## JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT ON THE FOREST LAND

Sewa Hydroelectric Project Stage-II, 120 mw ( now known as Sewa-II Power Station), is one of the Projects in J&K UT, which was completed by NHPC Ltd. In the year 2010. The HQs & the Power House of Sewa-II Power Station is located at Mashka, Tehsil: Basholi, District: Kathua and the Dam site is located at village Gatti, Tehsil: Bani.

During construction stage of Sewa HE Project Stage-II, about 10.08 km, of Head Race Tunnel (HRT) was constructed for fetching the water from Dam Reservoir to the Power Generating Units at Mashka. The HRT was constructed with the help of 04 No. Adits, namely Adit-I, Adit-II, Adit-III & Adit-IV. Out of these 04 Adits, Adit-II & III were provided with Gates for future use for inspection/repair of HRT.

On Basohli-Bani State Highway, a link road of about 06 kms, was constructed to access the Adit-II Portal. The land for this link road stands transferred to Sewa-II Power Station vide Award No. SDMB/LA/333-37 dated 30.07.2005. During the year 2015, some portion of above link road was completely washed away due to heavy rains/hill sliding resulting in the access to Adit-II Portal was totally cut-off.

Since Adit-II is an important component of the Project to enter into the HRT through the Gates for carrying out necessary inspection/repair etc. as &when required, thus, approach road to Adit-II is a prime requirement to reach to Adit-II Portal . It is mandatory on our part to keep the approach road of Adit-II in good condition for hassle-free transportation of men & material to Adit-II portal during any emergent repair in HRT.

We have proposed diversion of existing road to Adit-2 before the damaged portion of road. The total forest land required for this proposed diversion is approximately 1.60 hectare. Accordingly, we are placing indent for diversion of forest land for construction of alternative patch of approach road to Adit-2.

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