


COMMENTS ON PROJECT

The user's agency, the Executive Engineer, NH. Division, Sambalpur has applied for diversion of forest land for construction of road work such as "Widening of two lane with paved shoulder from 0/0Km to 119/0Km except from 81/0Km to 93/0Km of NH. 157 under EPC.

The total area proposed for diversion of forest land is 27.343 Ha. Out of this 19.621Ha forest diversion involved in this Forest Division. Rest 7.722 Ha required to be diverted in Phulbani Forest Division as mentioned by the D.F.O., Phulbani in the Vol-1. The compensatory afforestation scheme for twice of the area of the proposed diversion of forest land has been prepared by Boudh and Phulbani Forest divisions.

Environment and Ecology: - The project does not affect the environment adversely and also this project does not pass through national park, wildlife sanctuary area or other historic or cultural sites in the vicinity of the above stretch. Due to diversion of the forest land and consequently felling of trees in forest area the Compensatory Afforestation scheme has been enclosed separately, by Boudh Forest division is 40Ha against proposed diversion forest land of 19.621 Ha and Phulbani Forest Division has proposed 16 Ha for the diversion forest land of 7.722 Ha.

Necessity:- The former Vijayawada - Ranchi Naxalite Corridor road renamed as NH.157 is passing in L.W.E. area .This is the life line route for traffic commuting mainly from Southern Odisha to Western Odisha which traverses through the district mainly Boudh, Kandhamal and Ganjam. The stretch of this road passes in hilly and mountainous region. Due to increase in population and rapid industrialisation of the state in the recent past has caused enormous increase in the traffic volume, for which the road requires widening to avoid traffic congestion and accidents. Due to existing narrow road, it is alarming for the safety and security of vehicles and passers-by in this road. Further this road provides link to tourist and pilgrim location such as Raipur, Jharial temple, Nursinghanath temple and other cultural heritage of western Odisha. After widening of the road, the fuel consumption of the vehicles will be minimised. Due to construction of this road the employment in the locality would be generated, thus their per-capita income will rise and socio-economic development of the local people will be increased.


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