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(सङ्क परिवान और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय) (Ministry of Road Transport & Highways) परियोजना क्रियान्ययन इकाई - मेरठ Project Implementation Unit, Meerut ए-1, वैष्णो धाम, निकट गायत्री हाईटस, कंकरखेड़ा, एन.एच.-58, मेरठ-250001 A-1, Valshno Dham, Near Gayatri Heights, Kankerkhera, NH-58, Meerut-250001 टेकीफोन/Telephone: 0121-2631228, 2631129 ई-मेल /e-mail: meerut@nhal.org, plu_meerut@yahoo.co.in



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To,

The NODAL Officer
Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF),
17, Rana Pratap Marg, Lucknow, (UP.), 226001

Subject: -Forest Land Diversion proposal for "Improvement and Up-gradation to 4-lane configuration of Meerut - Nazibabad Section of NH-119 between Km. 39+250 to Km. 79+500 in the state of Uttar Pradesh –reg.

Ref: EDS from office of the NODAL officer, Lucknow dated 31 -05-2019,

Proposal no – FP/UP/ROAD/43253/2019.

Sir,

Please refer to the above captioned subject and aforementioned reference. In compliance of your above said EDS, the rectification has been made. Point wise EDS and their compliances are attached as Anexure-1 with this letter.

Further, it is requested to approve/accept the proposal for onward process and submission to the concerned offices.

Your's Sincerely,

(Dinesh Kumar Chaturvedi) Project Director

Annexure - 1

File no.:- FP/UP/ROAD/43253/2019.

Compliance of EDS of NODAL officer, Lucknow dated 29th Jan 2020.

SL No.	Details of EDS	Compliance
1	It was found after examining the resubmitted proposal that part of proposed new road passing through protected area. As per Para-12.14 (b) of guidelines issued by MoEF&CC (2019) new roads shall not be proposed inside National park and wildlife sanctuary.	 With reference of above said guideline this to state that this project road is not a new road, it is existing road (NH119) and at four locations realignment have been proposed. Further, wish to bring your kind attention on same para 12.14 (d) which reads "the case of widening of existing road if unavoidable due to reason of purpose and alignment could be placed before the standing committee which shall consider such case keeping in view the feasibility of mitigation measures irrespective of cost". As there are village and settlement along the project road inside Wildlife Area, widening is not feasible at four location that's why the existing road realigned and curves are improved from safety point of view. Both side of the project road is part of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary which is notified on 11th August 1986 while the road exists prior to its notification. Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary is broadly linear in shape along the river Ganga and if project road is designed to avoid Wildlife Area, more than 55 km road length to be constructed. 2-lane will be bottleneck for the traffic from Meerut to Bijnore. Moreover, from Km.57.000 to Km.71.000 existing carriageway has very poor geometry keeping in mind the Safety of road users. During, Shraavanmela there is heavy traffic pressure on this road and almost remain Jam. Also, this road is one of the main connecting roads between Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Although the project road section gets sanctioned on 7/10/2019 but DPR prepared long back and land acquisition process is partly done. Inside, wildlife sanctuary area, most of the land is still

- with private owner where agricultural activities are going on.Bare minimum 22.6 ha(PF + RF)forest land within Wildlife area is proposed to be diverted while non forest land requirement is 206.8 ha.This project will remove bottleneck & congestion within Hastinapur Wildlife sanctuary.
- 9. Further, it is to confirm and undertake that although proposed RoW is kept 60 meters, but keeping in view of direction of MOEFCC dated 23.07.2019 (File No:-F.No. 7-9/ 2010· NTCA (Part) and MoRTH Circular dated 29.05.2019, the construction road width will be limited to 30 meters only except structures and remaining width 15 meter both side, native plantation will be done.
- 10.It is also undertaken that, for smooth movement of wildlife across the project road, all the mitigation measures will be taken as per applicable guidelines and suggestions of Forest/Wildlife Department as well as Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun and also stipulated conditions of CWLW, SBWL and SCNBWL.

Sir,

Keeping in view of above said fact, we request to consider the proposal and approve it for further process and onward submission.

Thanking You,

(Dinesh Kumar Chaturvedi)
Project Director

Project Director
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PIU- Meerut