

STATEMENT OF CASE

Title of the Proposal: “Diversion of 27.606 Ha of Baghmara Reserve Forest Land for up-gradation to 2-lane of State Highway (SH-04) stretch from Panda to Baghmara (from Existing km 119.800 to 139.00) (Design Length = 17.085 km) under SARDP-NE Phase “A” in the State of Meghalaya.”

The project road is widening and up-gradation of existing road from Panda - Baghmara from Existing km 119.800 to km 139.00 in South Garo Hills district of Meghalaya. The whole stretch is passing through the Baghmara Reserve forest.

The proposed Up-gradation of existing road from Panda - Baghmara 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	Panda - Baghmara (Km 119.800 to Km 139.00)	17.085	South Garo Hills	Approval of forest clearance under process

Total area required for muck disposal comes out to be 7.94 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 Baghmara Reserve forest area of 27.606 Ha from Panda to Baghmara (from Km 119.800 to Km 139.00), which comes under South Garo Hills Forest Division, South Garo Hills District may please be done at the earliest.




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