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Justification for Locating the Project in the Forest Area

Title of the Proposal: “Diversion of 27.606 Ha of Baghmara Reserve Forest Land for up-gradation to 2-lane of State Highway (SH-04) stretch from Panda to Baghmara (from Existing km 119.800 to 139.00) (Design Length = 17.085 km) under SARDP-NE Phase “A” in the State of Meghalaya.”

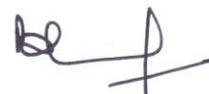
The project road is widening and up-gradation of existing road to 2-lane from Panda to Baghmara (*from Existing Chainage 119.800 to 139.00*) in South Garo Hills district of Meghalaya.

The proposed up-gradation of existing road from Panda to Baghmara will have following benefits:

- The existing alignment and proposed widening is best suitable alignment from technical point of view and requiring minimum forest area.
- Fast and Safe Connectivity
- Savings in fuel, travel time and total transportation cost of road users.
- Reduction in road accidents.
- Employment opportunity to people.
- Development of tourism.
- Development of local industry and handicrafts.
- Quick transportation of agricultural produce and perishable goods.
- Improved quality of life for people

There is no suitable alternative to avoid Baghmara Reserve Forest to construct the project road.

The proposed improvement and widening of Panda to Baghmara will be mainly along the existing road. Hence, the minimum Baghmara Reserve Forest area is proposed for diversion.



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