

Justification for locating the Project in forest Land i.e. establishment of Integrated Check Post Sabroom, Tripura, Indo-Bangladesh Border.

The goods entering the Tripura State via Chittogram Port and will move through Agartala Integrated Check Post and Srimantapur Land Custom Station. A bridge on river Feni is completed at the Sabroom, Indo-Bangladesh Border. The opening of traffic by the bridge on Feni river connecting Bangladesh, there will be ease of goods transportation between Tripura and Chittagaon Port, Bangladesh. This would be the main gateway of the North East India connecting to the Chittagaon Port. The present infrastructure available in ICP Agartala is almost saturated and there is very limited scope for future expansion. Even today there is tremendous pressure for proper parking place and other related infrastructure at ICP Agartala. Proposed ICP at Sabroom will relieve the pressure from the ICP Agartala to a large extent.

2. In addition, it has been decided in the meeting of Tripura Govt., that it was proposed to connect the railway station with proposed ICP site by acquiring land at the shortest possible route for the ease of transfer of passengers and cargo between two facilities. As the railway line from Sabroom to Bangladesh would be connected in near future and 1.57 forest land falls within the approach road towards Sabroom Railway Station from ICP Sabroom which needs to be acquired for connectivity.

3. Land Acquisition Collector, South Tripura had identified the land of 49.078 acres for development of ICP at Sabroom. Accordingly, in the 17th meeting of the LPAI, Board approved "in principle" for initiation of proposal for development of ICP at Sabroom, Tripura. Further, Ministry of Home Affairs has approved the project in December, 2020 at an estimated cost of ₹232.07 cr. LPAI had already transferred the land cost ₹90 crore to Government of Tripura as per their requisition.

4. This Project included in the "Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav" Programme of Government of India celebrating 75 years of India's Independence. The Government of India has fixed the target date of November, 2022 for completion of the ICP Project. The construction wholly dependent on acquisition and transfer of land to LPAI at the earliest for which forest land as listed above also need to be acquired.

MAP SHOWING APPROACH ROAD TOWARDS SABROOM RAILWAY STATION FROM ICP SABROOM

