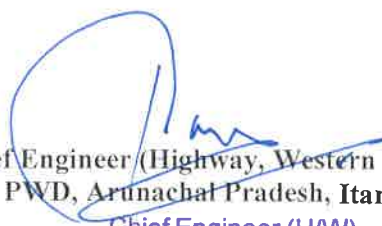


STATEMENT OF CASE

PROPOSAL FOR DIVERSION OF DUPRONG RESERVE FOREST LAND AREA 29.421 HECTARES UNDER BANDARDEWA FOREST DIVISION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF - "FOUR LANING OF NH-415 FROM DESIGN KM 40.400 TO 59.170 (PAPUNALA TO BANDARDEWA SECTION) (PACKAGE B & C) IN THE STATE OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH UNDER ANNUAL PLAN 2016-17 ON EPC MODE (LENGTH 18.770. KM)

1. The proposed 4-lane NH-415 from Bandardeva to Holongi passing through the Capital township of Itanagar and Naharlaun forms part of the Highway Development Package announced by the then Hon'ble former Prime Minister, Shri Manmohan Singh during His visit to Itanagar on 31st January, 2008.
2. The National Highway will connect the State Capital of Arunachal Pradesh covering a distance of 29.670 KM with connectivity to Assam and rest of the country at both ends viz; Bandardeva and Holongi. This road is important for the internal communication within the capital townships of Itanagar to Naharlagun, besides endowing connectivity of the State Capital to the Assam and rest of the Country.
3. The four laning of National Highway will decrease the travel time from Itanagar to Bandardeva from the rest of the country tremendously, besides easing the traffic congestions in sections of Itanagar and Naharlagun during peak hours. The road section from Bandardeva to Itanagar was constructed long back during the late 1970s.
4. The highway has been designed as a 4-laner National Highways, with a carriageway width of $7.00 \times 2 = 14.00$ metres with an median of 1.20 metres in between. The formation width of the road is 20.70 metres. The design length of the proposed four lane road comes to 18.770 KMs after realignment and grade correction of the existing road. This length includes the 18.770 KM from Papunala Bridge (Naharlagun) to Bandardeva falls within the confines of Duprong Reserve Forest area and for which the current application is being made. The design and drawings of the proposed road alignment has already been prepared which forms part of the DPR submitted and approved by the Central Ministry. Bidding and construction of the highway has already been completed.
5. Since, the existing road alignment falls on the proposed alignment, therefore, necessary deductions of the forest land area has been done in the current application.
6. The land use pattern along the road alignment shows the land available mostly falls **on Duprong Reserve Forest area**. The entire stretch of 18.770 KM from Papunala Bridge (Naharlagun) (KM 40.400) to Bandardeva (KM 59.170) is being proposed for **Forest Clearance**.

7. The project has strategic importance and is related to development of the road infrastructures in the State of Arunachal Pradesh, particularly in the State Capital of Itanagar. It is immensely boosted the socio-economic status of the people of the State with new visits of employment generation.
8. The proposal has been prepared as per **Forest Conservation Act, 1980** obtaining Clearance from the **Ministry of Environment & Forest, New Delhi**.
9. In view of the importance of the project, it is requested to accord **Forest Clearance** at an early date.



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