No./NH/PB/NH-168A/13 \ /2017

Office of the Executive Engineer National Highway Division Plot No.-1, Ward -3 B Tagore road, Adipur Date :- 24 /01/2017

To

Dy Conservator of Forests

Banaskantha Social Forestry Division

Sonariya Bungalow, Dairy Road

Palanpur-38500

Sub: 2/4 laning of Dhanera-Zerda Section from km 0+000 to km 11+000 of Dhanera Bypass and from km 42+300 to km 55+030 of NH-168A in the State of Gujarat - Package IV -Submission of Forest Diversion Proposal under Forest Conservation Act, 1980

Dear Sir,

The captioned project is being developed by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Govt. of India under facilitation of Indian Academy of Highway Engineers (IAHE), Noida through the office of the Executive Engineer, National Highways Division at Plot No 1, Ward 3B, Tagore Road Adipur, District Kutch – 370 205, Gujarat as Project Implementing Unit (PIU).

Package IV has two sections, (a) Proposed Dhanera Bypass and (b) existing NH-168A from Dhanera to Jherda junction. To avoid congestion and major bottleneck near existing RoB and non-availability of sufficient land, a Bypass is proposed on the South side of Dhanera town (start at Km 33+600 of NH-168A and ends at Km 43+250 of NH-168). Thereafter, the alignment follows the existing NH-168A and traverses through Samalwada, Ramuna, Chora and Tetda and meets SH-7 near Zerda with T Junction. Total length of the project road is 23.73 km and it falls entirely in the Banaskantha district of Gujarat State.

Since the roadside plantations along the project road are declared as Protected Forests vide Gazette Notification of Gujarat Government dated 28th March, 1973, forest diversion proposal is required to the submitted. As per the revised guidelines for e-filing of forest clearance application by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India in July 2014, online application is being submitted for diversion of 20.6508 ha of Protected Forest Land.

Kindly accord priority to this work as it is very important project of infrastructure development of our country.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully

Encl.: As above

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