

Annexure No -9

Name of Project : Protected Forest Clearance Proposal for Construction of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor. The land is being acquired by ministry of railway, in village jodnapura Palanpur. (2.35 Hec)

Justification For locating the project in Forest area.

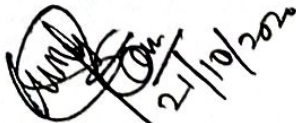
The Dedicated Freight Corridor is the biggest infrastructure initiative for construction of over 10 thousand Kms. Of Railway lines to provide additional capacity along the golden quadrilateral of railway network of India. This is the largest infrastructure project under taken by ministry of railway since independence. Looking to the importance of the project to country's infrastructure development and to meet increasing transportation demand. **DFC project has been declared as ICONIC project by Government of India and its progress is being monitored by Prime Minister's office on day to day basis.**

In Banaskantha district the DFCC Track is running almost parallel to the Existing Indian railway line which is passing through forest area. To take up the freight traffic from Mundra port and to provide the connectivity to Delhi, DFCC Proposed its track in this forest area. Technically there is no other way/ route possible to connect the Karjoda Station to Chadotar station by-passing the forest area.

DFCC Track affects the forest area only at two Locations/ structures i.e. 12 PCL and 06 PCL keeping in view of minimum use of forest area.

At 12 PCL, where DFCC track crosses the NH-27, DFCC proposed the ROB (Road over bridge) at the existing national highway no 27.

At 06 PCL, where DFCC track crosses the Chadotar-Garh road at IR existing Level crossing (LC-07), DFCC proposed the ROB (Road over bridge) on existing State road.



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