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**To:** [Complaint Receiving Officer](#)  
**Subject:** Complaint from the project-affected - Bangladesh-India Electrical Grid Interconnection Project (phase 2)  
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Complaint Receiving Officer  
Accountability Mechanism  
Asian Development Bank  
6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City  
1550 Metro Manila, Philippines

Dear Sir:

We, who have signed this letter, are residents of **Charmirakami, Joynagar Wapda Gate, Ishwardi Pabna, Bangladesh** and would like to file a complaint regarding establishing 230 KV Bheramara to Ishwardi Double Circuit Transmission High Voltage Electric line which is the 230kV interconnection with the western grid of Bangladesh of **Bangladesh-India Electrical Grid Interconnection Project (phase 2)**, an ADB-assisted Project.

We believe that due to this Project, we have suffered or are likely to suffer the following:

1. The High Voltage Electric transmission line going through Business establishments, mills, factories, households, fruit orchard, and lands. The affected people will lose their income sources.
2. There is a high risk of health hazards and life-threatening casualties for living under and near the High Voltage transmission line.

We have previously raised our concerns with the Executing Agency - Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd (PGCB), but we are not satisfied with the results. Below is a summary of what happened:

1. When we came to know about this project implementation, we submitted a letter of complaint to the Executing Agency – Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd (PGCB). We requested them either to compensate us for relocation, or to choose an Alternative route (deploy the high voltage transmission line underground around the commercial and densely populated area). The Executing Agency did not give us any response regarding the issue.
2. As we did not receive any response from the Executing Agency, we submitted a Writ Petition no. 15549 of 2016 in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh which is currently under proceedings.
3. At now, the Executing Agency-PGCB is using brute force to weaken us to let them continue their work without safeguarding the affected people. We would like to clarify that, we do not have any intention to block the implementation work, rather we just want resettlement compensation for the affected people or the Executing agency to choose to deploy the transmission line through other alternative ways.

Hence, we are choosing problem solving with the Special Project Facilitator (SPF).

We do not request that you keep our identities confidential.

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Sincerely,

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