

Name of the Project: Construction of Almora – Baijnath – Gawaldam - Karanprayag Road, km-100 (Guram State) to Vijaypur Motor Road under PMGSY in Phase-XIII

Description of the Land Required-

The total length of the road is 10.00 km. The description of the land required for the construction of the road is as under-

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| a) Private land | – 4700 m x 7 m = 32900 sq.m.= 3.290 Hectare. |
| b) Civil Land | – 5300 m x 7 m = 37100 sq.m.= 3.710 Hectare. |
| | Total land Required = 7.000 Hectare |

Hence Forest Land Required to be diverted for the Construction of Road
= **3.710 Hectare.**

Status of Tree Felling-

There are total of **707** number of trees falling in the proposed alignment of the road. Out of 707 numbers of trees, 141 numbers of trees are falling in Civil Land and 566 numbers of trees are falling in the Private Land.

- A) **Trees of Oak Species:** Out of total of 794 number of trees, 259 number of trees are of Oak (*Quercus leucotrichophora Camus ex Bahadur- syn. Q. incana Roxb.*). 09 numbers of Oak trees are falling in Civil Land and 250 numbers of Oak trees are falling in Private Land. The number of Oak trees falling in the proposed alignment of the road which have a diameter of 0-10 is 133, out of which 04 number of trees are in Civil land and 129 number of trees are in the Private Land. **Thus a total of 04 numbers (diameter greater than 10) of trees of Oak Species shall be required to be felled in the forest land falling in the proposed alignment of the road.**
- B) **Trees of Species other than Oak:** Other than Oak Species, there are 448 numbers of trees of different species. Out of these 448 numbers of trees, 132 numbers of trees are falling in the Civil Land and 316 numbers of trees are located in the Private Land. The number of trees having 0-10 diameter is 135 and out of these 135 trees of 0-10 diameter, 44 numbers of trees are located in the Civil Land and 91 numbers of trees are located in the Private Land. The numbers of trees having diameter more than 10 is 313, from which 88 numbers of trees are located in the Civil Land and 225 numbers of trees are located in the Private land. **Thus a total of 88 numbers of trees, other than the Oak Species, shall be required to be felled in the forest land falling in the proposed alignment of the road.**

Therefore, the number of trees (having a diameter more than 10) required to be felled in the forest land falling in the proposed alignment of the road is 93, out of which 05 numbers of trees are of Oak Species and 88 numbers of trees are of species other than the Oak.

Brief Description of the Road-

The proposed road is for providing the connectivity to the village Vijaypur with a population of 263. **Thus the total population being benefited with this road is 263 and the road shall provide connectivity to 01 number of village.** The road is located in Block-Tharali, District- Chamoli (Uttarakhand). The road passes through Private Land and Civil Land. The total length of the road is 10.00 km and administrative approval for construction of the road was granted by Government of Uttarakhand vide letter no.- 3379 / P-3-14 / URRDA/14 dated 05-03-2014 for a length of 10.00 km. Presently, Phase-XIII of PMGSY is under progress for the state of Uttarakhand and financial sanction is being granted by the Government of India after prior clearance has been obtained from the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. The approximate construction cost of the work, if sanctioned in Phase-XIII of PMGSY shall be Rs. 700.00 lacs.

Necessity of the Project and Justification for locating the Project in Forest Area-

Presently the villagers (01 number of village with a total population of 263) have to walk through a distance of 7 to 10 km to meet their daily needs, as there is no road connecting the village. Due to the non-existent of any road connectivity, the lives of the villagers are in constant danger as there are no medical services which could be provided to them even in cases of emergency such as maternity.

Further, due to non-existent of the road connectivity the area remains backward in all respects. The main occupation of the villagers residing in this village is animal husbandry and agriculture. The villagers are forced to carry their cultivated crops such as *Haldi, Adrak, Mirch, Lehsoon, Dhan, Gehun, Aaloo* etc. on their feet or by mules to the nearby market.

If the road connectivity is provided to the villagers it shall enhance the social and economical development of this area and migration of people from the village shall be minimized. The forest land area falling in the proposed alignment of the road which is 3.710 Hectare has been surveyed to the minimum and also the alignment of the road has been proposed in such a manner that there shall be a minimum of tree felling. Other than the proposed alignment for the road, there is no such alignment which shall reduce the diversion of forest area or felling of the trees. The overall width proposed for acquiring of the land is 7.00m and the construction of the road shall be carried out in a width of 6.00 in straight reaches. The Geological Investigation along the proposed alignment has been carried out which also states that the proposed alignment of the road is safe for construction. There are no graveyards, religious, historical / monumental or legendary places falling in the proposed alignment of the road.

In view of the above facts and in public interest, it is requested that the Forest Land area of 3.710 Hectare may kindly be diverted for the construction of the road.

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