


**Name of Proposal :** Consent of Standing Committee of NBWL / SBWL as per provision of u/s 38(O) (1) (g) of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 for 4-laning of existing 2-laned stretch from Govindpur (MH/TG Boarder) (Design km 32.910) to Rajura (Design km 89.090) {Design Length – 56.180 km} section of NH-353B in the State of Maharashtra on HAM Mode under NH(O).

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**--: Justification Note :--**

1. The Project Highway NH-353B starts from MH / TG Border near Village Govindpur (km 32+910) connects Korpana, Gadchandur and ends near Rajura (km 89+090) after Rajura Bypass of length **2.59 km** at junction with NH 930D. Total length of the Project is **56.180 km**.
2. The Project Highway serves for interstate connectivity between Telangana and Maharashtra. Most of the traffic on the Project Highway is of consignments of Cement, Coal, Paper & its raw material, Mines / factories in Chandrapur District to Southern parts of India. This corridor also serves to connect religious & tourist places in Maharashtra.
3. Total traffic plying on this project highway is more than 10000 PCU and as per IRC SP:84-2019 any Highway stretch qualifies for 4-laning when the traffic over it increases beyond 10000 PCU. Further, the Highway Traffic Police have reported increase in the number of accidents on the Project Highway, which may be a result of inadequate pavement width of the existing Road.
4. To reduce the accidents, up-gradation of existing 2-laned road to 4-laned configuration is essential to facilitate better transportation in terms of fast, congestion free movement of traffic and also to ensure improved connectivity for people in nearby towns.
5. Hence, National Highways Authority of India has taken up the work of 4-laning of existing 2-laned stretch from Govindpur (MH/TG Boarder) (Design km 32.910) to Rajura (Design km 89.090) {Design Length – 56.180 km} section of NH-353B in the State of Maharashtra on HAM Mode under NH(O) in Vidarbha for rapid transportation and connectivity to Telangana state.
6. Proposed up-gradation work is mainly along the existing road. The existing road has been utilized to the maximum extent, so that minimum forest land is proposed for diversion. The proposed 4-laning work involves diversion of **36.038 Ha** of forest land in a linear length of **10.432 km** that passes through forest area. The Stage-I clearance for diversion of forest land is received on 25.08.2022 from IRO MoEF, Nagpur.
7. The project alignment does not traverse through any protected area (National Park, Wild Life Sanctuary, Tiger Reserve etc.), except Wildlife Corridor identified in Eastern Vidharbha Landscape thus have minimal effect on wild life.

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