

**Name of Project:** Improvement of Bahraich - Gonda section of State Highway No. 30 from Km 4+150 to Km 64+232 of SH-30 in Bahraich and Gonda district in the State of Uttar Pradesh

### Justification of Project Location in Forest Area

The Government of Uttar Pradesh has requested the World Bank through Government of India (GoI) to provide assistance for improvement of the Core Road Network (CRN) of the state. The Government of Uttar Pradesh has a long-term program to improve the Core Road Network (CRN) and, as part of this program, has applied for a financial assistance from the World Bank for developing the Uttar Pradesh Core road Network Development Project (UPCRNDP).

Uttar Pradesh Public Works Department (UP PWD), Government of Uttar Pradesh has been entrusted to improvement of Bahraich Gonda road section (SH-30) from existing Km 4+150 to Km 64+232. The Project Road SH-30 is a part of Nepal Ganj-Ayodhya (Nepalganj-Nanpara-Bahraich-Gonda -Ayodhya) corridor. The road section North of Bahraich is upgraded to National Highway (NH-730) and the section south of Gonda is also upgraded to National Highway facility(NH-330). The only leftover section is the project corridor SH-30 between Gonda and Bahraich.

The project road section Bahraich-Gonda is a part of State Highway No. 30 (SH-30) which starts from Dularpur village at outskirts of Bahraich town of in Bahraich District of U.P. at Y intersection with Bahraich Balrampur/Shravasti Road section of NH-730 and terminates in Gonda city at a four-armed junction named as Police Chowk Chauraha, where project road meets road connecting Balrampur/Shravasti in one direction and Faizabad in other direction. The total length of project section is 59.237 Km.

The project road passes through Bahraich and Gonda districts in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The district wise project stretch is as follows:

S. No	Name of District	Starting Ch. (km)	End Ch. (km)	Category	Length (Km)
1.	Bahraich	4+150	40+200	Existing alignment Upgradation	36.050
2.	Gonda	40+200	62+290	Existing alignment Upgradation	22.090
		63+135	64+232	Existing alignment Upgradation	1.097
<b>Total</b>					<b>59.237</b>

Based on present traffic and projected future traffic, there is immediate requirement of upgrading the existing road section to standard 2-lane configuration with paved shoulder. The development of this road section will ensure better, faster and uninterrupted connectivity. This will play a significant role in reducing the pollution besides savings in vehicle operating costs less fuel consumption and decreased cost and time of passenger travel. The proposed project road will give significant economic impetus to Uttar Pradesh State and will help in changing the socio-economic condition of the people living in the region and generate direct and indirect employment to the local people.

The Right of Way (RoW) of the proposed Bahraich Gonda road section of SH-30 is declared as Protected Forest. The existing RoW varies from 18m to 43.8 m. The proposed widening and improvement is mainly confined to the RoW. A small section of 0.845 Km from Km 62+290 to Km 63+135 in Janaki Nagar is excluded from the project as construction of ROB at this section is already in progress. So, the total project length comes to 59.237 Km. To accommodate the proposed improvement within the existing RoW beyond existing formation width a total area of 82.7212 Ha of Forest Land (Protected Forest) would require to be diverted and is unavoidable and this is the only option.

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