

## Site Inspection Report

The site of proposed diversion of forest land falling in Sonamarg area of Sindh Forest Division, District Ganderbal, up to Baltal, was inspected by the undersigned on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020, in presence of the DFO concerned and the representative of NHIDCL (the User Agency). The forest land involved is mostly of open category. However, the project alignment passes through the Eco-sensitive zone of Baltal Wildlife Sanctuary and therefore inputs from the Wildlife Department need to be sought. Besides, a forest Hut will also be affected and needs to be dismantled and rebuilt at a suitable location with financial implication for the project in addition to the prescribed standard requirements. As the project is located in the aesthetic tourist spot, particularly utilized for pilgrimage tourism, special attention is required for addressing the appearances of muck disposal sites, excavated slopes and built-up stretches of this very important approach road. The road project is beneficial to the people as the objective is maintaining all-weather connectivity between the valley of Kashmir and Ladakh Region.

Date 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020  
Place. Srinagar



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