

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY OFFICE OF THE Executive Engineer(Construction) Near Gauri nagar Railway Pathak, South East Central Railway, RAJNANDGAON

## **JUSTIFICATION FOR 3 ALTERNATIVE ROUTES**

## Name of Project: Construction of 3<sup>rd</sup> railway line in between Paniajob – Bortalao.

Length of 3<sup>rd</sup> railway line proposed to be constructed between Paniajob – Bortalao is 8.6 km. The proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> line is expected to facilitate fast movement of passenger as well as freight traffic in this area. There is one patch of forest land between Paniajob-Bortalao. All efforts were made to find a viable route which involves minimum/least forest land. However it was found that there is no viable route that could avoid the forest land since it is linear project connecting two stations i.e. Paniajob, Bortalao which are already exist.

Presently Railway track between Paniajob-Bortalao is having maximum degree of curvature is 6 degree with maximum permissible speed is 60 KMPH and ruling gradient is 1 in 100, So for loaded goods train 1 extra locomotive is needed to haul the train in this section.

Hence for obtaining maximum permissible speed and for keeping safe ruling gradient 1 in 150, three alternative routes surveyed. The most suitable alignment is proposed route-1, as this alignment has **minimum forest area**, less linear length, no major bridges and 1 in 150 ruling gradient on which single locomotive can haul loaded goods train in between Paniajob-Bortalao, and to keep near the existing railway line as possible, make it convenient for construction and maintenance and more economical.

## Comparison of proposed routes of 3<sup>rd</sup> line in detour between Paniajob-Bortalao

S.No.	ltem	Route-1	Route-2	Route-3
1	Colour code	RED	PINK	GREEN
2	Total route length between Panijob to Bortalao (excluding)	7. <b>47 km</b>	7.68 km	7.23 km
3	Forest linear length	1.92 km	2.45 km	2.00 km
4	Forest area	16.372 hect.	20.429 hect.	17.264 hect.
5	Revenue forest land	4.582 hect.	4.582 hect.	4.582 hect.
6	Tunnel	540 m	NIL	NIL
67	Tunnel Obstructions	540 m 1. Construction of tunnel required about 540 m length. 2. This route also involves forest land of 1.92 km, because project is linear.	<ul> <li>NIL</li> <li>1. This route crosses through one water body, a major district road- twice and service road connecting paniajob dam.</li> <li>2. It also crosses residential area of paniajob village which will require dismantling of residential buildings, etc.</li> <li>3. This route is about 1316 m away from existing Down main line. So, maintenance of this route will be quiet difficult and additional resources will be required.</li> <li>4. This route also involves forest land of 2.45 km, because project is linear.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>NIL</li> <li>1. This route crosses through a major district road-twice and service road connecting paniajob dam.</li> <li>2. It also crosses residential area of paniajob village which will require dismantling of residential buildings, etc.</li> <li>3. This route is about 929 m away from existing Down main line. So, maintenance of this route will be quiet difficult and additional resources will be required.</li> <li>4. This route also involves forest land of 2.00 km, because project is linear.</li> </ul>
				5. Since the overall length is less, required gradient i.e. 1 in 150 cannot be provided.

8	Forest length involving tree cutting	1.42 km approx. (as tree cutting may be avoided in major portion of the tunnel location)	2.45 km	2.00 km
9	Max distance from existing Down Line	295 m approx	1316 m approx	929 m approx

**Note-** Proposed route-1 is having minimum total forest area 20.954 hect (forest area 16.372 hect. and Revenue forest area 4.582 hect). This proposed alignment is also having tunnel of length 540 m, so in tunnel portion, neither any topography of existing forest area will be changed nor cutting of trees will be done in about 500 m length of proposed forest land. Hence, affected area of forest will be further reduced. So, this proposed route-1 will require minimum forest area.

**Enclosed: -** 1. Topo sheet drawing showing **forest area** of 03 alternate routes (Route-1 – Red, Route-2 – Pink, Route-3 – Green) with details.

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