommodation manager has the corresponding authority to do so.

If the facility is being managed by a contractor, as is often the case, the expected housing and management standards should be specified in the relevant contract, and mechanisms to ensure that those standards are implemented should be set up. As part of this process, the accommodation manager (or contractor) should have a duty to monitor the application of the accommodation standards and to report frequently on their implementation to the client.

#### Benchmarks

1. There are management plans and policies especially in the field of health and safety (with emergency responses), security, workers' rights, relationships with the communities.
2. An appointed person with the adequate background and experience is in charge of managing the workers' accommodation.
3. If contractors are being used, there are clear contractual management responsibilities and monitoring and reporting requirements.
4. Depending on the size of the accommodation, there is a sufficient number of staff in charge of cleaning, cooking and of general maintenance.
5. Such staff are recruited from the local communities.
6. Staff have received basic health and safety training.
7. Persons in charge of the kitchen are trained in nutrition and food-handling and adequately supervised.

#### B. Charging fees for accommodation and services

Charging fees for the accommodation or the services provided to workers such as food or transport should be avoided where workers do not have the choice to live or eat anywhere else, or if deemed unavoidable, should take into account the specific nature of workers' accommodation. Any charges should be transparent, discussed during recruitment and specified in workers' contracts. Any such charges should still leave workers with sufficient income and should never lead to a worker becoming indebted to an employer.

#### Benchmarks

1. When fees are charged, workers are provided with clear information and a detailed description of all payments made such as rent, deposit and other fees.
2. When company housing is considered to be part of workers' wages, it is best practice that workers are provided with an employment contract clearly specifying housing arrangements and regulations, in particular rules concerning payments and fees, facilities and services offered and rules of notice.
3. When fees are charged, the renting arrangements are fair and do not cost the worker more than a small proportion of income and never include a speculative profit.
4. Food and other services are free or are reasonably priced, never above the local market price.
5. The provision of accommodation or other services by employers as a payment for work is prohibited.

#### Additional issue

To avoid that fair renting arrangements turn into unfair ones, any deposit of advance should be set at a reasonable level and it is best practice that renting prices include a fixed fee covering the water needed and the use of the energy required to the functioning of the heating/cooling/ventilation/cooking systems. However, in such cases it might be necessary to raise workers' awareness to ensure that workers will use the facilities responsibly, particularly in areas where water is scarce.

#### C. Health and safety on site

The company or body in charge of managing the workers' accommodation should have the prime responsibility for ensuring workers' physical well-being and integrity. This involves making sure that the facilities are kept in good condition (ensuring that sanitary standards or fire regulations are respected for instance) and that adequate health and safety plans and standards are designed and implemented.

### Benchmarks

1. Health and safety management plans including electrical, mechanical, structural and food safety have been carefully designed and are implemented.
2. The person in charge of managing the accommodation has a specific duty to report to the health authorities the outbreak of any contagious diseases, food poisoning and other important casualties.
3. An adequate number of staff/workers is trained to provide first aid.
4. A specific fire safety plan is prepared, including training of fire wardens, periodic testing and monitoring of fire safety equipment and periodic drills.
5. Guidance on the detrimental effects of the abuse of alcohol and drugs and other potentially harmful substances and the risk and concerns relating to HIV/AIDS and of other health risk-related activities is provided to workers. It is best practice to develop a clear policy on this issue.
6. Workers have access to adequate preventive measures such as contraception (condoms in particular) and mosquito nets.
7. Workers have easy access to medical facilities and medical staff. Where possible, female doctors/nurses should be available for female workers.
8. Emergency plans on health and fire safety are prepared. Depending on the local context, additional emergency plans are prepared as needed to handle specific occurrences (earthquakes, floods, tornadoes).

### D. Security of workers' accommodation

Ensuring the security of workers and their property on the accommodation site is of key importance. To this end, a security plan must be carefully designed including appropriate measures to protect workers against theft and attacks. Policies regarding the use of force (force can only be used for preventive and defensive purposes in proportion to the nature and the extent of the threat) should also be

carefully designed. To implement those plans, it may be necessary to contract security services or to recruit one or several staff whose main responsibility is to provide security to safeguard workers and property. Before making any security arrangements, it is necessary to assess the risks of such arrangements to those within and outside the workers' accommodation and to respect best international practices, including IFC PS4 and EBRD PR4 and applicable law.<sup>11</sup> Particular attention should be paid to the safety and security of women workers.

### Benchmarks

1. A security plan including clear measures to protect workers against theft and attack is implemented.
2. A security plan including clear policies on the use of force has been carefully designed and is implemented.
3. Security staff have been checked to ensure that they have not been implicated in any previous crimes or abuses. Where appropriate, security staff from both genders are recruited.
4. Security staff have a clear mandate and have received clear instruction about their duties and responsibilities, in particular their duties not to harass, intimidate, discipline or discriminate against workers.
5. Security staff have received adequate training in dealing with domestic violence and the use of force.
6. Security staff have a good understanding about the importance of respecting workers' rights and the rights of the communities.
7. Body searches are only allowed in specific circumstances and are performed by specially trained security staff using the least-intrusive means possible. Pat down searches on female workers can only be performed by female security staff.
8. Security staff adopt an appropriate conduct towards workers and communities.
9. Workers and members of the surrounding communities have specific means to raise concerns about security arrangement and staff.

11. See for instance the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights, [www.voluntaryprinciples.org/principles](http://www.voluntaryprinciples.org/principles)

### E. Workers' rights, rules and regulations on workers' accommodation

Freedoms and human rights of workers should be recognised and respected within their living quarters just as within the working environment. House rules and regulations should be reasonable and non discriminatory. It is best practice that workers' representatives are consulted about those rules. House rules and regulations should not prevent workers from exercising their basic rights. In particular, workers' freedom of movement needs to be preserved if they are not to become effectively "trapped". To this end it is good practice to provide workers with 24/7 access to the accommodation and free transport services to and from the surrounding communities. Any restriction to this freedom of movement should be limited and duly justified. Penalties for breaking the rules should be proportional and implemented through a proper procedure allowing workers to defend themselves and to challenge the decision taken. The relationship between continuing employment and compliance with the rules of the workers' accommodation should be clear and particular attention should be paid to ensure that housing rules do not create indirect limitation of the right to freedom of association. Best practice might include a code of conduct relating to the accommodation to be signed together with the contract of employment.

#### Box 9 - Dole housing plantation regulation in Costa Rica

In every plantation there is an internal accommodation regulation that every worker is required to sign together with his/her employment contract. That document describes the behaviour which is expected from workers at all times and basic rules such as the prohibition of alcohol and the interdiction to make noise after a certain time at night. In case there is any problem concerning the application of those internal rules, a set of disciplinary procedures which have been designed with the workers' representatives can be enforced. Workers are absolutely free to enter or leave the site and do not have any restrictions in relation to accessing their living quarters. Families are not allowed in the living quarters unless they have been registered for a visit.

### Benchmarks

1. Restriction of workers' freedom of movement to and from the site is limited and duly justified. It is good practice to provide workers 24/7 access to the accommodation site. Any restrictions based on security reasons should be balanced by the necessity to respect workers' freedom of movement.
2. Where possible, an adequate transport system to surrounding communities is provided. It is good practice to provide workers with free transportation to and from local communities.
3. Withholding workers' ID papers is prohibited.
4. Freedom of association is expressly respected. Provisions restricting workers' rights on site should take into account the direct and indirect effect on workers' freedom of association. It is best practice to provide trade union representatives access to workers in the accommodation site.
5. Workers' gender and religious, cultural and social backgrounds are respected. In particular, workers should be provided with the possibility of celebrating religious holidays and observances.
6. Workers are made aware of their rights and obligations and are provided with a copy of the internal workers' accommodation rules, procedures and sanction mechanisms in a language or through a media which they understand.
7. Housing regulations, including those relating to allocation of housing, should be non-discriminatory. Any justifiable discriminatory rules – for example all-male dormitories – should be strictly limited to the rules which are necessary to ensure the smooth running of the worker camp and to maintain a good relationship with the surrounding communities.
8. Where possible, visitor access should be allowed.
9. Decisions should be made on whether to prohibit alcohol, tobacco and third party access or not from the camp and the relevant rules should be clearly communicated to all residents and workers.
10. A fair and non-discriminatory procedure exists to implement disciplinary procedures including the right of workers to defend themselves (see also next section).

**APPENDIX 6A: CONTRACTOR'S MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT TEMPLATE**

**Monthly Progress Report for EPC  
Assam Intra State Transmission System Enhancement Project  
AIB funded under AEGCL.  
Govt. of Assam  
Name of Month and Year**

**1. Project Details:**

Sl. No.	Package	EPC Agency	Substations
Sl. No.	Package	EPC	Transmission Lines

**2. Status of land details of GSS:**

Sl. No.	GSS	Type of Land	Area (Hectare)	Status	References

**3. Status of ESIA-ESMP**

Sl. No.	GSS	ESIA-ESMP	CESMP

**4. Legal Compliances Checklist:**

Sl. No.	Indicators	Sub-station/Transmission Line Name-
1	Labour License	
2	BOCW License	
3	Water quality Testing from NABL Lab as per Standards	
4	Air Quality Testing from NABL Lab as per Standards	
5	Noise level testing from NABL Lab as per Standards	
6	Soil testing from NABL Lab as per Standards	
7	Ground water consent from CGBB, Assam	
8	DG Consent from PCB, Assam	
9	EHS Plan approval	
10	Grievance Redressed Register	
11	Labour camp facilities at site with signage	
12	Drinking water facilities at site and labour camp with signage	
13	Sanitation Facilities at sites and labour camp with signage	
14	Hygiene Facilities (Hand washing with Soap) at sites & labour Camp	
15	Safety Signage at the site	
16	Covid behaviour change communication signage	
17	Signage at main entry gate	
18	Use of PPE by the labour	
19	First aid kit for preliminary prevention & treatment	

**Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Report - Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESIA-ESMP)**

Sl. No.	Indicators	Sub-station/Transmission Line Name-
20	Lightening Arrestor	
21	Chemical soak pit associated with Transformer for hazardous waste Management	
22	Rainwater Harvesting	
23	Solid Waste Management	

**5. Detailed status of CTO/CTE, PUC etc.**

Name of the documents	Site Name-
ESIA-ESMP approval	
CESMP approval	
Labour Licence	
Workmen Compensation Policy	
Erection all Risk policy	
Tree Cutting permission	
Ground water Extraction	
Borrow earth permission (EC)	
Permission for bricks (EC)	
Permission for sand (EC)	
Permission for Stone / Boulder (EC)	
CTE – Crusher	
CTO – Crusher	
Challan – Borrow Earth	

**6. Present Status of Transmission Line of Package-**

Present Status of Joint verification of landowner identification for Transmission Line under Assam Intra State Transmission System Enhancement Project (AIIB)									
Sl.No.	Name of the proposed substation under AIIB project	Name of the proposed Associated Transmission lines under AIIB project	Name of the Circle & Division	Name of the Revenue Circle	Name of the Deputy Commissioner Office/District	Letter communicated to Circle Office for Joint verification of landowner identification with date	Reasons of delay for joint verification of landowner identification	Row Status	Remarks
1									
2									

**7. Status of CPTD**

Sr. No	Line Name	Line Length As per LOA	Anticipated line length	Location as per LOA	Anticipated locations	Check Survey Approved	Total Locations As per Check	Location as per LSD Approval	Locations Hold up Due to	GM	Actual Locations for CPTD	Clear Front Locations for CPTD	Document collected till date	Document verified by C.O till date	Demand Note Submitted at JUSNL	Locations Payment till date	Locations Payment Pending at	Document pending till date	Locations pending for CPTD	
1																				
2																				
<b>Total for Pkg-</b>																				

### 8. Accident Monitoring

Name of the Substation	No. of Injury	Description of the Injury	Treatment Given

### 9. Status of Grievance Received and their Redressal (Public)

Sl. No.	Complain/s	Location/s and Date/s of Complain	Description of Grievance /Complain	Timeline*	Remarks
1					
2					
3					

### 10. Status of Grievance Received and their Redressal (Labour)

Sl. No.	Complain/s	Location/s and Date/s of Complain	Description of Grievance /Complain	Timeline*	Remarks
1					
2					
3					
4					

### 11. Training–

### 12. Conclusion

### Appendix (Photograph & Checklist)

**APPENDIX 6B: PMC MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT TEMPLATE**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

**2. DETAILS OF SUB-PROJECT**

Circle	
Divisions	
Location (names of areas with GPS Coordinates)	
Total Geographical area	
Components of the package (detail all components)	
Contract start date	
Contract completion date	
Other details specific to the package	

**3. COMPREHENSIVE DETAILS OF SITE VISITS CARRIED OUT IN PACKAGE- XX**

Sl. No.	Sub-projects	No. of visits till date	Date of visits carried out in the month of XX	Total no of visit in the month of XX	Remarks
1					
2					

**4. OBJECTIVE**

**5. MAJOR OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Sl. No.	Date of site visit	Details of Officials Name	OBSERVATIONS	RECOMMENDATIONS
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**6. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Date	Total No. of Participants	Total No. of Female Participants	Issues raised by the community	Suggestions and Recommendations provided
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**7. GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM**

**8. GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE**

Sl. No.	Name and details	Designation	Status in the GRC (Convener/ Member)	Contact Details
1				

2				
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**9. DETAILS OF PUBLIC GRIEVANCES**

Details of Grievance	Grievance raised by and medium	Date of Grievance received	Date of Grievance resolved	Steps taken to resolve the grievance	Remarks
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**10. DETAILS OF LABOUR GRIEVANCES**

Details of Grievance	Grievance raised by and medium	Date of Grievance received	Date of Grievance resolved	Steps taken to resolve the grievance	Remarks
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**11. TRAININGS**

**APPENDIX 6C: SEMI ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT TEMPLATE**

***SEMI ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MONITORING REPORT***

ASSAM INTRA-STATE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

SUBMITTED TO

ASIAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT BANK



SUBMITTED BY

ASSAM ELECTRICITY GRID CORPORATION LIMITED



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**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Following are the Key issue / gaps observed and suggested corrective action

Sl. No.	Key issue/ gaps observed	Suggested corrective action	Responsibility	Timeframe

**1. INTRODUCTION**

**1.1 BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**Assam Intra-State Transmission System Enhancement Project**

**Figure –: Location map of Project**

1.1.1 Details of Substations and Transmission Lines

Table –1: Details of Packages (Substations and Transmission Lines)

Package	Name of EPC Contractor	Scope of Work		Contract Award	Contract Effective Date	Location / Village / Town / Tehsil / District	Consignee / Concerned Division Official	Area as per Appendix-11 of ESMPF (in Hectare)	Area at present (In Hectare)	Slope/ Plain	Type of Land	Ownership
		S/S Details	Transmission line details in (km)									

1.1.2 Details of Transmission Lines

Table 2: Details of Transmission Lines

Line length (in km) as per ESMPF	Line length (in km) as per Survey Report	No. of Towers	Right of Way (ROW in mts)	No. of Affected Villages	Names of the Affected Village

1.2 PROJECT PROGRESS STATUS AND IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Table 3: Physical and Financial Progress Status of Project during the reporting period

Sl. No.	Pkg No.	Effective/ Schedule Completion date	Agency	Order Value (INR Cr.)	Sub Station/ Transmission Line Name	Overall Physical Progress till XX in %	Financial Progress till XX in %	Ongoing work status

### 1.3 BRIEF PROGRESS STATUS OF THE PROJECT

Table: Brief Progress status of the project

Project Component Stage	Progress Status {not yet started; on-going; completed}	Percent Completed	Remarks

## 2. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE REGULATIONS/STANDARDS

### 2.1 ESIA - ESMP documentation status of each package as per approved ESMPF

Table: ESIA - ESMP documentation status of each package as per approved ESMPF

Pkg. No	Location	Name of the EPC contractor	Status of ESIA-ESMP	Status of CESMP report package wise

Table: Status of E&S Semi Annual Monitoring Report

Sl. No.	Name of the report	Status of SAMR
		•

### 2.2 Mobilisation of E&S resources at each level i.e. PMU, PMC, and contractors

Table: Mobilisation of E&S resources at each level i.e. PMU, PMC, and contractors

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Qualifications	Experience	Contact Details	Email ID
<b>E&amp;S staff of Project Management Unit (PMU)</b>						
<b>E&amp;S staffs of Project Management Consultant (PMC)</b>						
<b>E&amp;S staff of Engineering Procurement and Construction Contractors (as per CESMP)</b>						
<b>Package Name</b>						

### 2.3 Compliance with Applicable Regulations/Standards

Table: Compliance with Applicable Regulations/Standards

Sl. No.	Regulations / Standards	Compliance Requirements under the Regulation	Compliance Status {complied; not complied; Not Arises (N/A) at the current stage of the project}	Remarks {provide details to show how compliance was achieved; or explain the corrective action done if there was non-compliance}

### 3. COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COVENANTS FROM THE AIIB LOAN AGREEMENT

Table: Compliance with Environmental and Social Covenants from the AIIB Loan Agreement

Schedule #, Para. #	Covenant	Compliance Status	Remarks

### 4. COMPLIANCE WITH THE CIVIL WORK CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Table: Compliance with the Civil Work Contract Agreement

Schedule #, Para. #	Relevant EHS Clauses	Compliance Status	Remarks

### 5. COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Following are the Key issue/ gaps observed and suggested corrective action

Table: Key issue/ gaps observed and suggested corrective action

Sl. No.	Key issue/ gaps observed	Suggested corrective action	Responsibility	Timeframe
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Following are the key findings noted during the reporting period

Pkg	Location	Name of Contractor	Status of ESMP / CESMP implementation	Non-Compliance	Corrective Action Proposed	Photographs	Compliance against Corrective action Proposed

### 6. COMPLIANCE TO RESETTLEMENT ACTION PLAN AND TRIBAL PEOPLE'S PLAN (IF ANY)

Table: Compliance with Resettlement Action Plan and Tribal People's Plan

Sl. No.	Abbreviated Resettlement Action Plan (ARAP) and Tribal people's plan	Compliance Status {complied; not complied; n/a at current stage of the project}	Remarks {provide details to show how compliance was achieved; or explain the corrective action done if there was non-compliance}

## 7. SUMMARY OF MONITORING RESULTS

### 7.1 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MONITORING

**Table: Package-wise Ambient Noise Level Monitoring Results**

Name of Package	Name of Monitoring Station	Sound Parameters (dBA)				CPCB Ambient Noise Standards [Limit in dB (A) Leq]		Remarks
		Results (Baseline data) Limits in dB(A)		Limits in dB(A) / (Data generated for pre- monsoon season 2024)		Day Time	Night Time	
		Day Time	Night Time	Day Time	Night Time	Day Time	Night Time	

## 7.2 Capacity Building Monitoring

**Table: Details of Capacity building program**

Sl. No.	Date	Topic of Training	Participant/ Organization	No. of Participant

## 7.3 Capacity Building on the safety inductions and meetings, including safety toolbox talks conducted during the reporting period

**Table: Summary of the Capacity Building on the safety inductions and meeting including TBT**

Sl. No.	Packages	Name of Substation	Numbers of Induction	Numbers of Toolbox Talk	Numbers of Training	Numbers of Mock Drill

## 7.4 Accident monitoring during the period of XXX

**Table: Summary of the accident monitoring during the reporting period**

Sl. No.	Packages	Name of Substation	Total numbers of accident occurred during XXX

## 7.5 Highlighted Actions

## 8. IMPLEMENTATION OF GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM AND COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

**Table: Status of Grievance Received and their Redressal**

### Public Grievances

Sl. No.	Complain/s	Location/s and Date/s of Complain	Description of Grievance / Complain	Timeline*	Remarks	Sample Photographs

### Labour Grievance

Sl. No.	Complain/s	Location/s and Date/s of Complain	Description of Grievance / Complain	Timeline*	Remarks	Sample Photographs

**Summary table showing type and level of complaints (Labour Grievance)**

• Sl. No	• Type of Grievance	• Package wise grievance received	Total No	• Level of Grievance

## 9. CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

**Table: Key issues and Corrective Action Plan**

Sl. No.	Key issues	Action Required	Responsibility	Target Date	Indicator of Compliance /Corrective actions plan

**10. STATUS OF NON-COMPLIANCES FROM PREVIOUS MONITORING REPORT**

**Table --Status of the non-compliances and corrective actions proposed in the previous (XX) monitoring report.**

Sl. No.	Key issues	Action Required	Responsibility	Compliance status on corrective actions of previous (x) monitoring report during the present reporting period.	Present Status

**11. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Conclusion**

**Recommendations**

**ESIA-ESMP implementation monitoring for Sub-station component**

**A. Site visit details for Substation**

Package	Location	No. of Site visit	Date of Site Visit	Remarks

**B. Site visit details for Transmission lines**

Package	Location	No. of Site visit	Date of Site Visit	Purpose

**C. Photographs of the Site visit**

**APPENDIX 7: Wild Animal Monitoring Checklist – Operational Phase Template**

**1. Bird Electrocutation & Collision**

- Regular inspection of towers and conductors for evidence of bird electrocution (scorch marks, carcasses).
- Monitoring for bird flight paths, especially during migratory seasons.
- Check effectiveness of bird diverters or flight diverters (visibility enhancers).
- Inspection of nesting activity on towers or poles.
- Maintain a log of species affected, location, and dates of incidents.

**2. Elephant Movement and Corridor Interaction**

- Mapping and regular verification of elephant corridors intersected by the transmission line.
- Observation and recording of elephant crossings near line towers and RoW.
- Monitor tower stability in areas prone to elephant movement (elephant rubbing or pushing).
- Ensure barrier-free movement through elevated sections or alternative passages.
- Engagement with forest department and local communities for real-time elephant movement alerts.

**3. Mammal and Reptile Interference**

- Regular patrols along the RoW to observe signs of mammal and reptile activity.
- Report and document wildlife mortality incidents (due to electrocution, entanglement, etc.).
- Inspect fence lines (if any) to ensure they do not restrict wildlife movement.

**4. Vegetation and Habitat Monitoring**

- Periodic assessment of vegetation regrowth in RoW to avoid trimming that may disrupt habitats.
- Monitor for spread of invasive species after RoW clearing.
- Ensure that habitat restoration (if applicable) near towers is progressing as per plan.

**5. Community and Stakeholder Feedback**

- Establish a mechanism for local communities to report wildlife sightings or incidents.
- Coordinate with forest/wildlife officials to share monitoring reports and get inputs.

**6. Emergency Response Readiness**

- Maintain a wildlife rescue and response contact list.
- Have SOPs in place for wildlife accidents or electrocution events.

**7. Documentation and Reporting**

- Maintain a Wildlife Monitoring Register with GPS-tagged records.
- Prepare and submit periodic reports (monthly/quarterly) to relevant authorities.
- Photographic evidence of wildlife sighting and incidents.

**APPENDIX 8: ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING TEST REPORT**

## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MONITORING REPORT

Name of the Project: Construction of 400/220, 2X 500 MVA; 220/132 KVA, 2X 160 MVA and 132/33 KV, 2X50 MVA GIS at Rangia (Kumarikata) along with the associated Transmission lines with bay extension work at existing 132/33 kV Nalbari GSS- ( Package G(R))



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## AMBIENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING



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RANGIA (KUMARIKATA) GIS SUB STATION

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**TEST REPORT**

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Test Report No.:	GEEC/FL/22/2025/12/03		Date:	13/12/2025	
Customer Name	SHYAMA POWER INDIA LTD.		Lab. ID No.:	GEEC/AA/2025/12/03	
Address:	H.No.21, P.B. ROAD, REHABARI, Guwahati, Kamrup Metropolitan, Assam-781008		Name of the Project:	Construction of 400/220, 2X 500 MVA; 220/132 KVA, 2X 160 MVA and 132/33 KV, 2X50 MVA GIS at Rangia (Kumarikata) along with the associated Transmission lines with bay extension work at existing 132/33 kV Nalbari GSS- (Package G(R))	
Sampling Location:	400/220/132 KV RANGIA (KUMARIKATA) GIS SUB STATION, AEGCL, KACHUBARI, TAMULPUR, ASSAM-781368 N:26°38'31", E:91°36'23"		Date of Sampling:	09/12/2025-10/12/2025	
Ambient Temperature:	Max.	Min.	Humidity in %	Max	Min
	25.0°C	14.0°C		92	47
Wind Speed in Kmph:	Max	Min	Wind Direction	12 Hrs	18 Hrs
	7	0		WSW	NNE
Sampling Condition:	In GF/A, PTFE Filter Paper & Plastic Bottle		Date of Sample Receipt:	10/12/2025	
Monitored By:	Mr.Sanjib B.Rajkhowa		Test Start Date:	10/12/2025	
Equipments Details:	ADS 01 RDS 01		Test End Date:	11/12/2025	

**AMBIENT AIR QUALITY**

Sampling and Analysis carried out as per GEEC/SOP/01

Sl. No.	Parameters	Unit	Results	Limits	Test Method
1	Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	74	100	IS 5182(23)
2	Particulate Matter (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	42	60	IS 5182(24)

Remark: .The parameters tested on the specific date are found to be within the NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS, CPCB NOTIFICATION DATED 18TH NOVEMBER, 2009

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## NOISE LEVEL MONITORING



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Address		H.No.21, P.B. ROAD, REHABARI, Guwahati, Kamrup Metropolitan, Assam-781008	Name of the Project:		Construction of 400/220, 2X 500 MVA; 220/132 KVA, 2X 160 MVA and 132/33 KV, 2X50 MVA GIS at Rangia ( Kumarikata) along with the associated Transmission lines with bay extension work at existing 132/33 kV Nalbari GSS- [Package G(R) ]
<b>Noise Level Report</b>					
Monitoring Location:		400/220/132 KV RANGIA (KUMARIKATA) GIS SUB STATION, AEGCL, KACHUBARI, TAMULPUR, ASSAM-781368 N:26°38'31", E:91°36'24"	Date of Monitoring:	09/12/2025-10/12/2025	
Weather/Wind:		Dry Weather	Sound Level Meter	SL 4033 SD	
Monitored By:		Mr. Sanjib B. Rajkhowa	Sl.No.	Q699158	
<b>Measurement Results (Day Time)</b>					
Sl. No.	Parameters	Unit	Results	Method	CPCB Limit as per THE NOISE POLLUTION (REGULATION AND CONTROL) RULES, 2000 Leq (dBA)
1	Leq	dB(A)	61.6	Ambient Noise GEEC/SOP/AN/01 Issue date 27/05/2017	CPCB Limit for Commercial Area: Day Time Leq < 65 Night time Leq < 55
2	Lmin	dB(A)	52.8		
3	Lmax	dB(A)	62.5		
Remark: The parameters tested on the specific date are found to be within the CPCB Limit for Commercial Area					
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				SL 4033 SD	
Monitored By:		Mr. Sanjib B. Rajkhowa		Sl.No.	
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<b>Measurement Results (Night Time)</b>					
Sl. No.	Parameters	Unit	Results	Method	CPCB Limit as per THE NOISE POLLUTION (REGULATION AND CONTROL) RULES, 2000 Leq (dBA)
1	Leq	dB(A)	43.8	Ambient Noise GEEC/SOP/AN/01 Issue date 27/05/2017	CPCB Limit for Commercial Area: Day Time Leq < 65 Night time Leq < 55
2	Lmin	dB(A)	38.2		
3	Lmax	dB(A)	45.2		
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Sampling Location: Sampling Location: 400/220/132/33 KV GIS Substation, AEGCL, Kachubari Tamulpur	Sample Receipt Date:	09/12/2025	
Sample Description: Ground Water (Borewell of Project Site)	Test Start Date:	09/12/2025	
Sample Drawn By: Mr. Sanjib B Rajkhowa	Test Completion Date:	13/12/2025	
Sample Condition: Sealed	Sampling Method:	GEEC/SOP/02	

SL. NO.	DESCRIPTION	METHOD	UNIT	RESULTS	IS-10500:2012	
					Requirement (Acceptable Limit)	Permissible Limit in the absence of alternate source
1	pH	IS 3025 Part 11 : 2022	-	6.71	6.5 - 8.5	No relaxation
2	Conductivity	IS 3025 Part 14 1984 (RA:2019)	ms/cm	0.183	-	-
3	Colour	IS 3025 Part 4 : 2021	Hazen	Colourless	5	15
4	Total Dissolved Solids	IS 3025 Part 16 : 2023	mg/l	115	500	2000
5	Total Suspended Solids	IS 3025 Part 17 : 2022	mg/l	< 10	-	-
6	Turbidity	IS 3025 Part 10 : 2023	NTU	4.5	1	5
7	Dissolved Oxygen	IS 3025 Part 38 1989(RA 2019)	mg/l	2.7	-	-
8	Chlorides	IS 3025 Part 32 1988 (RA:2019)	mg/l	4.9	250	1000
9	Fluoride	APHA 24th EDITION, 2023	mg/l	< 0.5	1	1.5
10	Iron	IS 3025 Part 53 : 2024	mg/l	0.29	0.30	No relaxation
11	Oil & Grease	IS 3025 Part 39 : 2021	mg/l	< 2	-	-
12	Sulphates	IS 3025 Part 24 : 2022	mg/l	3.9	200	400
13	Hardness	IS 3025 Part 21 2009 (RA:2019)	mg/l	82	200	600
14	Odour	IS 3025 Part 5 : 2018	-	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable

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Sample Description:	Ground Water (Borewell of Project Site)	Test Start Date:
Sample Drawn By:	Mr. Sanjib B Rajkhowa	Test Completion Date:
Sample Condition:	Sealed	Sampling Method:

SL. NO.	DESCRIPTION	METHOD	UNIT	RESULTS	IS-10500:2012	
					Requirement (Acceptable Limit)	Permissible Limit in the absence of alternate source
1	Nitrate	IS 3025 Part 34 1988 (RA:2019)	mg/l	< 5	45	No relaxation
2	E. Coli	HiMedia Kit	Present/ Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
3	Total coliform	APHA 24th EDITION, 2023	Present/ Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
4	Pesticides	APHA 24th EDITION, 2023	µg/l	BDL		
5	Taste	APHA 24th EDITION, 2023	--	Agreeable	Agreeable	Agreeable
6	Floating Materials	APHA 24th EDITION, 2023	--	Not visible	---	---

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Sampling Location:	400/220/132 KV RANGIA (KUMARIKATA) GIS SUB STATION, AEGCL, KACHUBARI, TAMULPUR, ASSAM-781368 N:26°38'24", E:91°36'24"		
Sample Description:	Soil	Date of Sampling:	09/12/2025
Sample Condition:	Marked & Sealed	Sample Drawn By:	Mr.Sanjib B. Rajkhowa
Sample Reciept Date:	09/12/2025	Sampling Method:	GEEC/SOP/03
Test Start Date:	09/12/2025	Test Completion Date:	13/12/2025

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Sl. No.	TEST	UNITS	RESULTS	TEST METHOD
1	pH	---	5.27	IS 2720 Part 26
2	Electrical Conductivity	mS/cm	0.098	IS 14767
3	Moisture Content	%	50.2	IS 15106
4	Organic Matter	%	0.7	IS 2720 Part 22

Checked by:  Dr. Belinda Lahon Quality Manager			Reviewed by:  Pranjal Buragohain Authorised Signatory
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**TEST REPORT**

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**SOIL ANALYSIS REPORT**

SI. No.	TEST	UNITS	RESULTS	TEST METHOD
1	Sulphite as SO <sub>3</sub>	%	5.2	GEEC/SOP/03
2	Chloride	mg/kg	12.8	GEEC/SOP/03
3	ORP	mV	486	GEEC/SOP/03

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**APPENDIX 9: TREE ENUMERATION REPORT**

<b>TREE ENUMARATION OF 132 KV D/C NALBARI-KUMRIKATA TR.LINE.</b>						
<b>GANTRY TO AP-1</b>						
<b>SL NO</b>	<b>LOCAL NAME OF TREE</b>	<b>GRITH IN Mtrs.</b>	<b>HEIGHT IN Mtrs. (APPROX.)</b>	<b>LEFT</b>	<b>RIGHT</b>	<b>NOS</b>
1	Korso	0.2	2	L		1
2	Radha chura	0.42	3	L		1
3	Korso	0.21	2		R	2
<b>AP-1 to AP-2</b>						
1	Aahud	0.3	3	L		2
2	Gamari	0.2	2	L		1
3	Aahud	0.5	3		R	2
4	Dumuru	0.5	3		R	1
5	Bamboo(Bijili)			L		25
6	Bamboo(Jati)				R	50
7	Pakur	1	5	L		1
8	Aahud	0.5	4	L		2
<b>AP-2 to AP-3</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>AP-3 to AP-4</b>						
1	Rubber	0.85	7	L		3
2	Rubber	0.75	7	L		3
3	Rubber	0.65	7		R	9
4	Gamari	0.7	7		R	2
5	Gamari	0.5	7		R	1
6	Gamari	0.6	6		R	1
7	Rubber	0.6	7		R	4
8	Otanga	0.35	4		R	2
9	Dumuru	0.3	3		R	1
10	Bogori	0.5	3		R	1
11	Banana			L		50
12	Bamboo(Jati)				R	50
13	Bamboo(Jati)				R	150
14	Bamboo(Bijili)				R	50
15	Mos	0.31	4	L		1
16	Aahud	1.42	8		R	1
17	Bamboo(Jati)			L		50
18	Bamboo(Jati)				R	20
19	Korso	1.02	7		R	1
20	Bamboo(Jati)			L		40
21	Bamboo(Jati)				R	30
22	Korso	0.45	4		R	2

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23	Korso	0.95	5	L		2
24	Gamari(chara)			L		6
25	Korso	0.95	5	L		3
26	Valco	1.3	7	L		1
27	Valco	1.4	7	L		1
28	Korso	0.9	4	L		1
29	Unknown	0.8	4		R	1
30	Valco	0.3	4	L		1
31	Valco	0.2	3	L		1
32	Aahud	0.9	6		R	1
33	Korso	0.9	7		R	1
34	Himolu	0.9	8		R	1
35	Kadom(Chara)				R	1
36	Puma(Chara)				R	1
37	Mos	0.8	6		R	1
<b>AP-4 to AP-5</b>						
1	Gamari	0.3	3		R	1
2	Mos	0.9	5		R	1
3	Himolu	0.8	7		R	1
4	Mango	0.5	3		R	1
5	Tamul	0.3	8		R	7
6	Tamul	0.3	8	L		5
7	Modhuri	0.4	3	L		3
8	Bamboo(Jati)				R	40
9	Coconut(Chara)			L		3
10	Tamul(Chara)				R	4
11	Banana			L		15
12	Banana				R	5
13	Mos	0.9	3	L		1
14	Bamboo(Bijili)				R	60
15	Aahud	0.3	3	L		5
16	Aahud	0.9	7		R	1
17	Kadom(Chara)				R	2
18	Bogori	0.5	3	L		1
19	Bogori	0.3	2	L		3
20	Houra	0.4	3		R	3
21	Dumuru	0.3	3		R	3
22	Dumuru	0.3	3	L		2
<b>AP-5 to AP-6</b>						
1	Amora	1	5		R	1
2	Bogori	0.5	3		R	2
3	Unknown	0.85	3		R	1
4	Houra	0.5	3		R	1
5	Ghora Neem	0.85	4		R	1

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6	Houra	0.3	2		R	1
7	Ajar	0.9	6	L		1
8	Puma	0.65	5		R	1
9	Gamari	0.3	4		R	2
10	Bogori	0.4	3	L		1
11	Gamari	1.3	9	L		1
12	Ajar	0.5	5	L		2
13	Bogori	0.3	3	L		2
14	Dumuru	0.3	3		R	3
15	Dumuru	0.65	3		R	1
16	Gamari	0.25	3		R	1
17	Dumuru	0.85	3		R	1
18	Amora	0.9	5		R	1
19	Sal	0.6	5		R	1
20	Houra	1.5	4	L		1
21	Dumuru	1	3	L		1
22	Dumuru	0.65	3		R	3
23	Bamboo(Jati)			L		60
24	Unknown	0.52	3		R	4
25	Gamari	0.6	4	L		1
26	Gamari	0.63	3	L		1
27	Dumuru	0.3	3	L		1
28	Bogori	0.3	3		R	1
29	Houra	0.3	3		R	1
30	Sal	0.5	4		R	1
31	Bogori	0.3	3		R	3
32	Gamari	0.3	4		R	1
33	Unknown	0.3	3		R	4
34	Ghora Neem	0.3	3		R	1
35	Satiana	0.9	4	L		1
36	Gamari	0.3	3	L		3
37	Dumuru	0.3	3	L		2
38	Gamari	0.5	4		R	4
39	Bamboo(Bijili)			L		50
40	Gamari	0.4	5		R	3
<b>AP-6 to AP-7</b>						
1	Bandar Lathi	0.4	5		R	4
2	Bandar Lathi	0.6	5		R	1
3	Gamari	0.2	3	L		1
4	Unknown	0.7	4	L		1
<b>AP-7 to AP-8</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>AP-8 to AP-9</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						

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<b>AP-9 to AP-10</b>						
1	Bogori	0.3	3		R	1
2	Bamboo(Bijili)				R	170
3	Seris	0.6	5		R	2
4	Gamari	0.9	6		R	1
5	Seris	0.5	5		R	1
6	Bogori	0.3	3		R	1
7	Seris	0.3	3		R	2
8	Gamari	0.6	5		R	1
9	Gamari	0.3	2		R	1
10	Seris(Chara)				R	4
<b>AP-10 to AP-11</b>						
1	Gamari	0.5	5		R	1
2	Aahud	1.2	7		R	1
3	Aahud	1	7		R	1
4	Aahud	1	6		R	1
5	Aahud	1	8		R	1
6	Aahud	1	7		R	1
7	Gamari	0.2	6		R	1
8	Gamari	0.2	4		R	1
9	Moder	0.3	7		R	1
10	Aahud	0.7	8		R	1
11	Aahud	1	7		R	1
12	Aahud	0.85	6		R	1
13	Bamboo(Bijili)				R	100
14	Bamboo(Jati)			L		30
15	Seris	1	6	L		2
16	Kadom	1	8	L		1
17	Korso	1	7	L		2
18	Korso	0.6	4	L		2
19	Jamun	1.2	10	L		1
20	Jamun	0.5	7	L		1
21	Aahud	1.5	7	L		1
22	Gamari	0.3	6	L		1
23	Gamari	0.4	6	L		1
24	Aahud	0.3	5	L		1
25	Gamari	1	8		R	1
26	Ghora Neem	0.8	6		R	1
27	Gamari	0.5	5		R	1
28	Gamari	0.3	3	L		2
29	Houra	0.3	2	L		1
30	Gamari	0.5	4		R	2
31	Gamari	0.6	5		R	1
32	Dumuru	0.3	4	L		1

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33	Korso	1	5	L		1
34	Unknown	0.6	6	L		1
35	Unknown	0.7	6	L		1
36	Unknown	0.5	5	L		1
37	Amora	0.7	5		R	1
38	Himolu	0.9	6	L		1
39	Ajar	0.5	4	L		1
40	Puma	0.85	5	L		1
<b>AP-11 to AP-12</b>						
1	Gamari	1	6	L		1
2	Gamari	0.2	5	L		1
3	Unknown	0.4	4	L		1
4	Gamari(chara)				R	4
5	Puma	0.2	3		R	1
6	Korso	0.5	3		R	1
7	Korso	1	5		R	1
8	Korso	0.5	2	L		1
9	Odal	0.6	4	L		2
<b>AP-12 to AP-13</b>						
1	Seris	1.5	8	L		1
2	Bamboo(Jati)			L		150
3	Bamboo(Jati)				R	150
4	Gamari	0.5	5		R	1
5	Kadom	1.2	16	L		1
6	Teak	0.2	5	L		2
7	Tamul			L		4
8	Tamul				R	3
9	Gamari	0.4	4		R	5
10	Bogori	0.4	3		R	1
11	Aahud	1	5		R	1
12	Bamboo(Jati)				R	40
13	Aahud	0.4	6		R	1
14	Aahud	0.6	6		R	1
15	Aahud	0.2	3		R	1
16	Teak	0.3	6		R	1
17	Gamari	0.65	7		R	4
18	Aahud	0.5	6		R	1
19	Sal	0.55	7		R	1
20	Houra	0.45	3		R	1
21	Aahud	0.7	7		R	1
22	Bogori	0.9	5	L		1
23	Unknown	0.2	4	L		1
<b>AP-13 to AP-14</b>						
1	Dumuru	0.2	4		R	1

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2	Puma	1.2	8		R	1
3	Amla	1	6		R	1
4	Houra	0.2	4		R	1
5	Houra	0.5	4		R	1
6	Houra	0.2	4		R	1
7	Puma	0.55	6		R	1
8	Puma	0.2	5		R	1
9	Dumuru	0.3	4		R	2
10	Bamboo(Jati)				R	80
11	Unknown	0.2	4		R	1
12	Teak	0.2	4	L		15
13	Unknown	0.2	5	L		1
14	Bamboo(Jati)			L		50
15	Sal	0.75	7	L		1
16	Mos	0.4	6	L		1
17	Himolu	0.3	7		R	1
18	Aahud	0.4	7		R	7
19	Teak	0.5	7		R	5
20	Bamboo(Jati)				R	140
21	Hatikonia	0.3	4		R	1
22	Unknown	0.4	5		R	1
23	Aahud	0.55	7	L		3
24	Aahud	0.3	6	L		1
25	Gamari	0.5	6	L		1
26	Bamboo(Jati)			L		150
27	Unknown	0.2	4	L		1
28	Unknown	0.3	4	L		2
29	Hatikonia	0.2	3	L		5
30	Aahud	0.2	5	L		8
31	Gamari	0.55	6	L		1
32	Houra	0.5	5	L		1
33	Mos	0.2	4	L		2
34	Bamboo(Jati)			L		90
35	Bogori	1	5	L		1
36	Houra	0.2	3	L		1
37	Ghora Neem	1.3	6	L		1
38	Dumuru	0.2	3	L		1
39	Unknown	0.2	3	L		4
40	Bamboo(Jati)				R	30
41	Bamboo(Jati)			L		50
42	Dumuru	0.2	3	L		1
43	Houra	0.2	2	L		4
44	Houra	0.4	4	L		1
45	Ghora Neem	0.85	5	L		1

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46	Houra	0.3	3	L		1
<b>AP-14 to AP-15</b>						
1	Gamari	1	6	L		1
2	Gamari	0.3	5	L		1
3	Gamari	0.3	5	L		1
4	Gamari	0.2	4	L		1
5	Ghora Neem	0.2	4	L		1
6	Bamboo(Jati)			L		100
7	Seris	1.3	7		R	1
8	Gamari(chara)				R	6
9	Ghora Neem				R	2
10	Gamari	0.3	3		R	1
11	Gamari	0.25	3		R	1
12	Seris	1.1	6		R	1
13	Seris	1.5	8		R	1
14	Unknown	1	7		R	1
15	Dumuru	0.2	3		R	1
16	Dumuru	0.45	5		R	1
17	Bamboo(Bijili)				R	100
18	Gamari	0.65	6		R	1
19	Houra	1.2	6	L		1
20	Bamboo(Jati)				R	30
21	Unknown	0.3	4	L		6
22	Gamari	0.3	4	L		3
23	Houra	0.4	3		R	4
24	Hatikonia	0.3	4	L		4
25	Hatikonia	0.3	4		R	5
26	Gamari	0.85	7		R	2
27	Gamari	0.5	5	L		2
28	Bogori	0.5	4		R	4
29	Bogori	0.5	4	L		3
30	Valco	0.2	5		R	2
31	Odal	0.65	6		R	1
32	Puma	0.6	5	L		1
33	Valco	0.3	5	L		1
34	Himolu	1	8		R	1
35	Gamari	0.82	7		R	4
<b>AP-15 to GANTRY-1</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>GANTRY-1 to GANTRY-2</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>GANTRY-2 to AP-16</b>						
1	Gamari	0.3	3		R	1
2	Seris	0.6	6		R	1

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3	Seris	0.2	4		R	1
4	Seris	0.4	5	L		1
5	Seris	0.2	4	L		1
6	Teak	0.55	7		R	3
7	Gamari	0.5	2		R	1
8	Gamari	1.2	6		R	1
9	Gamari	0.2	4		R	1
10	Gamari	1.1	7		R	1
11	Gamari	1.2	7		R	1
12	Houra	0.55	4		R	1
13	Seris	0.55	5		R	1
14	Seris	1.3	6		R	1
15	Gamari	0.3	5		R	1
16	Gamari	0.4	5		R	1
17	Houra	1.1	3		R	1
<b>AP-16 to AP-17</b>						
1	Puma	0.85	4	L		1
2	Himolu	1	5		R	1
3	Dumuru	0.4	3		R	1
4	Himolu	0.9	7		R	1
5	Bogori	0.85	5		R	1
6	Bogori	0.4	3	L		5
7	Houra	0.2	2		R	1
8	Houra	0.45	4		R	1
9	Satiana	0.6	5		R	1
10	Seris	0.45	4		R	1
11	Seris	0.45	4		R	1
12	Himolu	0.3	4	L		1
13	Unknown	0.2	4	L		1
14	Seris	0.2	2	L		1
15	Aahud	0.5	5	L		1
16	Unknown	0.5	5	L		4
17	Kanchan	0.3	3	L		1
18	Unknown	0.4	3	L		1
19	Valco	1	4		R	1
20	Dumuru	0.3	2		R	1
21	Unknown	0.2	2		R	2
22	Odal	1	7		R	1
23	Kanchan	0.2	4		R	1
24	Kanchan(Chara)			L		6
25	Kanchan(Chara)				R	4
26	Odal	1.2	10	L		1
27	Puma	1.2	10		R	1
28	Bamboo(Jati)			L		100

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29	Bamboo(Jati)				R	300
30	Puma	1.3	7		R	1
31	Puma	1	7		R	1
32	Valco	0.7	6		R	1
33	Kanchan(Chara)				R	5
34	Puma	1	7		R	1
35	Puma	0.3	7		R	1
36	Himolu	0.3	4	L		1
37	Himolu	0.4	5		R	1
38	Tamul(Chara)			L		15
39	Tamul(Chara)				R	20
<b>AP-17 to AP-18</b>						
1	Tamul(Chara)			L		120
2	Tamul(Chara)				R	60
3	Gamari	0.4	6		R	1
4	Kadom	0.9	12		R	3
5	Kadom	0.6	7		R	1
6	Kadom	1.2	12	L		2
7	Kadom	0.45	7	L		1
8	Bamboo(Jati)			L		150
9	Tamul	0.25	8		R	30
10	Korso	0.4	4	L		1
11	Bamboo(Bijili)				R	50
12	Amora	0.5	4		R	1
<b>AP-18 to AP-19</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>AP-19 to AP-20</b>						
1	Unknown	0.75	5	L		1
2	Korso	1.8	8	L		1
<b>AP-20 to AP-21</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>AP-21 to AP-22</b>						
1	Teak	0.2	4	L		1
2	Teak	0.2	4		R	3
3	Teak	0.2	2	L		1
<b>AP-22 to AP-23</b>						
1	Bogori	0.35	3		R	2
2	Satiana	0.2	2	L		1
3	Gamari	0.3	3	L		1
<b>AP-23 to AP-24</b>						
1	Korso	0.75	3	L		1
2	Korso	0.3	2		R	1
3	Korso	0.42	3		R	1
4	Teak	0.3	4		R	2

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5	Teak	0.3	4	L		1
<b>AP-24 to AP-25</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>AP-25 to AP-26</b>						
1	Ajar	0.2	2	L		4
2	Unknown	0.4	6	L		1
3	Bamboo(Jati)			L		1000
4	Bamboo(Jati)				R	500
5	Puma	0.85	6		R	2
6	Moder	0.53	6		R	1
7	Mos	0.5	7	L		1
8	Mos	0.5	7		R	2
9	Unknown	0.3	4		R	2
10	Houra	0.7	4	L		1
11	Aahud	0.4	4	L		1
12	Seris	1.3	7	L		1
13	Korso	0.3	3	L		1
14	Puma	0.35	4		R	1
15	Puma	0.6	6		R	1
16	Puma	0.75	7		R	1
<b>AP-26 to AP-27</b>						
1	Korso	0.65	3	L		1
2	Puma	0.65	4	L		1
3	Unknown	0.5	3	L		2
4	Unknown	0.5	3		R	2
5	Unknown	0.6	4		R	1
<b>AP-27 to AP-28</b>						
1	Teak	0.2	5	L		1
2	Kadom	0.75	6	L		1
3	Kadom	0.2	4	L		1
4	Teak(Chara)			L		1
5	Teak	0.2	4	L		1
6	Kadom	0.25	6	L		1
7	Kadom	0.25	5	L		1
8	Kadom	0.55	6	L		1
9	Teak	0.2	3	L		2
10	Kadom	0.6	6	L		1
11	Kadom	0.5	6	L		1
12	Kadom	0.4	5	L		2
13	Teak	0.2	4	L		1
14	Jamun(Chara)			L		2
15	Valco	1.1	7	L		1
16	Valco	1	7	L		2
17	Valco	0.6	5		R	1

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18	Valco	0.65	5		R	1
19	Korso	0.85	4		R	1
<b>AP-28 to AP-29</b>						
1	Radha chura	0.3	7		R	1
2	Valco	1.3	7	L		1
<b>AP-29 to AP-30</b>						
1	Valco	0.3	4		R	2
2	Dumuru	0.4	3		R	1
3	Satiana	0.5	5		R	1
4	Ajar	0.4	5		R	1
5	Ajar	0.3	5		R	1
6	Gamari(chara)				R	2
7	Sal	0.6	7		R	1
8	Sal	0.3	4		R	1
9	Valco	1.3	5		R	1
10	Bogori	0.5	3		R	1
11	Unknown	0.2	4		R	1
12	Unknown	0.2	2		R	1
13	Unknown	0.4	4		R	1
14	Mos	0.2	3		R	1
15	Dumuru	0.2	3	L		2
16	Sal	0.55	6	L		1
17	Satiana	0.2	4	L		1
18	Sal	0.75	6	L		1
19	Gamari(chara)			L		2
20	Unknown	0.2	3	L		6
21	Ajar	0.2	2	L		1
22	Ajar	0.45	6	L		1
23	Unknown	0.3	5	L		1
24	Ajar	0.2	3		R	1
25	Houra	0.2	2		R	1
26	Unknown	0.3	5		R	1
27	Unknown	0.2	3	L		1
28	Chang Supari	0.5	4	L		1
29	Unknown	0.55	6	L		1
30	Puma	0.3	3	L		1
31	Mos	0.75	5	L		1
32	Unknown	0.6	5	L		1
33	Valco	0.95	5		R	1
34	Valco	0.2	4		R	1
35	Aahud	0.75	5		R	1
36	Valco	0.2	4	L		3
37	Aahud	0.4	6		R	1
38	Aahud	0.4	6		R	1

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39	Aahud	0.4	5		R	1
40	Aahud	0.5	5		R	1
41	Aahud	0.4	5		R	1
42	Aahud	0.5	5		R	1
43	Aahud	0.2	4		R	6
44	Kadom	1	8	L		1
45	Aahud	0.65	7	L		1
46	Aahud	0.6	7	L		1
47	Aahud	0.65	7	L		1
48	Mos	0.95	7	L		1
49	Aahud	0.3	2	L		1
50	Bamboo(Jati)			L		40
51	Bamboo(Jati)				R	30
52	Tamul(Chara)			L		3
53	Tamul(Chara)				R	4
54	Aahud	0.85	8	L		1
55	Bamboo(Jati)			L		70
56	Bamboo(Jati)				R	50
57	Mos	0.8	7	L		1
58	Howla	0.6	7	L		1
59	Aahud	0.6	7	L		3
60	Mos	0.8	8	L		1
61	Himolu	1	8		R	1
62	Howla	0.2	5		R	1
63	Howla	0.8	5		R	1
64	Bogori	0.2	3		R	1
65	Dumuru	0.4	3		R	1
66	Zeya	0.5	5	L		1
67	Unknown	0.5	4	L		1
68	Howla	0.3	2	L		1
<b>AP-30 to AP-31</b>						
1	Howla	0.2	2		R	2
2	Dumuru	0.3	2		R	1
3	Himolu	0.5	5	L		4
4	Himolu	0.2	4	L		1
5	Howla	0.65	3	L		1
<b>AP-31 to AP-32</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>AP-32 to AP-33</b>						
1	Amla	1	5		R	1
2	Amla	1	5		R	1
3	Mos	0.3	4		R	1
<b>AP-33 to AP-34</b>						
1	Bogori	0.75	3	L		1

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2	Bogori	0.2	2	L		1
3	Bamboo(Jati)				R	20
4	Aahud	0.75	6		R	1
5	Aahud	1.1	6		R	1
<b>AP-34 to AP-35</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>AP-35 to GANTRY-3</b>						
1	Tamul(Chara)				R	5
2	Kadom	0.2	2		R	1
3	Kadom	0.35	5	L		1
4	Kadom	0.2	4	L		3
5	Kadom(Chara)			L		3
6	Kadom	0.5	6		R	3
7	Shisu	0.2	2		R	1
8	Gamari	0.2	2		R	1
9	Bamboo(Jati)				R	60
10	Bamboo(Jati)			L		60
11	Kadom	0.5	6	L		1
12	Gamari	0.2	2	L		1
13	Mango	0.65	4	L		1
14	Himolu	0.25	5	L		1
15	Gamari	0.2	4	L		1
16	Teak	0.2	3	L		1
17	Gamari	0.5	5	L		1
18	Tamul(Chara)			L		3
19	Tamul(Chara)				R	7
20	Radhachura(Chara)				R	4
21	Kadom(Chara)				R	3
22	Gamari(chara)			L		2
23	Gamari(chara)				R	4
24	Ninbu(Chara)				R	2
<b>GANTRY-3 to GANTRY-4</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>GANTRY-4 to AP-36</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>AP-36 to AP-37</b>						
1	Mos	0.65	6		R	1
2	Valco	0.3	4	L		1
3	Valco	0.2	3	L		1
4	Mos	0.3	3	L		1
5	Zeya	0.6	5	L		1
6	Mos	0.3	4	L		1
7	Howla	0.6	7		R	1
8	Howla	0.3	5	L		1

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9	Puma	0.4	4		R	1
10	Howla	0.5	7		R	1
11	Otanga	1	8		R	1
12	Bamboo(Jati)				R	70
13	Bamboo(Jati)			L		50
<b>AP-37 to AP-38</b>						
1	Aahud	1.5	7		R	1
2	Aahud	1.2	7	L		1
3	Valco	0.2	5	L		1
4	Aahud	0.7	8		R	1
5	Mos	0.7	8		R	1
6	Mos	0.45	5		R	1
7	Bamboo(Bijili)			L		200
8	Bamboo(Jati)				R	200
9	Amora	1	7		R	1
10	Kadom	0.4	5		R	1
11	Kadom(Chara)				R	1
12	Mos	0.3	4		R	1
13	Mango	0.7	4		R	1
14	Mango	0.7	5		R	1
15	Himolu	0.6	7		R	1
16	Aahud	1	8		R	1
17	Seris	1.5	8		R	1
18	Bamboo(Jati)				R	100
19	Bamboo(Bijili)				R	100
20	Houra	0.2	4	L		2
21	Kadom	0.2	4	L		1
<b>AP-38 to AP-39</b>						
1	Bandar Lathi	0.6	4	L		2
2	Valco(Chara)				R	3
<b>AP-39 to AP-40</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>AP-40 to AP-41</b>						
1	Kadom	0.4	4			1
2	Valco(Chara)				R	3
<b>AP-41 to AP-42</b>						
1	Kadom	0.4	4	L		2
2	Kadom(Chara)				R	1
3	Gamari(chara)				R	12
4	Gamari(chara)			L		4
5	Modhuri(Chara)				R	1
6	Bamboo(Jati)				R	100
7	Kadom(Chara)				R	1
8	Mango(Chara)				R	3

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9	Coconut(Chara)				R	3
10	Modhuri(Chara)				R	4
11	Gamari(chara)				R	4
12	Aahud	0.2	2	L		1
13	Bamboo(Bijili)			L		50
14	Aahud	0.3	3	L		1
15	Khajur	1	5	L		1
16	Khajur	1	9		R	1
17	Kadom	0.3	5	L		1
18	Gamari	0.2	2	L		1
19	Mos	0.25	6	L		1
20	Gamari	0.3	4	L		1
21	Ajar	0.3	4	L		1
22	Amora	0.5	3		R	1
23	Amora	0.9	4		R	1
24	Unknown	0.8	5		R	1
25	Himolu	0.55	6	L		1
26	Mango	1	6	L		1
27	Mos	0.3	4	L		1
28	Mos	0.7	8	L		1
29	Mango	0.2	3	L		1
30	Mos	0.3	5	L		1
31	Seris	0.6	4	L		1
32	Mango	1	5	L		1
33	Mos(Chara)			L		4
34	Houra	0.2	3	L		2
35	Mos	0.7	6	L		1
<b>AP-42 to AP-43</b>						
1	Ajar	0.65	4	L		1
2	Himolu	1.4	15	L		1
3	Satiana	0.2	3		R	1
4	Mos	0.2	3		R	1
5	Himolu	1.2	10		R	1
6	Bandar Lathi	0.25	4	L		4
7	Himolu	0.5	4	L		1
8	Unknown	0.3	3	L		1
9	Aahud	0.25	4		R	8
10	Gamari	0.2	4		R	1
11	Aahud	0.25	4	L		2
12	Gamari			L		2
13	Gamari	0.2	5	L		16
14	Kadom	0.3	5	L		1
<b>AP-43 to AP-44</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						

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<b>AP-44 to AP-45</b>						
1	Korso	0.45	3	L		2
2	Fouja	0.65	5	L		1
3	Korso	0.2	2	L		2
4	Korso	0.2	2		R	1
<b>AP-45 to AP-46</b>						
1	Aahud	0.3	3	L		1
2	Teak	0.4	5	L		1
3	Teak	0.3	4		R	3
4	Mos	0.5	5		R	1
<b>AP-46 to AP-47</b>						
1	Aahud	1.3	7		R	1
2	Seris	0.7	6	L		1
3	Seris	1.5	15	L		1
4	Gamari	0.75	7		R	1
5	Mos	0.3	5		R	1
6	Seris	1.5	15		R	1
7	Aahud	1.5	8		R	1
8	Bamboo(Bijili)				R	70
9	Ajar	0.5	4		R	2
10	Otanga	1.7	5	L		1
11	Seris	1	7	L		1
12	Bandar Lathi	0.5	4	L		1
13	Korso	0.5	5	L		1
14	Kaju(Chara)			L		1
15	Gamari	0.2	4	L		88
16	Seris	0.5	5	L		2
17	Seris	0.4	4		R	1
18	Seris	0.3	4		R	3
19	Seris	0.25	4		R	1
20	Seris	0.55	5		R	1
21	Gamari	0.2	4		R	110
<b>AP-47 to AP-48</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>AP-48 to AP-49</b>						
1	Bamboo(Jati)			L		80
2	Gamari	0.2	2		R	1
<b>AP-49 to AP-50</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>AP-50 to AP-51</b>						
1	Jamun	0.3	2		R	2
2	Howla	0.3	4		R	1
3	Zeya	0.5	4		R	1
4	Gamari	0.2	3		R	1

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5	Unknown	0.5	5		R	1
6	Teak	1	7	L		1
7	Dumuru	0.3	3	L		1
8	Gamari	0.5	4		R	2
9	Bandar Lathi	0.4	4		R	1
10	Satiana	0.2	2		R	1
11	Teak	1	9		R	1
12	Teak(Chara)				R	2
13	Valco(Chara)				R	1
14	Gamari	0.5	6		R	2
15	Gamari	0.9	6	L		1
16	Gamari	0.2	4	L		1
17	Ucalaktas	0.4	7	L		2
18	Ucalaktas	0.5	7	L		1
19	Gamari	0.5	4	L		1
20	Gamari(chara)			L		3
21	Gamari	0.5	6	L		2
22	Gamari	0.6	6	L		2
23	Dumuru	0.3	3	L		2
24	Houra	0.3	2	L		1
25	Gamari	0.3	3	L		1
26	Zeya	0.4	3		R	1
27	Gamari	0.7	7		R	1
28	Gamari	0.5	5		R	2
29	Teak(Chara)				R	3
30	Teak	0.2	2		R	1
31	Zeya	0.7	5		R	1
32	Aahud	1	6		R	1
33	Bandar Lathi	0.6	5		R	2
34	Valco	0.9	5		R	1
35	Unknown	0.85	5		R	1
36	Dumuru	0.4	2		R	1
37	Amora	0.7	4		R	1
38	Bamboo(Bijili)				R	100
39	Aahud	0.6	6		R	1
40	Bamboo(Jati)				R	200
41	Bamboo(Bijili)				R	100
42	Bamboo(Bijili)			L		200
43	Gamari	0.5	5	L		2
44	Unknown	0.3	2	L		1
45	Valco	0.3	3	L		1
46	Gamari	0.2	2	L		1
47	Gamari	0.2	3	L		1
48	Ghora Neem			L		3

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49	Gamari	0.2	2	L		3
50	Zeya	0.5	5		R	1
51	Zeya	0.3	2		R	1
52	Valco	0.5	6		R	1
53	Valco	0.2	2		R	1
54	Amora	0.3	3		R	1
55	Amora	0.3	2		R	1
56	Mos	0.3	5		R	1
57	Gamari	0.3	4		R	1
58	Gamari				R	1
59	Teak	0.2	2		R	2
60	Gamari	0.2	2		R	1
61	Valco(Chara)			L		5
62	Valco	0.2	3	L		1
63	Gamari	0.85	6	L		1
64	Valco	0.5	6	L		3
65	Unknown	0.2	3	L		1
66	Amora	0.5	4	L		1
67	Mos	0.4	6	L		1
68	Valco	0.3	5	L		1
69	Gamari	0.2	2	L		1
70	Valco	0.2	3	L		1
71	Gamari			L		20
72	Gamari				R	20
73	Teak(Chara)			L		20
74	Teak(Chara)				R	20
75	Kadom(Chara)			L		5
76	Kadom(Chara)				R	5
77	Teak(Chara)			L		40
78	Teak(Chara)				R	12
79	Gamari	0.2	2	L		2
80	Gamari(chara)			L		7
81	Gamari	0.2	2	L		4
82	Teak(Chara)			L		10
<b>AP-51 to AP-52</b>						
1	Jamun	0.3	3	L		1
2	Unknown	0.3	3	L		2
3	Kadom	0.3	4		R	2
4	Gamari	0.2	2	L		1
<b>AP-52 to AP-53</b>						
1	Ajar	0.3	4	L		1
2	Bamboo(Jati)			L		30
3	Kadom	1.1	7		R	1
4	Gamari	0.5	6		R	1

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<b>AP-53 to AP-54</b>						
1	Teak	0.75	5		R	1
<b>AP-54 to AP-55</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>AP-55 to AP-56</b>						
1	Unknown	0.4	4	L		1
2	Bogori	0.85	5	L		1
3	Bogori	0.4	4	L		1
4	Aahud	0.9	5	L		1
<b>AP-56 to AP-57</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>AP-57 to AP-58</b>						
1	Bamboo(Jati)			L		20
2	Bamboo(Jati)				R	50
3	Kadom	1.1	7	L		1
4	Howla	0.6	5	L		1
<b>AP-58 to AP-59</b>						
1	Bandar Lathi	1.2	6	L		1
2	Khajur	1	7		R	1
3	Pouja	0.9	6		R	1
<b>AP-59 to AP-60</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>AP-60 to AP-61</b>						
1	Valco	1	6	L		1
2	Seris	0.9	6	L		1
3	Himolu	0.3	3	L		2
4	Himolu	0.4	3	L		1
5	Aahud	2	3	L		4
<b>AP-61 to AP-62</b>						
1	Amora	0.3	4	L		1
2	Ajar	0.6	4	L		1
3	Aahud	1.5	8	L		1
4	Aahud	1.7	10	L		1
5	Aahud	1.7	9	L		1
6	Aahud	0.2	2	L		1
7	Aahud	0.3	4	L		1
8	Bamboo(Jati)			L		300
9	Bamboo(Jati)				R	400
10	Dumuru	0.2	4	L		1
11	Zeya	0.6	6	L		1
12	Gamari	0.65	7	L		1
13	Koroue	1.5	20	L		1
14	Koroue	1.7	20	L		1

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15	Howla	0.3	7		R	2
16	Shisu	0.3	7		R	1
17	Shisu	0.5	18		R	1
18	Howla	0.3	8		R	1
19	Howla	0.2	6		R	3
20	Ajar	0.2	4		R	1
21	Howla	0.3	4		R	4
22	Howla(Chara)				R	10
23	Himolu	0.6	10	L		1
24	Gamari	0.2	4	L		1
25	Zeya	0.6	8	L		1
26	Himolu	1.2	20	L		1
27	Himolu	0.6	7	L		1
28	Himolu	0.3	6	L		2
29	Himolu	0.6	7		R	3
30	Himolu	1.5	15		R	1
31	Zeya	1.7	15		R	1
32	Unknown	0.2	4	L		6
33	Unknown	0.2	4		R	6
34	Aahud	0.4	7		R	1
35	Valco	1	20		R	1
36	Amora	0.2	3		R	2
37	Teak	0.2	3		R	3
38	Aahud	0.2	4		R	3
39	Aahud	0.3	15		R	1
40	Aahud	0.2	4		R	4
41	Himolu	1	20		R	1
42	Himolu	0.3	4		R	1
43	Zeya	0.2	2		R	2
44	Unknown	0.3	4		R	1
45	Bamboo(Jati)				R	10
46	Himolu	0.4	7		R	1
47	Aahud	1	7		R	1
48	Himolu	0.4	7		R	1
49	Himolu	0.3	5		R	1
50	Himolu	2	4		R	3
51	Shisu	0.3	5		R	1
52	Aahud	0.4	6	L		2
53	Aahud	0.6	6	L		1
54	Himolu	0.75	15	L		1
55	Korso	1	7	L		1
56	Aahud	1.5	15	L		1
57	Otanga	0.2	4	L		1
58	Himolu	0.2	3	L		1

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59	Korso	0.3	3	L		2
60	Bogori	0.2	2	L		1
61	Satiana	0.2	2	L		1
<b>AP-62 to AP-63</b>						
1	Kadom	0.2	3	L		1
2	Gamari	0.2	3	L		3
3	Seris	0.3	4	L		1
4	Satiana	0.2	2	L		1
5	Seris	0.4	5		R	1
6	Satiana	0.2	2		R	2
7	Kadom	0.25	4		R	1
8	Gamari	0.2	3		R	2
9	Kadom	0.3	4	L		1
10	Bogori	0.2	2	L		1
<b>AP-63 to AP-64</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>AP-64 to AP-65</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						
<b>AP-65 to AP-66</b>						
1	Zeya	0.7	9		R	1
2	Zeya	0.7	7	L		1
3	Zeya	0.5	8	L		1
4	Zeya	0.95	7	L		1
5	Zeya	0.6	6	L		1
6	Valco	0.2	2		R	1
7	Valco	0.7	7		R	2
8	Valco	0.6	7		R	2
9	Valco	0.7	7		R	1
10	Valco	1	6		R	1
11	Valco	0.7	6		R	1
12	Valco	0.2	3		R	1
13	Himolu	1.2	8		R	1
14	Howla	1.5	8	L		1
15	Dumuru	0.9	5	L		1
16	Bamboo(Jati)			L		20
17	Teak	1	10	L		1
18	Teak	1	8	L		1
19	Teak	0.5	8	L		1
20	Teak	0.5	4	L		1
21	Teak	0.5	5	L		2
22	Teak	0.2	7	L		70
23	Teak	0.3	7	L		5
24	Teak	0.3	7		R	5
<b>AP-66 to AP-67</b>						

NO TREE						
AP-67 to AP-68						
NO TREE						
AP-68 to AP-69						
1	Teak	1	7	L		2
2	Odal	1	6		R	1
3	Satiana	1.3	8		R	1
4	Teak	0.2	4		R	1
5	Ajar	1.1	7		R	1
6	Coconut(Chara)			L		2
7	Kadom	1.2	10	L		2
8	Teak	0.3	4	L		10
9	Kadom	0.6	6	L		1
AP-69 to AP-70						
1	Kadom	0.7	10		R	1
2	Teak	0.2	2		R	2
3	Seris	1.1	10		R	1
4	Kadom	1	8		R	1
5	Aahud	0.2	2		R	1
6	Teak	0.2	5		R	1
7	Teak	0.2	4		R	1
8	Seris	1	7		R	1
9	Kadom	0.85	7		R	1
10	Gamari	0.3	5		R	1
11	Teak	0.3	6		R	1
12	Kadom	1	6	L		1
13	Aahud	0.6	5	L		1
14	Teak	0.2	4	L		1
15	Kadom	0.7	7	L		1
16	Teak	0.2	5	L		1
17	Gamari	0.55	7	L		1
18	Teak	0.2	2	L		1
19	Kadom	0.9	8	L		1
20	Teak	0.3	6	L		1
21	Kadom	1	5	L		1
22	Teak	0.2	3	L		1
23	Teak	0.3	4	L		1
24	Odal	0.3	2	L		1
25	Seris	0.3	4	L		1
26	Teak	0.2	2	L		1
27	Unknown	1.5	7	L		1
28	Seris	1	6	L		1
29	Teak	0.2	2	L		2
30	Kadom	1.2	7	L		1

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31	Bamboo(Bijili)			L		100
32	Teak	0.2	4		R	1
33	Seris	0.2	4		R	1
34	Seris	1.6	7		R	1
35	Teak	0.3	5		R	1
36	Teak	0.2	4		R	1
37	Teak	0.4	4		R	1
38	Seris	1.5	7		R	1
39	Teak	0.3	4		R	2
<b>AP-70 to GANTRY</b>						
<b>NO TREE</b>						

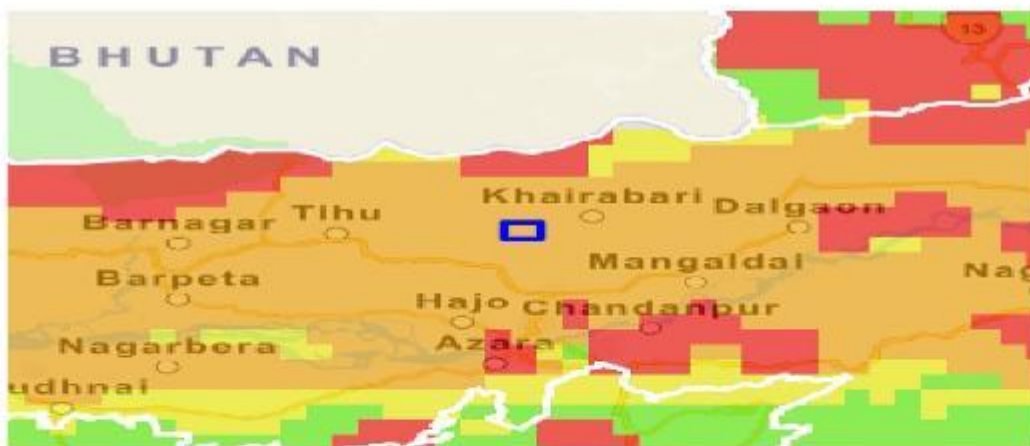
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Development is considered to pose a high risk to bird populations. However, comprehensive site-level assessment is necessary to confirm this level of risk.



Grid cells represent approximately 5km x 5km area

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### Sensitive Species

Species	Scientific Name	Status	Collision	Occurrence Certainty
 Bengal Florican	<i>Houbaropsis bengalensis</i>	Critically Endangered (CR)	100.0	Low
 Greater Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos dubius</i>	Endangered (EN)	87.9	Medium
 Sarus Crane	<i>Grus antigone</i>	Vulnerable (VU)	75.4	Medium
 Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>	Vulnerable (VU)	73.7	Medium
 Manipur Bush-quail	<i>Pardicula manipurensis</i>	Endangered (EN)	65.3	Low
 Asian Woollyneck	<i>Ciconia episcopus</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	58.8	Medium
 Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	58.8	Medium

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### Sensitive Species

Species	Scientific Name	Status	Collision	Occurrence Certainty
 Swamp Francolin	<i>Francolinus gularis</i>	Vulnerable (VU)	53.4	Medium
 Black-necked Stork	<i>Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	53.1	Medium
 Baer's Pochard	<i>Aythya baeri</i>	Critically Endangered (CR)	50.8	Low
 Black-bellied Tern	<i>Sterna acuticauda</i>	Endangered (EN)	43.7	Medium
 Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	38.8	Medium
 River Lapwing	<i>Vanellus duvaucelii</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	36.3	Medium
 Asian Openbill	<i>Anastomus oscitans</i>	Least Concern (LC)	35.4	Medium

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### Sensitive Species

Species	Scientific Name	Status	Collision	Occurrence Certainty
 Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	33.5	Low
 River Tern	<i>Sterna aurantia</i>	Vulnerable (VU)	33.2	Medium
 Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Vulnerable (VU)	30.4	Medium
 White-rumped Vulture	<i>Gyps bengalensis</i>	Critically Endangered (CR)	28.2	Medium
 Slender-billed Vulture	<i>Cyps tenuirostris</i>	Critically Endangered (CR)	26.2	Medium
 Red-headed Vulture	<i>Sarcogyps calvus</i>	Critically Endangered (CR)	26.2	Medium
 Indian Peafowl	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	Least Concern (LC)	24.3	Medium

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### Sensitive Species

Species	Scientific Name	Status	Collision	Occurrence Certainty
 White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Least Concern (LC)	33.4	Low
 Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Least Concern (LC)	33.4	Low
 Oriental Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	21.5	Medium
 Great Thick-knee	<i>Esacus recurvirostris</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	21.5	Medium
 Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	21.5	Medium
 Alexandrine Parakeet	<i>Palaeornis eupatria</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	19.5	Low
 Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	Endangered (EN)	19.0	Medium

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### Sensitive Species

Species	Scientific Name	Status	Collision	Occurrence Certainty
 Pallas's Fish-eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>	Endangered (EN)	19.0	Low
 Rain Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnadonica</i>	Least Concern (LC)	18.6	Medium
 Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Least Concern (LC)	15.3	Medium
 Indian Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga hastata</i>	Vulnerable (VU)	14.8	Medium
 Blossom-headed Parakeet	<i>Himalaya ptilia roseata</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	14.6	Medium
 Falcated Duck	<i>Mareca falcata</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	14.6	Low
 Red-breasted Parakeet	<i>Psittacula alexandri</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	14.6	Medium

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### Sensitive Species

Species	Scientific Name	Status	Collision	Occurrence Certainty
 Red Junglefowl	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	Least Concern (LC)	11.5	Medium
 Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Least Concern (LC)	11.5	Medium
 Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Least Concern (LC)	11.5	Medium
 Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	Least Concern (LC)	11.5	Medium
 Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	11.5	Medium
 Grey-headed Parakeet	<i>Himalayapsitta finschii</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	11.5	Low
 Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Clanga clanga</i>	Vulnerable (VU)	10.8	Medium

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### Sensitive Species

Species	Scientific Name	Status	Collision	Occurrence Certainty
 Indian Pond-heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>	Least Concern (LC)	77	Medium
 Indian Thick-knee	<i>Burhinus indicus</i>	Least Concern (LC)	77	Medium
 Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	Least Concern (LC)	74	Medium
 Long-billed Plover	<i>Charadrius placidus</i>	Least Concern (LC)	74	Low
 Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>	Least Concern (LC)	74	Low
 Greater Painted-snipe	<i>Rostratula benghalensis</i>	Least Concern (LC)	74	Medium
 Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Least Concern (LC)	74	Medium

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### Sensitive Species

Species	Scientific Name	Status	Collision	Occurrence Certainty
 Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Least Concern (LC)	7.4	Medium
 Banded Buttonquail	<i>Turnix suscitator</i>	Least Concern (LC)	7.4	Medium
 Yellow-legged Buttonquail	<i>Turnix tanki</i>	Least Concern (LC)	7.4	Medium
 Grey-headed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus cinereus</i>	Least Concern (LC)	7.4	Medium
 Brown Fish-owl	<i>Katupa zeylonensis</i>	Least Concern (LC)	5.3	Low
 Ashy-headed Green-pigeon	<i>Trogon phayrei</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	3.5	Low
 Red-headed Falcon	<i>Falco chicquera</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	2.7	Medium

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### Sensitive Species

Species	Scientific Name	Status	Collision	Occurrence Certainty
 Himalayan Griffon	<i>Gyps himalayensis</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	2.7	Medium
 Spotted Owlet	<i>Athene brama</i>	Least Concern (LC)	2.7	Medium
 Pallas's Gull	<i>Larus ichthyaeus</i>	Least Concern (LC)	2.7	Medium
 Indian Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax fuscicollis</i>	Least Concern (LC)	2.7	Medium
 Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Least Concern (LC)	2.6	Medium
 Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Least Concern (LC)	2.6	Medium
 Asian Blue Quail	<i>Synicus chinensis</i>	Least Concern (LC)	2.6	Medium

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### Sensitive Species

Species	Scientific Name	Status	Collision	Occurrence Certainty
 Common Buttonquail	<i>Turnix sylvaticus</i>	Least Concern (LC)	2.8	Low
 Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	1.0	Medium
 Bearded Vulture	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	1.0	Low
 Lesser Fish-eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga humilis</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	1.0	Low
 Grey-headed Fish-eagle	<i>Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	1.0	Low
 Rufous-bellied Eagle	<i>Lophotriorchis kienerii</i>	Nearly Threatened (NT)	1.0	Low

## APPENDIX 11: WORKERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

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### WORKERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby acknowledge that preventing any misconduct as stipulated in this code of conduct, including Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Sexual Exploitation and Abuse(SEA)/Sexual Harassment (SH) is important. Any activity that constitutes an act of gross misconduct is therefore ground for sanctions, penalties, termination of employment or even prosecution. All forms of misconduct are unacceptable, be it on the worksite, the worksite surroundings or at worker's camps.

I agree, while working on this project, that I will:

1. Consent to security background checks.
2. Treat women, children (persons under the age of 18) and persons with disability with respect regardless of race, language, religion, political or other opinion, nationality, ethnicity, cultural beliefs/practices, financial or other status.
3. Not use language or behaviour towards men, women or children/learners that is inappropriate, harassing, abusive, sexually provocative, demeaning or culturally inappropriate.
4. Not participate in sexual activity with children/learners—including grooming or through digital media. Mistaken belief regarding the age of, and consent from, the child is not a defence in the eyes of the law.
5. Not exchange money, employment, goods, or services for sex, with community members, including sexual favours or other forms of humiliation, degrading or exploitative behaviour.
6. Not have sexual interactions with members of the communities surrounding the workplace, worker's camps and fellow workers that are not agreed to, with full consent by all parties involved in the act. This includes relationships involving the withholding, promise of, or actual provision of benefit (monetary or non-monetary) to community members in exchange for sex - such sexual activity is considered "non-consensual" within the scope of this Project.
7. Attend trainings related to HIV/AIDS, GBV (SEA/SH), occupational health and any other relevant courses on safety, as requested by my employer.

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8. Report to the relevant committee, any situation where I may have concerns or suspicions regarding acts of misconduct by a fellow worker, whether in my company or not, or any breaches of this code of conduct.
9. Refrain from any form of theft of assets and facilities, including from surrounding communities.
10. Remain in designated working area during working hours.
11. Ensure that possession of, or being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs and other controlled substances in the workplace and during working hours is strictly prohibited.
12. Wear mandatory PPE at all times during work.
13. Follow prescribed environmental and occupational health and safety standards.
14. Channel grievances through the established Grievance Redress Mechanism.

**RAISING CONCERNS**

There will be no retaliation against any person who raises a concern in good faith about any behavior prohibited by this Code of Conduct. Such retaliation would be a violation of this Code of Conduct.

**CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

Any violation of this Code of Conduct by Contractor's Personnel may result in serious consequences, up to and including termination and possible referral to legal authorities.

**\*\*ATTESTATION\*\***

I acknowledge that I have read and clearly understand this Code of Conduct, along with the consequences should I refuse to comply.

**\*\*WORKER\*\***

Signed by:

Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*ENDORSED BY (THE EMPLOYER/SUPERVISOR) \*\***

Name and Designation:

Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## শ্রমিকৰ আচৰণ বিধি

মই \_\_\_\_\_, এই আচৰণ বিধিৰ অধীনস্থ যিকোনো অনিয়ম, যাৰ অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত লিংগভিত্তিক হিংসা (GBV), যৌনশোষণ আৰু অপব্যৱহাৰ (SEA)/(SH) যৌন হানিৰ দৰে কাৰ্যলগত জড়িত ব্যক্তিক আটক কৰাটো অতি গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ বুলি বিশ্বাস কৰোঁ। যিকোনো ধৰণৰ গৰ্ভীৰ অনিয়মৰ দৰে কাৰ্যত লিপ্ত থাকিলে আইনসম্মত ভাবে দণ্ডনীয় আৰু ইয়াৰ বাবে চাকৰিৰ পৰা বহিষ্কাৰ বা আইনী পদক্ষেপ গ্ৰহণৰ ব্যৱস্থা আছে। কামৰ ঠাই আৰু সেই স্থানৰ পৰিৱেশ বা শ্রমিক শিবিৰত এই ধৰণৰ সকলো আচৰণ গ্ৰহণযোগ্য নহয়।

মই এই প্ৰকল্পত কাম কৰি থাকোঁতে, নিম্নলিখিত নিয়মসমূহ মানি চলিম:

১. নিৰাপত্তা জনিত নিয়মাবলী সমূহ ভালদৰে মানি চলিম।
২. মহিলা, শিশু (১৮ বছৰৰ তলৰ লোক) আৰু শাৰীৰিক ভাৱে অক্ষম ব্যক্তিসকলক জাতি, ভাষা, ধৰ্ম, ৰাজনৈতিক মতামত, জাতীয়তা, সাংস্কৃতিক বিশ্বাস/অনুশীলন, অৰ্থনৈতিক বা অন্য স্থিতিৰ পৰা নিৰপেক্ষভাৱে সম্মান প্ৰদৰ্শন কৰিম।
৩. পুৰুষ, মহিলা বা শিশু/বিদ্যাৰ্থীৰ সৈতে অপ্ৰাসঙ্গিক, অপমানজনক, যৌন হানি অথবা যৌন উৎপীড়ন দৰে কাৰ্য কলাপৰ লগতে অপ্ৰিতিকৰ ভাষা বা আচৰণ প্ৰদৰ্শন নকৰোঁ।
৪. শিশু/বিদ্যাৰ্থীৰ সৈতে যৌন সম্পৰ্কত লিপ্ত নহওঁ— এয়া ডিজিটেল মাধ্যমেৰে জৰিয়ত হওঁক বা অন্য উপায়ৰে হ'লেও। শিশুৰ বয়সৰ সম্পৰ্কত ভুল ধাৰণা বা তেওঁৰ অনুমতি থকাৰ ভুল বাখ্যা আইনগত ভাবে গ্ৰহণযোগ্য নহয়।
৫. বিশেষ সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ সদস্যসকলৰ সৈতে যৌন সুবিধাৰ বিনিময়ত ধন, চাকৰি, সামগ্ৰী বা সেৱা দান নকৰোঁ, বা অন্য কোনো অপমানজনক অথবা শোষণমূলক আচৰণ নকৰোঁ।
৬. কৰ্মক্ষেত্ৰ, শ্রমিকৰ শিবিৰ আৰু সহকৰ্মীসকলৰ সৈতে বা আশে-পাশে থকা সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ সদস্যসকলৰ সৈতে যৌন সম্পৰ্ক স্থাপন নকৰোঁ। ইয়াৰ ভিতৰত যৌনতাৰ বিনিময়ত সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ সদস্যসকলক সুবিধা (আৰ্থিক বা অ-আৰ্থিক) ৰখা, প্ৰতিশ্ৰুতি দিয়া বা প্ৰকৃততে প্ৰদান কৰা সম্পৰ্কসমূহো অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত - এনে যৌন কাৰ্যকলাপক এই প্ৰকল্পৰ পৰিসৰৰ ভিতৰত "অসম্মতিসূচক" বুলি গণ্য কৰা হয়।
৭. লিংগভিত্তিক হিংসা, যৌনশোষণ আৰু যৌন হানিৰ অপব্যৱহাৰপ্ৰতিৰোধ কৰা প্ৰশিক্ষণত আৰু কাৰ্য কৰ্মক্ষেত্ৰৰ স্বাস্থ্য আৰু নিৰাপত্তা সম্পৰ্কীয় প্ৰশিক্ষণত অংশগ্ৰহণ কৰিম।
৮. কোনো সহকৰ্মী (আমাৰ কোম্পানীৰ, বা অন্য কোম্পানীৰ) সৈতে অনৈতিক আচৰণ সংঘটিত হোৱাৰ সন্দেহ থাকিলে, আমি সংশ্লিষ্ট সমিতিক অৱগত কৰিম।
৯. কৰ্মসংস্থান আৰু কৰ্মসংস্থান লগত জড়িত সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ সম্পত্তিত কোনো ধৰণৰ চুৰি নকৰোঁ।

১০. কর্মঘণ্টাৰ সময়ত নিৰ্ধাৰিত কামৰ স্থানত উপস্থিত থাকিম।
১১. কর্মঘণ্টাৰ সময়ত মাদক, সুৰা বা নিষিদ্ধ বস্তু ব্যৱহাৰ নকৰোঁ।
১২. কর্মক্ষেত্ৰত নিৰ্ধাৰিত ব্যক্তিগত সুৰক্ষা সঁজুলি (PPE) সদায় পৰিধান কৰিম।
১৩. পৰিবেশ আৰু কর্মক্ষেত্ৰৰ স্বাস্থ্য আৰু নিৰাপত্তাৰ নিৰ্ধাৰিত মানদণ্ড মানি চলিম।
১৪. অভিযোগৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত স্থাপন কৰা অভিযোগ নিষ্পত্তি প্ৰক্ৰিয়া (Grievance Redress Mechanism) অনুসৰণ কৰিম।

### অভিযোগ উত্থাপন

এই আচৰণ বিধিত নিষিদ্ধ যিকোনো কাৰ্য সম্পৰ্কে অভিযোগ উত্থাপন কৰা যিকোনো ব্যক্তিৰ ওপৰত কোনো ধৰনৰ ব্যৱস্থা প্ৰতিশোধমূলক কাৰ্য হাতত নলগে। এনে প্ৰতিশোধমূলক কাৰ্য্য এই আচৰণ বিধিৰ উলংঘন হিচাপে গণ্য কৰা হ'ব।

### আচৰণ বিধি উলংঘনৰ ফলাফল

এই আচৰণ বিধি উলংঘন কৰিলে গম্ভীৰ ফলাফলৰ সন্মুখীন হ'ব লাগিব, যাৰ অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত চাকৰিৰ পৰা বহিষ্কাৰ বা আইনী ব্যৱস্থা গ্ৰহণও অন্তৰ্ভুক্ত হ'ব পাৰে।

### স্বীকাৰোক্তি

মই এই আচৰণ বিধি পঢ়িছোঁ আৰু ইয়াৰ বিধি-বিধান আৰু প্ৰযোজ্য পৰিণামবোৰ সম্পূৰ্ণৰূপে বুজি পাইছোঁ।

শ্ৰমিক স্বাক্ষৰ আৰু তাৰিখ:

অনুমোদন (নিয়োগকৰ্তা/পৰিদৰ্শক) \_\_\_\_\_

নাম আৰু পদবি: \_\_\_\_\_

স্বাক্ষৰ আৰু তাৰিখ: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX 12: DETAILS OF IBA SITES OF ASSAM**

IMPORTANT BIRD AND BIODIVERSITY AREAS IN INDIA – ASSAM

IN-AS

IBAs of Assam		
IBA site codes	IBA site names	IBA criteria
IN-AS-01	Ambuchang Wildlife Sanctuary	A1
IN-AS-02	Barail Range	A1, A2, A3
IN-AS-03	Barzadi Wildlife Sanctuary	A1
IN-AS-04	Bauwax Beel	A1
IN-AS-05	Behuli Reserve Forest	A1, A3
IN-AS-06	Bherjan-Borajan-Podumoni Wildlife Sanctuary	A1
IN-AS-07	Bordibam-Bilmukhi Bird Sanctuary	A1
IN-AS-08	Bordoloi-Sampura	A1, A2, A4i
IN-AS-09	Chukroshila Complex	A1, A4i, A4iii
IN-AS-10	Chundabi Lake and adjoining areas	A1
IN-AS-11	Deobali Julah	A1, A4i
IN-AS-12	Dhansiri Reserve Forest	A1, A4i
IN-AS-13	Dibru-Saikhowa Complex	A1, A2
IN-AS-14	Deepor Beel Sanctuary	A1, A4iii
IN-AS-15	Dum Duma-Dangori & Kumsong Reserve Forests	A1
IN-AS-16	East and North Karbi Anglong Wildlife Sanctuaries	A1
IN-AS-17	Garumoni, Nambor and Doigrang	A1
IN-AS-18	Hollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary	A1
IN-AS-19	Habang and Umru	A4ii
IN-AS-20	Inner Lise (East), Katakhal and Barak Reserve Forests	A1
IN-AS-21	Jumjing and Sengajan	A1
IN-AS-22	Jatinga	A1, A4iv
IN-AS-23	Jengdia Beel and Satgoin	A1
IN-AS-24	Jhanjimekh-Kokilamukh	A1, A4i
IN-AS-25	Kaziranga National Park	A1, A2, A4i, A4iii
IN-AS-26	Kuarbari-Dalari	A1
IN-AS-27	Langting-Muga Reserve Forest	A1
IN-AS-28	Laokhowa and Barhachapori Sanctuaries	A1, A2
IN-AS-29	Lumding Reserve Forest	A1
IN-AS-30	Majuli Island	A1, A4iii
IN-AS-31	Manas National Park	A1, A2
IN-AS-32	Nameri National Park	A1, A2
IN-AS-33	Orang National Park	A1, A4i
IN-AS-34	Pabho Reserve Forest	A1, A2
IN-AS-35	Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary	A1, A2, A4iii
IN-AS-36	Pani-Dihing Bird Sanctuary	A1, A4iii
IN-AS-37	Ripu Reserve Forest	A1, A2
IN-AS-38	Sibsagar Tanks	A1, A6i
IN-AS-39	Soi Beel	A1
IN-AS-40	Sonai-Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary	A1
IN-AS-41	Suhansiri Dulung	A1, A2
IN-AS-42	Tamaranga-Duloi-Bhairab Complex	A1, A4iii
IN-AS-43	Tirap-Borbidihibing	A1
IN-AS-44	Upper Dihing (East) Complex	A1, A2
IN-AS-45	Upper Dihing (West) Complex	A1, A2
IN-AS-46	Urpod Beel	A1, A4iii
IN-AS-47	Barail Wildlife Sanctuary	A1, A2, A3
IN-AS-48	Chirang Reserve Forest	A1, A2
IN-AS-49	Dadara-Pasariya-Singimari	A1
IN-AS-50	Innerline (West) and Kathakal Reserve Forest	A1
IN-AS-51	Krumging Reserve Forest, Kharongma & Kopili-Umrungsa Reservoir	A1, A4ii
IN-AS-52	Maguri and Metapung Beels	A1, A2
IN-AS-53	Manas Reserve Forest	A1, A2
IN-AS-54	Marat Longri Wildlife Sanctuary	A1
IN-AS-55	Sarower Beel	A1, A4iii

## APPENDIX 13: SOP for Height Work

# Working Instruction / SOP on Working at Heights

### 1. Definition of Working at Heights

Any activity where a person is at risk of falling from one level to another and sustaining injury is defined as working at heights. This generally applies when work is conducted at a height of 1.8 meters or more above ground or a lower level, or where a fall hazard exists.

### 2. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Full body safety harness with shock-absorbing lanyard or self-retracting lifeline. Anchorage points rated for fall arrest, positioned above the worker where possible. Safety helmets with chin straps to prevent displacement during a fall.
- Non-slip safety footwear with proper grip.

### 3. Use of PPE

- Harness must be worn snugly, with chest and leg straps properly fastened.
- Lanyards should always be attached to approved anchorage points before commencing work. Workers must maintain 100% tie-off when moving between positions.
- Inspect PPE before and after each use; defective PPE must not be used.

### 4. Inspection of PPE and Fall Arrest Systems

All PPE and fall arrest systems must be inspected daily by the worker before use and weekly by a competent safety supervisor. Inspections must check for wear, cuts, fraying, corrosion, damaged buckles, or deformation. Any defective or expired equipment must be immediately withdrawn from service and replaced.

### 5. Monitoring and Supervision

Supervisors must continuously monitor activities carried out at heights to ensure compliance with safety procedures. All workers engaged in working at heights must receive training on correct use of PPE, emergency procedures, and safe work practices. Records of inspections, training, and equipment maintenance must be maintained and made available for review.

### 6. Use and Installation of Temporary Ladders

- Ladders must comply with IS 3696 (Part 2): 1991 or equivalent standards.
- Set ladders at the correct 4:1 angle (1 m horizontal distance for every 4 m height). Secure ladders at both the top and bottom to prevent slipping or displacement.
- Ensure ladders extend at least 1 m above the landing or platform level.
- Maintain three-point contact (two hands and one foot, or two feet and one hand) at all times.
- Do not overload ladders; only one worker should be on a ladder at a time unless designed for more users.
- Do not use damaged, makeshift, or unstable ladders.
- Inspect ladders daily before use; defective ladders must be removed from service.

**Note:** No worker is permitted to work at height without adequate training, proper PPE, safe access via scaffold or ladder, and confirmation of equipment safety by a competent person.