

**Up-gradation to 2/4 lane with paved shoulder configuration of Gadchiroli-Sironcha of NH- 353 C in the State of Maharashtra by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways from Ashti to Sironcha in Gadchiroli District of State of Maharashtra . : Pkg. 2 Chainage 182.350 to 225.00 from Ashti to Allapalli**

**Annexure 1**

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

In the State of Maharashtra, Nagpur –Sakoli- Gadchiroli – Chamorshi – Ashti – Nagepalli - Sironcha forms an important highway for movement of goods from Nagpur southwards as also is the main artery serving the relatively underdeveloped areas of Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra. This highway recently upgraded as NH 353 C, from Sakoli to Sironcha, is an amalgamation of erstwhile State Highway (SH) 11 and State Highway (SH) 9.

Since the program of upgradation of road with widening of existing road, same road alignment is to be used as brown field project. Existing road is passing through dense forest of Eco-Class 3 . The widening is proposed on the same central line of existing road except small curve improvement and realignment at few following places to reduce the curve for safety point with less forest land. There is no other alternatives but to strengthen existing road with minimum forest land involvement

Diversion of Forest land for non forestry use under Forest Conservation Act:

Up-gradation and widening of existing road is passing through ranges of Allapalli Division and Sironcha Division. Range wise and Tanka wise forest land is furnished in following table

Sr.No	Name of Village	Forest	Non Forest	Total
1	Ashati		0.515	0.515
2	Allapalli Mashat		2.479	2.479
3	Nokewad Rith		1.160	1.160
4	Gitali	0.149	2.131	2.280
5	Lagam Chak		3.439	3.439
6	Lagam Mal	0.235	1.540	1.775
7	Chutugutta Mal		2.715	2.715
8	Shantigram	0.303	5.210	5.513
9	Forest	1.717		1.717
10	Raipur patch	1.232	3.121	4.352
11	Bori	0.093	0.219	0.312
12	Rampur chak	1.020	2.219	3.240
13	Mahaghav Khurd	1.000	0.706	1.706
14	Cherpalli dina	2.106	0.480	2.586
15	Khamncheru	1.356	4.613	5.970
16	Italcheru	0.706	1.667	2.373
17	Forest	9.400		9.400
18	Nagepallidina	5.609	2.383	7.991
19	Bhurkampalli	4.587		4.587
20	Forest	2.197		2.197
21	Tekampalli	2.776		2.776
22	Forest	2.776		2.776
23	Forest	10.402		10.402
24	Mosam	1.637	3.380	5.017
25	Forest	4.515		4.515
	<b>Total</b>	<b>53.815</b>	<b>37.976</b>	<b>91.791</b>

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For widening the project, diversion of above forest land of the existing road plus additional land required for the purpose of widening will be required under Forest Conservation Act. Since the forest involved in the existing road does not have any notification on deforestation of this road and hence entire ROW of 22 has been considered for diversion as per the guidelines of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change . .


**ROW PROPOSED FOR THE DIVERSION PURPOSE:**

1. It is proposed to divert forest for the road in width 22 meter from central line for the entire alignment and therefore the trees are to be cleared in the 22 meter. Efforts would also be made to save the trees in shoulders.
2. In the wild life areas It is proposed to divert forest land only in 18 meter along with wild life conservation measures as suggested by Wild Life Institute and NTCA in consultation with forest department and project director of WLS.

Therefore the requirement of forest is minimum for the purpose of project as it is site specific project due to up-gradation of existing road only and hence justified.

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