Inspection Report

Four laning of existing NH-17 from KM 475.040 to KM 611.00 in the State of Goa on BOT (Toll) basis under NHDP-III(Patradevi to Pollem Section on NH-17)

Public Works Department, Government of Goa has submitted a proposal for four laning of NH-17 from KM 475.040 to KM 611.00 of existing Patradevi to Pollem section.

The area was inspected on 26/07/2019 along with the official of the User Agency and South Goa Forest Division. The total area proposed for diversion is 29.836 ha. in South Goa Forest Division only.

Enumeration of the trees has been carried out within the forest land proposed for diversion. The total number of trees existing in the proposed area is 13471. The average canopy density is 0.9.

Sufficient nos. of underpasses and overpasses as suggested by the Forest Department have been proposed in the alignment by the User Agency for safe animal passage. In addition to this, the User Agency will require to install sign boards along the highway.

As such the project being site specific with no alternative available and considering the future requirement, the Diversion is recommended.

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