

Back ground

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRT&H) is responsible for maintenance and development of NH network in the country. MoRT&H has decided to take up development of various Highways in Maharashtra under corridor approach through the Public Works Department Maharashtra (PWD). Under this programme selected stretches are proposed to be taken up for improvement and capacity augmentation.

Project Road

This project involves Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of Bramhapuri–Wadsa–Kurkheda National Highway, from existing Km 117/900 (Bramhapuri) to Km 97/200 (Kurkheda) [Design Chainage Km 0/000 to Km 40/600] to Two Lane with paved shoulders in the state of Maharashtra. The project road passes through the major towns of Surabodi, Wadsa, Shakarpur, Kurkheda and several other minor and major settlements. The starting point falls in Chandrapur district and the end point falls in Gadchiroli district. The total length of this Section is 40.600 Km.

Justification for locating the project in forest area.

The project road passes through protected forest from K 15/500 to Km 17/500, from Km 20-500 to Km 22/500 and reserve forest from Km 22/500 to k 31/500. The total length of project along protected forest is 4 km and along reserve forest is 9km and it falls in Gadchiroli District. It is not possible for any alternative alignment. Existing width at these locations are 5.5m, which is to be improved to two lane with paved shoulder configuration. Hence, for upgradation, certain area of forest land need to be acquired. Extent of forest area to be acquired is calculated assuming 24m ROW and an existing BT surface of 5.5m width. Details of forest land to be acquired is enclosed.