

Name of the Proposal:

Diversion of Protected Forest Land for improvement and up-gradation to 2-lane with paved shoulders configuration of Aligarh to Moradabad Section of NH-93 between Km 100.372 to Km 142.220 in Social Forestry Division, Bulandshahar (Bulandshahar District) in Uttar Pradesh State.

PROJECT NOTE

National Highways Authority of India has taken work for improvement and up-gradation of Aligarh to Moradabad Section of NH-93. The project road starts from Aligarh and ends at Moradabad. The project road will be upgraded to two lanes with paved shoulders section of km 85.700 to km 232.000 in Uttar Pradesh State. The project length is 146.300 km. The project road is situated in Aligarh, Bulandshahar, Sambhal and Moradabad Districts. The project road has been developed as per applicable Indian Road Congress (IRC) and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRT&H) guidelines.

The project road will have many advantages for area and region. Some of the important advantages are:

- Savings in vehicle operating costs.
- Faster, comfortable journeys.
- Safer travel.
- Benefits to trade especially in movement of perishable goods.
- Reduced maintenance costs.
- All round development of areas

The project road lie in the Gangetic plains, the alignment traverses through flat terrain. Area along the project road is agricultural land.

The project road will give significant economic benefits to the area. Better connectivity will ease difficult access of the region. The proper implementation with international best practices would lead to a sustainable development objective. The project will generate direct and indirect employment to the local people of the area. The indirect benefits include savings in vehicle operating costs. All environmental enhancement measures, such as, the Rain shelters, planting of trees and cultural property rehabilitation will also benefit the communities. Over all roads safely situation will be improved. There will be decrease in road traffic accidents immediately after implementation of the project. Summarily, up-gradation of the project road will have following benefits.

- a. To accelerate regional economic development in terms of industry, tourism and agriculture.
- b. To reduce vehicle operating and maintenance costs by improving road conditions.
- c. To reduce travel time by minimizing congestion in urban stretches and providing a two lane facility over there.
- d. To minimize road accidents by increasing road widths, improving intersections and road geometry.
- e. The project may also generate local employment opportunities through the construction activities and local business.
- f. Abatement of ambient air and noise pollution in comparison to a do-nothing situation.

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