Budhigandaki Corridor (Philim – Gumda – Ratamate) 400 kV Transmission Line Project





Background

The proposed Budhigandaki Corridor (Philim -- Gumda - Ratamate) 400 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line Project lies in Dharche Rural Municipality, Sulikot Rural Municipality, Ajirkot Rural Municipality and Aarughat Rural Municipality of Gorkha District of Gandaki Province, Tripura Sundari Rural Municipality and Nilkantha Municipality of Dhading District and Tarkeshwar Rural Municipality and Belkotgadhi Municipality of Nuwakot District of Bagmati Province. The project connects various hydropower projects along the corridor to Gumda and Ratamate hub substations, including Budhigandaki Storage Hydropower Project and others, facilitating their timely contribution to the national power supply.





Location:

Nuwakot districts

Sector: Energy Gotkha, Dhading and



Land Required: 396.4 hectares

Objectives

Salient Feature:

Length: 85.06 Km

No. of Towers: 254

Average Span: 335.023 m

To enhance power evacuation from the Budhigandaki and Daraudi river corridors, transmission improving efficiency, reducing losses, and ensuring reliable electricity supply.

Number of Circuits: 2 (Double)

Conductor: ASCR "Ouad Moose"

Starting Point: Philim Substation

Ending Point: Ratamate Substation

Substation Component:

Bay extension at Ratamate Substation and newly proposed substation at Pokhartar (Gumda)

Location: Gumda Land Required: 9.16 hectares

Objectives

Ratamate substations bay extension will be carried out while new 400/132 kV GIS substation at Pokhatar (Gumda) will be constructed.

Salient Features:

400 kV/132 kV GIS

Project Outcome



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Increase in Electricity Distribution in the National Grid.



Reliable flow of electricity to facilitate the demands in the Vallev



Increase in financial activities in the project area.



Employment opportunities for the locals



Financing Requirements

Project Seeking Finance

Project Financing Plan		
Source	Amount (Million USD)	Share of Total (%)
Equity (GoN and NEA)	32.75	20.00%
Remaining for Lending	131.00	80.00%

Seeking lenders to finance 80% of the total project cost as a debt.

Project Implementation Timeline



Project Layout



Fig1. project layout

Relevant Agencies

- Ministry of Energy, Water Resource and Irrigation (MoEWRI)
- Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA)

About the Agency

Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA):

The Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) is Nepal's government-owned utility overseeing electricity generation, transmission, distribution, and sales. It aims to provide reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy solutions, fostering national development and enhancing citizens' lives. Its mission is to ensure reliable electricity supply, promote renewables, and maintain environmental sustainability. Its objectives include expanding access, improving infrastructure, promoting renewables, driving economic growth, ensuring equitable distribution, and fostering transparent operations. It is pivotal in Nepal's energy sector for sustainable development.

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