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1. Dera Baba Nanak is a small town located near India Pakistan Border in District Gurdaspur in the State of Punjab.
2. Dera Baba Nanak is the important religious place of Sikhism. It is located at Indian Pakistan International Border in Punjab opposite to Darbar Sahib Gurudwara in Kartarpur, Narowal, Pakistan which is the final resting Place of Guru Nanak Dev Ji the first Guru of Sikhs.
3. Prime Minister, during recent celebrations of 550th Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev ji, dedicated the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor as Visa free corridor for pilgrims to visit the Gurudwara to nation. The crossing allows Sikh devotees from India to visit the gurdwara in Kartarpur, 4.7 kilometres from the India–Pakistan border on the Pakistani side without a visa.
4. The Kartarpur Sahib Corridor or NH 354 B connects Dera Baba Nanak on Indian side with Kartarpur Sahib Gurudwara in Pakistan. NH 354 B takes off from NH 354 (Amritsar – Ajnala – Dera Baba Nanak – Gurdaspur Corridor).
5. Approximate 5,000 pilgrims will be allowed to visit Kartarpur Sahib Gurudwara through the corridor per day. On special occasions, around 10,000 additional pilgrims/ day will be allowed to visit the gurdwara.
6. The Project Highway (MDR 66) provides existing access to Shri Kartarpur Sahib Corridor from NH 3 (Delhi Amritsar National Highway) starting from Beas passing through Baba Bakala, Mehta and Batala.
7. the existing configuration of the Project Highway (MDR 66) is only 2 lane (25 m RoW) and passes through congested locations of Baba Bakala Sahib, Mehta and Batala.
8. Batala is also religiously important town being associated with Guru Nanak Dev Ji and is also an industrial town producing farm equipment.
9. Considering the importance of the Project Highway, it has been declared National Highway (NH 503 D). Total Length of Project Highway is 68 Km.

  
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The project alignment transverses through the crossing roads/canals/drains and strip of existing road which are declared as protected forest.

Total forest land of 19.7359 hectare is proposed for diversion from crossing roads/canals/drains and strip of existing road in between design chainage Km 0.000 to Km 21.300. Therefore, to cater the present & predicted traffic and to enhance economic development in Beas and Batala Section is the only solution from socio-economic and ecological point of view.

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