

Justification for locating the Project in forest land

- Existing Intermediate lane carriageway of Ch KM 48.603 to KM 49.817 of NH-131A will be improved and upgraded to 3-Lane ROB. The entire road passes through plain terrain of Katihar District.
- The project ROB is of significant importance as the level crossing is situated in thickly populated area called Durgapur of Katihar. It is in approach of main Katihar town and main road for Katihar yard. As the rail line is the main line to connect north India, huge no of trains crosses the LC throughout the day. It causes highly traffic congestion and slow down vehicle movement when LC closes for train. The project ROB separates the congested road and LC and NH with 2-Lane ROB with service road. This will improve traffic movement and congestion free traffic.
- The widening of existing NH-131A is to be undertaken on the adjoining land of existing NH-131A as other alignment option is not feasible in the project.
- The adjoining area along the road for the entire stretch has been considered as forest land. The project will be implemented in this forest land and the type of forest is unclassified.