FULL JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA (UN-AVOIDANCE OF THE FOREST AREA FOR THE PURPOSE)

The existing road between Vijayawada to Jagadalpur is a narrow BT road and has been declared as National Highway 30 and the road is not upto the National Highway standards and cannot handle the increased highway traffic. The existing road from Km.192/827 to 196/865 is passing through Madhavarao Peta RF, from Km.198/148 to 202/982 is passing through Bandirevu RF and from Km.207/240 to 211/824 is passing through Pegha RF of Chintoor Forest Division and the width of existing road is only 10.0. In In order to meet the existing road to handle the increase in traffic , except widening of existing road , there is no any other alternative. Hence diversion of **25.31** Ha of forest land is proposed.

This road after completion would further improve connectivity in terms of achieving smooth and safe traffic flow and improve level of service. In addition to above, substantial economic gain in terms of reduced Vehicle Operating Cost (VOC) and reduced travel time will be achieved.

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