

## भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण

(सहक परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय)

## NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

(Ministry of Road Transport and Highways) उप महाप्रबंधक (तक्षनीकी) सह परियोजना निदेशक के कार्यालय परियोजना कार्यान्वयन इकाई Office of the Deputy General Manager cum Project Director

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## NHAI/PIU/Karaikudi/11024/07/2019/ 2140

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To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai.

## JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT DIVERTING FOREST LAND

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has been entrusted with the assignment of Development / Improvement / Augmentation of 2 laning with paved shoulders from Km.94/000 to Km.174/000 (Design Chainage from Km.94/000 to Km.174/000) of Karaikudi - Ramanathapuram Section of NH-210 including 500m on SH-35 Madurai Road (near Devakottai Rasta Railway Station) in the State of Tamil Nadu on EPC mode (Total Design Length 80.000Kms) under NHDP Phase-III

The proposed road serves as a main connecting corridor between the Karaikudi, Ramanathapuram connecting Rameshwaram where Rameswaram, is a town in the Ramanathapuram district, considered to be one of the holiest places in India to Hindus, and part of the Char Dham pilgrimage.

Current project road is and up-gradation of existing road to 2 lane with paved shoulders configuration along with geometric improvements as per IRC guidelines. As there is an increase in traffic volume along the existing road, existing road need upgradation to 2 lane with paved shoulders configuration with proposed Right of Way. The proposed alignment follows the existing alignment to the maximum extent possible without compromising safety and technical aspects.

The alignment within forest area suits the existing topography and minimum forest land diversion utilizing the already existing RoW along the project road near the forest locations.

Any other alternative chosen for the project shall increase the length of the project road by greater margin and also affect the local biodiversity, involves acquisition of more private, government lands.

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