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ROADS AND BRIDGES DEPARTMENT  
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**JUSTIFICATION FOR ROAD ALIGNMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
SOPHAKA- CHEWABHANJYANG ROAD PASSING THROUGH THE BARSEY  
RHODODENDRON SANCTUARY IN WEST SIKKIM.**

The justification for alignment for the construction of Sophaka- Chewabhanjyang road passing through the Barsey Rhododendron Sanctuary in West Sikkim is required to be drawn on the surface for linking Uttarey Sophaka to Indo-Nepal Border at Chewabhanjyang. The Roads & Bridges Department had conducted intensive studies to draw different route alignments to ensure minimum environmental and social impact for construction of the road to avoid the use of forest land. Besides due to topography and stiff land profile, it was not feasible to align the road. The proposed route alignment is finalized having least environmental and social impact using bare minimum forest land. The Department had also avoided densely wooded forest areas to reduce risk and threat to forest, wildlife ecology & human population due to fragmentation of habitats for the construction of road. The forest land involved for final route alignment of the road construction interconnecting the two terminating stations from Uttarey Sophaka to Chewabhanjyang is unavoidable, involved bare minimum number of trees for felling and requirement for site specific components has been involved.

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