

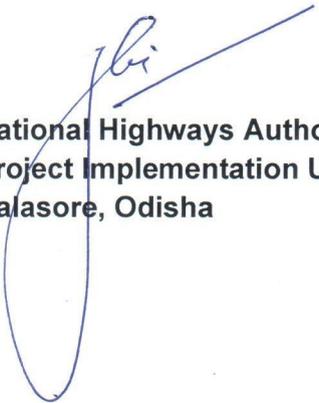
## JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

The project road of 7.6 km stretch of of Baharagora to Singhara Section (Km 199.200 to Km 310.806) of NH-6 Package I starts at Km 229.00 and ends at Km 236.600 passing through the buffer zone of Simlipal Tiger Reserve in the Bangriposi Ghat section.

The existing stretch is a critical location with respect to safety aspects leading to frequent accidents on the route, hence, it is necessary to improve the said stretch to 4 lane standards.

The Widening of existing carriageway is the only feasible option as far as the technical aspects are concerned which requires the bare minimum land under the protected area instead of construction of new 4-lane road, as it will involve significant amount of land acquisition which will include forest land and protected areas too.

However, there is no suitable alternative land to widen the alignment as the proposed widening of NH-6 (Km 229.00 to Km 236.600) is proposed on the existing road. The forest area proposed for improvement proposal is the barest minimum.



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