

Justification of locating the project in forest area

The project proposal is widening and strengthening of existing double lane National Highway to two lane with paved shoulder standard from Km 35/700 to 71/120km of NH-220 which cover Raiarnngpur Forest division and Karanjia Forest Division, One realignment has been proposed measuring 1423Mtr along with two curve correction to eradicate sharp curves which are a cause of major accident in the forest patch. The present proposal will totally erase the curve and also will enhance the design speed to more than 65km/Hr, which was earlier less than 30Km/Hr and not in conformity with NH standard.

The Improvement of this road will serve the following purpose

- (i) Reduce accident & improve traffic comfort.
- (ii) Improve industrial activities such as mining and encourage transportation iron ore via road.
- (iii) Reduce traffic congestion.
- (iv) Environmental and Social aspects of the settlement mainly tribal's adjoining the road will improve.

Hence minimum bare requirement of forest area has been taken into consideration for diversion in this project.



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