

**Full Title of the Project: Diversion of 1.8916 hectare Forest Land** in Himachal Pradesh for Up-gradation of Paonta Sahib-Ballupur (Dehradun) section from km 97.000 to km 149.000 of NH-72 in the State of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh.

**Proposal No.:** FP/HP/ROAD/144814/2021

**Check List No.10**

**Date of Proposal:** 15/07/2021

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

As per present and future growth in traffic, the existing 2-lane road between km 97.000 to 149.000 of NH-72 is not sufficient and is required to be widened to 4-lane standards. Presently the traffic passes through a congested area in Paonta Sahib which is required to be bypassed from safety and capacity considerations. For bypass a number of alignments were considered and the selected alignment involves least area of acquisition of land and structures. The alignment has been selected in such a manner that least forest land is involved. In Himachal Pradesh about 2 km length is greenfield alignment of bypass. Out of this 437 m length is in possession of Himachal Pradesh Forest Department. We are providing a bridge supported on pillars in the entire forest land. A part of this land is in the active channel and partly in the flood zone of Yamuna river.

It is further stated that the area of forest land involved for the development of a **bypass to Paonta Sahib between km 98.300 to km 104.000 of NH-72 in the State of Himachal Pradesh** is **bare minimum**.

**Place:** Dehradun

**Date:** 15.07.2021

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