

STATEMENT OF CASE

Title of the Proposal: "Diversion of 12.781 Ha of Deemed Forest Land for up-gradation to 2-lane of State Highway (SH-04) stretch from Nongjri to Maheshkola (from Existing km 31.70 to 59.270) (Design Length = 25.525 km) under SARDP-NE Phase "A" in the State of Meghalaya."

The project road is widening and up-gradation of existing road from Nongjri - Maheshkola from Existing km 31.70 to km 59.270 in South West Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya. The following stretches are passing through the Deemed Forest-

- km 31.70 to 33.90,
- km 43.40 to 45.90; and
- km 52.80 to 55.00

The proposed Up-gradation of existing road from Nongjri - Maheshkola will have following benefits:

- The existing alignment and proposed widening is best suitable alignment from technical point of view and requiring minimum forest area.
- Minimum numbers of trees will be affected.
- Fast and Safe Connectivity
- Decongestion of traffic on the road
- Savings in fuel, travel time and total transportation cost of road users.
- Reduction in road accidents.
- Employment opportunity to people.
- Development of tourism.
- Development of local industry and handicrafts.
- Quick transportation of agricultural produce and perishable goods.
- Improved quality of life for people

The road from Nongjri - Maheshkola (from Km 31.70 to Km 59.270) has been proposed for improvement to NHDL Specification. The design length of 25.525 Km can be divided as following.

Part	Project Road	Design Length (Km)	Forest Division	Remarks
1	Nongjri - Maheshkola (from Km 31.70 to Km 59.270)	25.525	West Khasi Hills	Approval of forest clearance under process

Total area required for muck disposal comes out to be 7.91 Ha for which private land has been identified and hence no forest land is being diverted on account of Muck Disposal. It is Proposed that diversion of deemed forest area of 12.781 Ha Nongjri to Maheshkola (from Km 31.70 to Km 59.270), which comes under West Khasi Hills Forest Division, South West Khasi Hills, District may please be done at the earliest.



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