JUSTIFICATION

PROPOSAL FOR DIVERSION OF DUPRONG RESERVE FOREST LAND AREA 29.421 HECTARES FOR MUCK DISPOSAL) UNDER BANDARDEWA FOREST DIVISION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF -"Four Laning of NH-415 from Design KM 40.400 to 59.170 (Papunala to Bandardewa Section) (Package B & C) in the State of Arunachal Pradesh under Annual Plan 2016-17 on EPC Mode (Length 18.770. KM).

As part of the development of National Highways, MoRT&H has decided for improvement/upgradation (Four Laning) of Itanagar-Bandardewa Section (Package-B & C) of NH-415 Road is keeping in view of the only and major connectivity from Capital of Arunachal Pradesh to Naharlagun and Bandardewa (Assam). The existing length of project road is 18.770 Km and connecting to the Naharlagun and Badardewa as also to all parts of Papumpare District of Arunachal Pradesh. The construction of the road will also ensure development of the whole villages alongside the road.

The Duprong Reserve Forest land required to be diverted is 29.421 hectares of Duprong Reserve Forest Land for construction of "Four Laning of NH-415 from Design Chainage 40.400 to 59.170 (Papunala to Bandardewa Section) (Package B & C) in the State of Arunachal Pradesh under Annual Plan 2016-17 on EPC Mode (Length 18.770 KM).

- 1. More specifically, the project will:-
- (a) Enhance the road condition and usability of the Highways, increase travel speeds, and reduce travel time, accident, and vehicle emissions.
- (b) Ensure more efficient road asset development and management, and higher quality of construction and maintenance, resulting in decreased recurrent costs over the medium and long term.
- (c) Accelerate the social and economic development in the state through improves access to socioeconomic services, increase employment opportunities, and improve transport services.
- (d) Better approach to Medical & Educational service and quick transportation of perishable goods like fruits, vegetable and dairy products.
- (e) As the proposal is for **29.421** hectares of forest land fall under **Bandardewa Forest** Division.

2. In view of the importance of the Project, final approval is here by solicited.

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