

Project Name: Forest proposal for Approach Road with Avalanches Protection Works from Z-morh Tunnel East Portal to Zojilla Tunnel West Portal in Ganderbal district of Jammu & Kashmir.

Joint Inspection Report

A joint site visit was carried out on 25.07.2020 for inspection of the project road alignment "Approach Road with Avalanches Protection Works in between Z-morh Tunnel East Portal to Zojilla Tunnel West Portal" located in Ganderbal district of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. During the joint site inspection visit Mr. Fareed Ahmad (Tehsildar, Gund), Mr. Ghulam Hassan Sheikh (Patwari) from Revenue Department; Mr. Farooz Nazir, (Range Officer), Mr. Noor Mohd (Forester), Mr. Farooq Ahmad Bhat (Block Officer), Mr Fayaz Ahmad Raina (Block Officer) from Thajwas Baltal Wildlife Sanctuary; Mr. Malik Farooz (Range Officer), Mr. Ab. Gani Haklan (Block Officer), Mr. Gh. Nabi (Gaurd) from Forest Department along with NHIDCL officials and representatives of DPR Consultant (SMEC) were present.

It was found during site inspection visit that, the project road alignment has rightly been selected from the social, technical, environment and economical point of view in which a total of approx. 49.59 ha forest land is proposed to be diverted for the project road. It is also confirmed that, width of existing National Highway- 1 (project stretch) has been measured to be 11m by the respective Patwari in the boundary of Thajwas- Baltal Wildlife Sanctuary. The Initial project stretch of existing National Highway-1 is touching the boundary of Thajwas- Baltal Wildlife Sanctuary in a length of 156m at right hand side (Hill Side) and 216m at left hand side (Valley Side).

It is also certified that, there is no suitable alternative available other than selected one for the implementation of the project road, and requirement of the forest land is bare minimum.

