

**CHECKLIST: 10**

**JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA**


The proposed project pertains to Development of Package-17 (KM 515+000 to KM 566+475) of Phase-II of Delhi-Katra Expressway. The project starts at Km. 515.000 at Kunjwani Chowk in Jammu District and ends at Km 566.475 at village Parthal of Katrar Tehsil in Reasi District in the UT of J&K. The total length of the proposed project alignment is 51.475 Km. The proposed Expressway will overall 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.

The proposed route is crossing several forest areas in the project affected districts. About **36.2511** ha of Forest land shall be affected by the development of proposed project. There are three protected areas located in the project i.e Bahu Conservation Reserve, Ramnagar Wildlife Sanctuary & Nandini Wildlife Sanctuary. The proposed route has been chosen for the following reasons: -

- Minimum forest area
- Minimum tree felling
- Minimum number of crossings over river, drains and canals
- Minimum demolition of private and government structures.
- Road gradients are suitable for likely traffic.

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