

(vi) Justification for locating the project in forest area.

The present proposal pertains to the diversion of forest land for up gradation of existing single lane road to double lane standard road. The site specific project components are located inside the forestland and as such the roads has to pass through forest land. Further , the lands adjacent to the proposed project sites are all forest land and as such the alignment of roads in the forest was inevitable. However , the minimum unavoidable forest land only has been proposed to be diverted for the construction purposes.

Care has also been taken to ensure that the road is so aligned as to avoid forest land to the extent possible and also prevent unnecessary felling of tree. Adequate protective measures have been planned to protect and preserve the forest land and the environment. This road is be one of the vital roads in the development of Namchi and South district as a whole. Much emphasis is being given by present populous government on infrastructural development in the state especially in the tourism sector. As the passes through Forest area at Km 24th the forest area is unavoidable.