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Justification for Locating the Project in the Forest Area

Title of the Proposal: "Diversion of 12.781 Ha of Deemed Forest Land for up-gradation to 2-lane of State Highway (SH-04) stretch from Nongjri to Maheshkola (from Existing km 31.70 to 59.270) (Design Length = 25.525 km) under SARDP-NE Phase "A" in the State of Meghalaya."

The project road is widening and up-gradation of existing road to 2-lane from Nongjri to Maheshkhola (from Existing Chainage 31.70 to 59.270) in South West Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya.

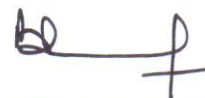
The proposed up-gradation of existing road from Nongjri to Maheshkhola will have following benefits:

- The existing alignment and proposed widening is best suitable alignment from technical point of view and requiring minimum forest area.
- Fast and Safe Connectivity
- Savings in fuel, travel time and total transportation cost of road users.
- Reduction in road accidents.
- Employment opportunity to people.
- Development of tourism.
- Development of local industry and handicrafts.
- Quick transportation of agricultural produce and perishable goods.
- Improved quality of life for people

There is no suitable alternative to avoid Deemed Forest to construct the project road between following stretch-

- km 31.70 to 33.90,
- km 43.40 to 45.90; and
- km 52.80 to 55.00

The proposed improvement and widening of Nongjri to Maheshkola will be mainly along the existing road. Hence, the minimum Deemed Forest area is proposed for diversion.



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