

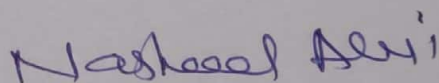
Proposal for Diversion of Forest land For Construction, Rehabilitation and Upgrading to 2 lane with paved shoulders configuration of section from Rongli to Roleph (Length of Project km 20+340 to 37+600) Section of NH-717B in Sikkim State

JUSTIFICATION
FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India) represented by the Chairman is engaged in the development of National Highways and as part of this endeavor, the Authority has decided to take up the development of alternative Highway to Gangtok in Sikkim via "Bagrakot – Chuikhim – Nimbong – Kafer – Bakhim-Lava – Algarah – Pedong-Rehsi" in the State of West Bengal and from "Rhenock – Rorathang – Pakyong" (NH-717 A) along with spur from Rhenock-Rongli - Rolep – Menla (NH-717 B) in the State of Sikkim.

The National Highway & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), works under MoRTH to develop the infrastructure like road in the border states near LAC. The Project stretches falls under East Sikkim District of State Sikkim. The Proposed National Highways NH-717 B is the Alternate new route especially for Army and Defence which will take less time to reach the army machinery or equipment to the LAC near China Border. The alternate route must be shorter there the green field bypass is proposed from Rongli bazaar from Chainage 20.600 Km to 27+200 Km near Chujachen join existing Road. The Proposed alignment is having 17.26 Km in the Revenue Block.

Hence National Highway & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), is proposing Forest land diversion of **5.0112 Ha** under Forest Division East Sikkim is proposed for Construction, Rehabilitation and Upgrading to 2 lane with paved shoulders configuration of section from Rongli to Roleph (Length of Project km 20+340 to 37+600) Section of NH-717B in Sikkim State.



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