

## **Development of Package-15 (KM 468+100 to KM 503+250) of Phase-II of Delhi-Katra Expressway**

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### **CHECKLIST: 04**

#### **A DETAILED NOTE ON THE PROJECT**

Government of India has decided to develop Delhi - Katra Expressway to improve the efficiency of freight & transport movement in the region. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is the nodal agency to implement the project. NHAI has appointed M/s. Feedback Infra Pvt. Ltd., Gurugram as the DPR consultant for the proposed project.

The proposed project is 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 total length of the proposed project alignment is 35.150 Km. About 1.9891 ha of Forest area shall be affected by the development of proposed project. There is no Wildlife Sanctuary / National Park / other protected areas located in the project affected districts. The project will require approx. 83.3998 ha of Non forest land.

The proposed project will improve 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.

At present, the connectivity between Delhi and Katra is either through NH-44 or through a combination of NH-352, 52 & 703, 703B, 54 & 44, which are 4/6 lanes. The proposed expressway shall bring down the travel distance and result in time savings of commuters. Moreover, the proposed route will be developed as access-controlled expressway which will improve road safety, save travel time and cost, generate employment, decongest existing routes, boost tourism and commercial activities in nearby areas etc. The proposed project shall improve trade efficiency and bring economic growth in the region.



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