

Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PMGSY (JKRRDA) DIVISION GANDERBAL

Justification Letter for Forest Land Diversion

The project Construction of road from Thune to Badipathri, Package No. JK-1349, Stage Ist was sanctioned under Phase VII of PMGSY and subsequently allotted to M/S Umar Soil and Construction Works vide S.E Srinagar's letter No. SE/PMGSY/S/WS/5190-93 dated 28-10-2021. The objective of the project is to provide connectivity to the habitations of Badipathri and Thune Bala having population of 2129 souls (Census 2001) in Village Thune of District Ganderbal. The proposed road will serve as a lifeline to the habitations which are facing extreme hardships in absence of road connectivity. The proposed road will boost overall development of the area by providing connectivity, and most importantly, it will provide access to basic facilities of life. However, the road passes through forest area for a length of about 5.00 km involving about 4 Hectares of forest land which needs to be diverted for early completion of scheme.

The forest area could not be avoided as the proposed alignment is the only viable and technically feasible route for connecting the target habitation.

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