

**NAME OF WORK/ PROPOSAL:- CONSTRUCTION OF DHARLI TO  
BALAG ROAD KM. 0/00 TO 18/900.**

**File No. :- FP/HP/ROAD/49449/2020**

**Date of Proposal :- 05 Sep 2020**

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


The User Agency has scrutinized all feasible alternative sites in detail for locating the proposed project. Various non-forest and lesser forest land alternatives within the project influence area were examined with due diligence, keeping in view technical feasibility, administrative suitability, accessibility, availability of land, terrain conditions, proximity to the beneficiary population, and overall project viability.


During the examination of alternatives, it was observed that non-forest land options were either unavailable, fragmented, under private ownership, already utilized for essential public infrastructure, or unsuitable due to adverse topography, unstable geological conditions, inadequate access, or excessive distance from the service area. Some alternative sites, though technically feasible, involved substantially higher numbers of trees, larger forest area, or would have resulted in greater ecological disturbance compared to the presently proposed site.

Detailed enumeration of trees and area assessment were carried out for all explored alternatives. Comparative analysis revealed that the proposed forest land involves the minimum forest area, least number of trees, and lowest environmental impact among all examined options. Alternatives involving lesser forest area were found to be technically unviable, while those involving non-forest land were not acceptable due to compelling administrative, legal, and site-specific constraints.

The reasons for rejection or acceptance of each alternative have been duly recorded, clearly indicating that avoidance of forest land has been attempted to the maximum extent possible. However, in view of the absence of suitable non-forest land and the essential public utility nature of the project, the proposed forest land location has emerged as inescapable.

Accordingly, the proposed project site is unavoidable, and no other viable alternative exists which would cause lesser damage to forest resources. The proposal has therefore been submitted with complete justification, in accordance with the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and relevant guidelines issued by the Government of India.

  
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