

Annexure 1

NOTE ON JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

Government of India wants to take up capacity augmentation and up-gradation of the existing National Highways in the State of Maharashtra to two lanes with paved shoulders Standards with enhanced safety standards to road users. The work needs to be taken up for up-gradation on corridor concept. In order to provide corridor includes strengthening (in addition reaches) as well as widening of 2 lane concrete road with paved shoulder standard would be essential.

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India has decided to take up the development of various National Highways Corridors where the intensity of traffic has increased significantly and there is requirement of augmentation of capacity for safe and efficient movement of traffic.

The Public Works Department (National Highway division) of Maharashtra State has been entrusted with the assignment of preparation of Detailed Project Report of selected stretches/corridors of National Highways for Two Lane with paved shoulder Standards. The total length of project road is **55.53** km.

No alternatives non forest is required to be studied as the proposal is for up-gradation of existing road except with small curve improvement which are unavoidable.

Details of forest land is as under

AREA STATEMENT FOR NH-222NANDED-BHOKAR-MAH/AP BORDER											
Sr. No.	Purpose Upgradation/ widening chainage	Chainage from	To	Village Name	Forest Compartment No.	Survey No. Gut No./ com. No.	FOREST AREA REQUIRED				
							Length (meter)	Width (Meter)	Area(Sq meter)	Area (in Ha)	Legal status
1	119+300 to 120+350 (Both Side) TATKALWADI (Bachoti Camp)	119+300	120+350	TATKALWADI (Bachoti Camp)	410 A	54	1050.00	30	31500	3.15	Forest
2	124+100 TO 124+270 (R/S)	124+100	124+270	NARWAT	COMP –417B	46/66	170.00	30	5100	0.51	Forest
	125+240 TO 125+330 (Both Side)	125+240	125+330		COMP –417B	46/66	90.00	30	2700	0.27	Forest
	Narwat										
3	125+330 TO 125+500 (Both Side) Bhokar	125+330	125+500	BHOKAR	COMP –417A	386	170.00	30	5100	0.51	Forest
4	152+800 TO 153+050(L/S)and 150+000 TO 150+050 (Both Side) Rahatee	150+000 152+800	150+050 153+050	RAHATEE	COMP –371A	178/1 99	50.0 250.0	30 30	1500.0 7500.0	0.15 0.75	Forest
TOTAL							1780.00		53400.00	5.34	Ha

Since the entire project is upgradation of existing ROW with some improvement in curve the land acquisition remains bare minimum. However, since some part of road already passes through forest patches/ compartments as reveals from forest map which are unavoidable as site specific and kept minimum. Thus, minimum forest requirement is justified.



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