

JUSTIFICATION
FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN PROTECTED FOREST AREA

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Government of India has proposed “Bharatmala Pariyojana” an Umbrella scheme of road development project through National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), National Highway, Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) and State Public Works Departments (PWD). This is the second largest highways construction project in the country after NHDP, where in almost 50,000 Km of roads are targeted to construct across the country. This project aim to improve connectivity particularly on economic corridors, border areas and to remote areas with an aim of rapid and safe movement of cargo to boost exports. International trade considered as a key aspect in this scheme and North eastern states have been given special focus.

The proposed road would act as the prime artery for the economic flow to this region. It will enhance economic development, provide employment opportunities to locals, strengthen tourist development, ensure road safety, provide better transportation facilities and other facilities such as way side amenities etc. Vehicles operating cost will also be reduced due to improved road quality.

It is intimated that portion of highway project passing through protected forest land is an elevated structure. And the area required for forest diversion is being utilized for the construction of pier foundations and associated movement of equipment and machineries needed for the construction purpose. Sufficient care has been taken during the design stage to avoid acquisition of forest land located along the project road. Therefore, for construction of Pier foundations and also for freely movement of construction equipment and machinery, the protected forest area absolutely required for the same is **3.0955 Ha** which is unavoidable and barest minimum.




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