

Diversion of 7.2834 hac. of Forest Land for Rehabilitation and Upgradation to Four Lane Configuration and Strengthening of Sihuni to Rajol (Package IIA) from KM 51.00 to KM 72.00 (Design Length of 18.450 km) of NH 20 (New NH 154) of Pathankot Mandi Section in the State of Himachal Pradesh

FILE NO. : FP/HP/Road/152261/2022

DATE OF PROPOSAL : 15.07.2022

FORM – ‘A’

Form for seeking prior approval under section 2 of the proposals
by the State Governments and other authorities

PART-I

(To be filled up by user agency)

I. Project details:	
(i) Short narrative of the proposal and project /scheme for which the forest land is required	The Proposal is submitted for Rehabilitation and Up-gradation to Four Lane Configuration and Strengthening of Sihuni to Rajol (Package IIA) from KM 51.00 to KM 72.00 (Design Length of 18.450 km) of NH 20 (New NH 154) of Pathankot Mandi Section in the State of Himachal Pradesh. The proposed Road, NH 154, Package IIA starts from Sihuni in Tehsil Jawali and ends at Rajol in Tehsil Shahpur. The proposed road is a part of the major link for the movement of traffic from Pathankot to Mandi and connects important towns Dramman, Shahpur and Rait. The said road is proposed to be widened to 4 lane and the Alignment Improvement Proposal requires 7.2834 ha of forest land and 27.7882 ha of Non-forest land. The proposed road falls in Nurpur Forest Division, Dalhousie Forest Division and Dharamshala Forest Division.
(ii) Map showing the required forest land, boundary of adjoining forest on a 1:50,000 scale map.	Layout Plan of the proposed area marked in relevant part of the SOI Topo Sheet is attached. Scale 1: 50,000.
(iii) Cost of the project:	Rs. 63761.70 Lakhs.
(iv) Justification for locating the project in forest area.	The Project road starts from existing km 51.00 near Sihuni and ends at existing Km 72.00 near Rajol having total Design Length of 18.450 km. The Project road is a part of Pathankot – Mandi Section of NH 20 (New NH 154) in the state of Himachal Pradesh. Considering the widening proposal of Project road from existing 2-lane to 4-lane with paved shoulder with geometric improvements, realignment as per relevant design standards. Since, existing Right of Way (EROW) is restricted, thus additional Right of Way (ROW) has been proposed for 4-laning with Paved Shoulder on existing alignment. In Rait village, habitation exist

	due to which by-pass has been proposed from design chainage Km 61.900 to Km 64.300 (Total length 2.400 km). There is no other alternative feasible for this project. Thus resulting into involvement of forest land to the tune of 7.2834 ha.			
(v) Cost-benefit analysis (to be attached).	Attached at Page No.			
(vi) Employment likely to be generated.	About 53854 Man days (100 Person x 53854 Hour = 53854 Days) will be generated for the local rural labor.			
2. Purpose-wise break-up of the total land required:				
SL. NO.	COMPONENT / DESCRIPTION	AREA IN FOREST LAND (in Ha.)	AREA IN Govt / PVT. LAND (in Ha.)	TOTAL AREA (in Ha.)
1.	Road alignment	6.9649	24.6357	31.6006
2.	Bridges	0.2105	0.8922	1.1027
3.	Culverts	0.0900	1.9440	2.0340
4.	VUP	0.0180	0.3163	0.3343
5.	Dumping Site	-	-	-
TOTAL AREA (in Ha.)		7.2834	27.7882	35.0716
3. Details of displacement of people due to the project, if any: i. Number of families. ii. Number of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribe families iii. Rehabilitation plan. (to be enclosed)		Rehabilitation & Resettlement Plan enclosed at Page No.		
4. Whether clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is required? (Yes/No).		No, Not Applicable.		
5. Undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation and / or penal compensatory afforestation as well as cost for protection and regeneration of Safety Zone, etc. as per the scheme prepared by the State Government		Attached at Page No.		
6. Details of Certificates/documents enclosed as required under the instructions. i) Copy of Geo-reference Map ii) Revenue Papers.		Attached at page No. Attached at page No.		

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