

**Proposal for Diversion of Forest land For "Rehabilitation and Up-gradation to 2-Lane with Paved Shoulder of NH-510 (Singtam – Tarku – Rabongla – Legship - Gyalshing) (Design Chainage from Km 33+600 to Km 58+840) in the State of Sikkim in EPC Mode-(Package-IV)"**

**JUSTIFICATION**  
**FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA**

The existing road has steep gradient and sharp curves/zigs at various stretches. It is of single lane road with formation width of 6.00 m to 6.50 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.

The Yangyang road is branching from Km 5/400, which is going to serve Yangyang Town & the NH310 is branching from Km 16/470 of NH-510 at Tarku, Ranbangla-Namchi road branches off from Km 33/950, which is going to serve the South District Headquarter connectivity. Nayabazar-Legship road is also branching from Km 59/100, which is serving Jorathang & Darjeeling District in West Bengal and 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 South & West District of Sikkim. It is very essential for improvement & up-gradation of existing NH-510 conforming to National Highway Standards.

Hence National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), proposing Forest land diversion of 13.6755 Ha under Forest Division South Sikkim is proposed for "Rehabilitation and Up-gradation to 2-Lane with Paved Shoulder of NH-510 (Singtam – Tarku – Rabongla – Legship - Gyalshing) (Design Chainage from Km 33+600 to Km 58+840) in the State of Sikkim in EPC Mode-(Package-IV)".

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**Signature of User Agency**

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