

(iv) **Justification for locating the project in forest area.**

The project pertaining to the **Construction of New Approach Road From Tikjuk Mechanical Workshop to Nhishang Gumpa Via Byadong Tikpotam in West Sikkim** . The total length of road is 5.00 km as sanctioned ,which is start from zero of Mechanical office at tikjuk and end at Yangtey Road and out of 5 km, 4.38km covers private land and 0.620 km road covers forest land which is unavoidable forest land .

Care has also been taken to ensure that the road is so aligned as to avoid forest land to the extent possible and also prevent unnecessary felling of tree. Adequate protective measures have been planned to protect and preserve the forest land and the environment.

The emphasis is being laid by the populous government on infrastructural development in the state especially in the tourism sector. This road happens to be one of the vital road in the development of Gayzing west district as a whole. As this road passes through forest area (Khasmal) at km 2nd m and it is unavoidable.