

## भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण

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## JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

The road NH-965, Jejuri to Hadapsar exists prior enactment of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposed road is a link to various places of pilgrimage, as such, always occupied with heavy traffic. To cope up with present and future demand of expanded lanes to accommodate increased traffic volume and to ensure adequate safety, the road needs widening and four laning with central verge.

The road pass through certain patches of Forest Land. The road intersects the Forest Land at few places, hence, attracts provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The project requires Forest Clearance i. e. prior approval under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 from the Central Government.

Since, there is no other alternative to the existing road, the widening and four laning is proposed to the existing alignment. Hence, the Forest Land cannot be avoided while executing the project. The Forest Land proposed for diversion is, thus, unavoidable. The barest minimum Forest Land, to the extent of 11.2 Ha., is proposed to be diverted in the extant proposal.

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