

## **JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA**

Bihar State Road Development Corporation Ltd (BSRDCL), A Government of Bihar Undertaking" proposed to upgrade the Baysi- Bahadurganj- Dighalbank road section of SH 99 in Bihar state. SAI Consulting Engineers Pvt. Ltd, engaged for preparation of said project, proposed the forest clearance proposal in which minimum land required/taken for widening & improvement in comparison to New 2 lane road. Project Road section from Km 0.000 to Km 32.035 falls in Purnia district and Km 32.035 to Km 73.840 falls in Kishanganj district. As per Bihar State Van Vibhag Gazette Notification- no. 190 E dated Feb. 16/02/1994, project road section up to Mahadeo dighi Chauk is notified as protected forest and therefore, Protected forest area along the existing road need to be diverted.

Forest Clearance proposal is for the diversion of 69.178 ha. of notified protected forest land, out of which 49.841 ha of forest land (km 0.000 to 32.035) falls in Purnia District & 19.337 ha of Forest land (km 32.035 to km 73.840) falls in Kishanganj District.



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