Project Name: Development of North -East side Gorakhpur bypass starting from NH-29E (chainage 83+308) and end at NH-28 (chainage 285+100) under NHDP Phase-VII in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

## JUSTIFICATION OF LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

The proposed project is for 'Development of 4/6 Lane North -East side Gorakhpur bypass. The project road is located in the Gorakhpur District in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The total length of the project alignment is approx. 26.616 km.

The proposed project highway passes through Bangai Reserved Forest (RF) for about 995 m and Protected Forest (roadside and railway side plantation notified as PF) at two locations under the Gorakhpur Forest division. Total 4.946 ha forest land is to be diverted for the project. Out of which RF is 4.495 ha & PF is 0.451 ha.

Three alternative alignments have been studied and the proposed alignment requires diversion of minimum forest land and cutting of minimum number of trees. Map showing alternative alignment is enclosed with the proposal and uploaded on the Parivesh portal.

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