## Justification for locating the Project in forest land

Considering the present heavy vehicle Traffic Scenario and available Right-of Way, the National Highway Division, Gaya Bihar has decided to Widening from 2-lane to 4-lane of km 92.935 (start point of old NH-82) to 99.685 km (End Point of Gaya Bypass of NH-83) of NH-120 (Total Length = 6.750 km) in the state of Bihar. The Government of India has decided to upgrade the project stretch for better connectivity to people in order to improve the condition of the road transport network of the state and contribute to its economy development. The implementation of rehabilitation and up-gradation of this part to be taken under the control of Road Construction Department N.H. Division Gaya.

The total length of the project road is 6.750 km from Km Ch. 92.935 to Km Ch. 99.685 NH-120 is passing under the administrative boundary of Gaya Forest Division, Bihar. As the project stretches stretch from Km Ch. 92.935 to Km Ch. 99.685 NH-120 do not passes through any Reserve Forest only the road side plantation / trees fall under the jurisdiction of Forest department declared as Notified Protected Forest by the Govt. of Bihar (*Annexure-II*) under the Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980. *Therefore Forest Clearance to be accorded from Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India for felling of trees under Notified Protected Forest Land on proposed widening and geometric improvement work of existing 2 Lane to 4- lane stretch from Km. 92.935 to Km. 99.685 of NH-120. And approx. 25.65 Ha. Forest land will be affected.* 

## **Total Forest Area Diversion (Under Dist. Gaya Forest Division) = 25.65 Ha.**

Date: - 18.07.2021 Place:- Gaya

Executive E N. H. Division.

Executive Engineer N.H. Division, Gaya