



**भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण**  
**NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA**  
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**The Nodal Officer,**  
Forest Complex, Sheikh Bagh,  
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**Sub:** Submission of Forest Proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the diversion of forest land for non- forest purpose for the project “Development of Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway (Phase-II Pkg-XV) [Junction with Hiranagar Road near village Gurha Baildaran to Junction with Jammu Ring Road (NH-244A) near Jakh village from Km 468+100 to Km 503+250]-Reg.

Sir,

The proposed project pertains to Development of Package-15 (KM 468+100 to KM 503+250) of Phase-II of Delhi-Katra Expressway. The project starts at Km. 468.100 at village Gurha Baildaran of Hiranagar Tehsil in Kathua District and ends at Km 503.250 at village Bagla of Vijaypur Tehsil in Samba District in the UT of J&K. The proposed project will improve overall connectivity from Delhi to Katra. The development will also improve the connectivity between the UT of Jammu and Kashmir with the major cities of Punjab State, Haryana State and the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

The proposed project shall affect the local communities positively as it shall create a new shortest alternate route from Delhi to Katra as compared to current connectivity which is long and carrying the heavy traffic.

In pursuance of the above, National Highways Authority of India, PIU-Jammu has been appointed as Project Implementation Unit for the proposed development.

The total length of the proposed project alignment is 35.150 Km. The Forest Land identified in concerned forest division is included in this proposal for your kind consideration and recommendation for grant of the diversion of Forest land for non- forest purpose. It is pertinent to mention that we are willing to pay the amount towards Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and Net Present value (NPV) etc. as per the government regulations.

This is a time bound project and has a potential to contribute in the economic wellbeing of local people of the adjoining area. Therefore, we kindly request you to consider the proposal and recommend granting the permission for the diversion of forest land.

Yours Sincerely

  
**(Y P S Jadon)**  
Project Director  
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**Copy to:** Shri Sudhanshu Kumar, Project Manager, M/s Feedback Infra Pvt. Ltd, Gurgaon, Haryana for information and necessary follow up action.