

Annexure-IX

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN PROTECTED FOREST AREA

Project: Detailed Project report for "Up-gradation of Mahuva- Savarkundla- Amreli- Bagasara-Jetpur section of NH-351 in the State of Gujarat to two/four lane with paved shoulder configuration"

The project is being developed by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways(MoRTH), Government of India(GoI) under facilitation of Indian Academy of Highway Engineers(IAHE), Noida through the office of the Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Rajkot, Gujarat as project implementing Unit (PIU).

The Project start from Km 0+000 at Mahuva and Passes through Savar Kundla, Amreli, Bagasara, Vadiya And Jetpur having a total length of km 177+829 . The proposed project cover three districts namely Bhavnagar, Amreli and Rajkot district of Gujarat State.

The existing road is a two lane carriage way with earthen and paved shoulder on both sides . The development proposal involves widening of existing road on both sides with curve improvement at few places to improve the existing road condition in order to have a better facility in a long continuous stretch. Sufficient care has been taken during the design stage to avoid acquisition of forest areas located along the project road. However, roadside plantation along the existing road being notified as Protected forests, diversion of protected forest land is unavoidable.

Place:.....

Date:.....

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