

**Full title of the Project:** Diversion of 39.7656 Ha of Forest Land for Construction of 6-lane structures on NH-1 Section (KM 407+000 to KM 444+794) on Brownfield Amritsar Spur of Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway in Kapurthala and Amritsar District of Punjab State

### CHECKLIST: 10

### JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

The proposed project pertains to improvement of existing structure on NH-1 Section (KM 407+000 to KM 444+794) under Rectification of Blackspots on Brownfield Amritsar Spur of Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway. The project location starts at Km 407+000 at Ghuluwal village in Kapurthala Tehsil of Kapurthala District and ends at Km 444+794 at Rakh Jhita village in Amritsar II Tehsil of Amritsar District in the Punjab State. The proposed improvement will reduce the existing traffic congestion on the highway. Moreover, the proposed improvement will enhance road safety, save fuel and cost, generate employment, boost tourism and commercial activities in nearby areas etc. The proposed project shall improve trade efficiency and bring economic growth in the region.

The improvement will affect the plantation along the existing highway. To ensure minimum social disturbance, proposed improvement will be limited to existing RoW.

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