

APPROVAL OF DPR

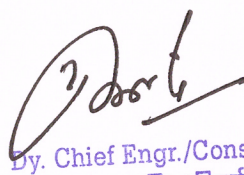
Name of Work: Construction of Main Approach Road from Tunnel T14 P1 to Tunnel T14 Adit (USBRL project)

Northern Railway construction unit is a department under ministry of Railway Government of India and holding responsibility for construction of railway line from Udhampur to Srinagar to Baramulla in Jammu & Kashmir. Udhampur Srinagar Baramulla Rail Link Project is of national importance as it will provide connectivity to Kashmir valley with the rest of the nation. The project will be a booster for tourism industry and hassle free movement of army to border areas. Moreover the USBRL Project is kept on "PRAGATI" Portal and the progress of the same is being monitored by Hon'able Prime Minister himself.

The Railway line from Udhampur to Katra and Banihal to Baramulla has already been completed and section from Katra to Banihal is under construction. The section of approach road from tunnel T14P1 to tunnel T14 Adit is a part of the USBRL Project. As it is a part of USBRL Project the approach road is needed for speedy construction of tunnel T14 so as to ensure the completion of the project and the road is also an important part of disaster management plan. Without diversion of the above forest land the USBRL project cannot be completed. The road from T14P1 to T14 Adit is of total length 9450 meters. The road from Tunnel T14P1 onwards 5525 meters has already been acquired/diverted vide final award dated 17.11.2008 and vide FST number 200 FST of 2008 dated 27.05.2008.

The balance road for length 3925 meters along with one dumping yard falls in the forest area is in two districts that is 1425 meters in district Reasi and 2500 meters in district Ramban.

Hence I Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction/Northern Railway hereby approve the "Detailed Project Report" (DPR) for the main approach road from T14P1 to Adit T14. Furthermore, diversion of the forest land is the only option for completion of the said project.



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