

## JUSTIFICATION

### FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN PROTECTED FOREST AREA

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Government of India has proposed "Bharatmala Pariyojana" an Umbrella scheme of road development project through National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), National Highway, Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) and State Public Works Departments (PWD). This is the second largest highways construction project in the country after NHDP, where in almost 50,000 Km of roads are targeted to construct across the country. This project aim to improve connectivity particularly on economic corridors, border areas and to remote areas with an aim of rapid and safe movement of cargo to boost exports. International trade considered as a key aspect in this scheme and North eastern states have been given special focus.

In pursuance of the above, SA Infrastructure Consultants Pvt. Ltd., Noida has been appointed as Consultants to carry out the Consultancy Services for Preparation of DPR for Construction of 6 lane Greenfield connectivity from DND-Faridabad-Ballabhgarh bypass (from km 32+600 of NH-148NA) to Jewar International Airport under Bharatmala Pariyojna (Lot-4/Pkg-1) in the State of Haryana & Uttar Pradesh.

Project stretch falls in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. Gautam Budha Nagar District of Uttar Pradesh, Faridabad and Palwal Districts of Haryana, which is situated in the Northern part of India and region of Delhi NCR. Delhi, officially the National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCT), is a city and a Union Territory of India. It is bordered by Haryana on three sides and by Uttar Pradesh to the east. The NCT covers an area of 1,484 Km<sup>2</sup>. It is connected to other parts of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana by National Highways and Expressways: Eastern Peripheral Expressway and Yamuna Expressways (Agra-Noida), Delhi Noida Direct DND flyover, Delhi Gurugram Expressway, Delhi Faridabad skyway etc.

Proposed road Starting Ch. 0+000 takes off from DND-Faridabad-Ballabhgarh bypass and end at Ch. 31+200 at Jewar Airport. The Design length of project road is 31+200Km.

The proposed road would act as the prime artery for the economic flow to this region. It will enhance economic development, provide employment opportunities to locals, strengthen tourist development, ensure road safety, provide better transportation facilities and other facilities such as way side amenities etc. Vehicles operating cost will also be reduced due to improved road quality.

Sufficient care has been taken during the design stage to avoid acquisition of forest land located along the project road. However, at some locations the proposed project falls in Protected forest land and diversion of protected forest land is unavoidable and barest minimum i.e. 0.8886 ha is required.



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