



# भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण

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20.01.2022

To,

The Divisional Director

Social Forestry Forest & Wildlife Division,

Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh

**Sub:** Proposal for Diversion of Protected Forest Land for Improvement and Up-gradation of Existing Road to 2/4-lane with Paved Shoulder from Km 40.000 to 88.750, start of Khutar bypass to start of Shahjahanpur bypass of NH 731 on EPC basis in the state of Uttar Pradesh (Total Length - 48.750 Km of Package 1) - **Compliance of observations for Forest Diversion Proposal.**

**Ref:**

(i) Forest Proposal No.: **FP/UP/ROAD/148376/2021**

(ii) Your Letter No. 937/14-1 dated 04.12.2021

Sir,

This has reference to the cited project, the proposal was successfully uploaded on the portal of PARIVESH (MoEF&CC) on 30.10.2021 and accepted by Nodal Officer, UP Forest Department on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The hard copies of the proposal has submitted in required sets for DM as well as to your office on 02.12.2021 for further process.

2. This is worth to mention that the requirement of forest land is limited for the design consideration as per IRC & MoRTH guidelines. Further, no natural forest land is being diverted for the proposed widening. The forest land under consideration is roadside plantation declared as Protected Forest. Therefore, diversion of forest land is unavoidable.

3. The observations has been raised from your office vide letter under ref. (ii). In this regard, the joint inspection was successfully conducted with DFO Shahjahanpur, SDO, Surveyor, RFO, Forest Rangers, Forest Guards and the representatives of NHAI (PIU, Bareilly) on 13.12.2021 & 27.12.2021 respectively. *During the joint visit, it has been confirmed by your good office that only Palia - Shahjahanpur Road (NH-731) is notified as protected forest area. Mohammadi - Powayan Road (NH-730A) and Khutar-Puranpur Road (NH-730) is not notified as Protected Forest area. Therefore, the proposed forest area for diversion shall be reduced to 26.408 ha. instead of 26.784 ha.* The tree inventory of affected protected forest area is being submitted along with modified checklist.

4. In compliance of Reference 2, we are hereby submitting the point wise reply with required documents as below:

S. No.	Reply of quarries/observations
A	An undertaking for roadside plantation is given with proposal as S. No. 43 of checklist.
B	NH-731 has been Gazetted as National Highways on dated 06.03.2018 under Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, New Delhi, the same has been already submitted in previous

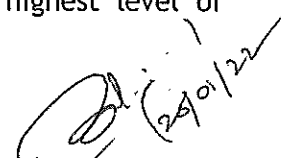
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	proposal as S. No. 14 of checklist. In this regard, an undertaking certificate is also given as S. No. 45 of checklist.
C	<p>Reference to MoEF &amp; CC communication F. No. 6-60/2020WL Part (1), New Delhi, dated 16.07.2020, prior clearance from Wildlife Clearance shall only be applicable in case</p> <p>i) Project located in Notified ESZ Area and involves Environment Clearance as per EIA Notification, 2006</p> <p>ii) Project located within 10.0 km radius of protected area (if ESZ are not notified) and involves Environment Clearance as per EIA Notification, 2006</p> <p>iii) Project located inside the wildlife corridor connecting one protected area to another.</p> <p>In the present case, start point of the project is about 12.0 Km far away from the notified boundary of <b>Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary</b> via NH-731 and project does not require Environment Clearance as per EIA notification, 2006. Hence, Wildlife NoC is not required for the project. An undertaking for distance of project from protected area as wildlife sanctuary is also given as S. No. 44 of checklist.</p>

5. Accordingly, the modified proposal is being submitted for your further process. It is requested to do the needful for proceeding of requisite proposal.

6. It is pertinent to mention that the project is being monitored from the highest level of Government hence, an early action is highly solicited.

Encl.: As above

  
 (A.R. Chitranshi)  
 Project Director

**Copy to:**

- (i) RO UP-West, Lucknow - for kind information please.
- (ii) M/s Wadia Techno-Engineering Services Ltd. - to coordinate and assist for verification.