

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN THE FOREST

LAND

The Ministry of Road transport & Highways (MoRT&H) has been entrusted with the assignment of " Rehabilitation and Upgradation to 2-lane with paved shoulders configuration of Radhaita to Pilibhit Section of NH-731K (Km 137.250 to Km 183.380) (Package-IV) in the State of Uttar Pradesh under Green National Highways Corridor Project (GNHCP) with the loan assistance of world Bank on EPC mode".

The proposed road starts from Radhaita of Km 137.250 and passes through the District of Pilibhit and ends at Assam Chauraha Pilibhit Km 183.380 in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The Design length of project road is 46.13 km.

The project stretch crosses NH-30 at Miranpur Katra. NH-30 connects Delhi, Ghaziabad, Hapur, Bareilly, Sultanpur and Lucknow from east to west direction and all the towns are major economic / industrial hubs of Uttar Pradesh. The project stretch is also a major economic corridor connecting Delhi, Aligarh, Bawar, Kanpur to Lucknow from east to west direction. All the towns are major industrial zones of Uttar Pradesh.

Sankissa is a major place for Buddhist pilgrims. Large numbers of foreign and Indian tourists are visited this place. The Sankissa is located 10 kilometers away from Mohammedabad on the project stretch.

The project stretch is connecting three major roads i.e NH-34, NH-30 and NH-730, all of them caters the traffic moving from east to west direction. There is no major connectivity that connects all the parallel roads in North-South direction. In order to widening and up gradation will be performed on adjoining to the existing two/four laning road only. the road side plantation along the project road which is declared as Protected Forest Land will be impacted due to the proposed widening work. No other alternative exist for proposed widening.

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