

Name of Work

“Diversion of Forest Land and Tree Felling Proposal for Widening of National Highway-717A from “Ranipool – Pakyong” (Length – 20 Km) in the State of Sikkim

Justification

1. Project Details :

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Govt. of India intends to undertake massive up-gradation of various existing roads sections as Alternate Highways in the State of Sikkim as per latest Notification. The present road stretch from “Ranipool to Pakyong” is one of them. The proposed project corridor starts from Ranipool and terminates in Pakyong Revenue sub-division (say Pakyong Forest Range). Which covers a total length – 20 Km from “Ranipool to Pakyong”.

Though, there are not many towns exist on this route but passing through several villages, which are directly as well indirectly to be benefited by the up-gradation of proposed corridor on one hand and newly Airport at Pakyong under construction.

2. Justification for Ranipool-Pakyong Alignment

The existing road has steep gradient and sharp curves/zigs at various stretches. It is of single lane road with formation width of 4.00 m to 4.50 m without conforming any standard / specification. As a result, the heavily loaded trucks and large sized vehicles find it difficult to pass through these stretches safely. A number of villages which are located in the area adjoining to this road are also heavily dependent on this road for their social and economic development. Thus, the importance of this road and hence the role it plays for the upliftments of the region needs no more emphasis. Its importance is further enhanced by the requirement of law and order maintenance as these areas are very remote where unlawful activities are of frequent occurrence. Over and above, being located in the fertile region, large quantities of fruits and vegetables are produced annually, which provides sustainable economy for many villagers. This is an important NH and life line for the people of the East District of Sikkim. It is very essential for improvement & up-gradation of existing NH-717A conforming to National Highway Standards.

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