

[Form- 'A']

Form for seeking prior approval under section 2 of the proposals by the
State Government and other authorities

Part-1

Proposal for Forest Clearance From Km 48+603 to Km 49+817 Of NH
131A National Highway Under Katihar District.

(To be filled by user agency)

1. Project Details: (i) Short Narrative of the Proposal and Project/ Scheme for which the forest land is required	We are seeking prior approval to cut the trees under Purnia Forest Division for the Road (NH-131A), having CH: Km 48+603 to Km 49+817
	The stretch From Km 48+603 to Km 49+817 of NH 131A National Highway falls under the administrative jurisdiction of Katihar District .NH-131A originates from Purnia,Bihar in Katihar district and terminates to Patna, Bihar in Patna District. Total length of this national Highway is 240 KM .Out of which 1.214 KM (FROM KM 48.603 TO KM 49.817) Stretches in Katihar District is planned to Construct a new 2-Lane ROB at level crossing. The project ROB is of significant importance as the level crossing is situated in thickly populated area of Durgapur residential area. It causes traffic congestion and slow down vehicle movement when LC closes for train. The project ROB separates the congested road and LC and NH with 2-Lane ROB with service road. This will improve traffic movement and congestion free traffic. Since the intensity of inter-state traffic is increasing on this highway at a very fast and significant number of commercial vehicle with heavy loading ply in the project stretch, so the proposal for the ROB has

	been taken up on priority basis by the competent authority i.e. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Govt. of India, New Delhi. The trees planted on both sides of the mentioned road are property of forest department and falls under Forest Division, Purnia. The modern road construction methodology shall be applicable for the construction of this stretches. Geometric corrections are to be made at some curves and accident site to ensure road safety.
(ii) Map showing the required forest land, boundary of adjoining forest on a 1:50000 scale map	Location map related with the roads are being enclosed in Annexure-I on Topo sheet map on scale of 1:50,000 prepared by Survey of India.
(iii) Cost of the Project	61.97 Cr.
(iv) Justification for locating the project in forest area	The project ROB is of significant importance as the level crossing is situated in thickly populated area of Durgapur residential area. It causes traffic congestion and slow down vehicle movement when LC closes for train. The project ROB separates the congested road and LC and NH with 2-Lane ROB with service road. This will improve traffic movement and congestion free traffic. The proposal for the ROB has been taken up on priority basis by the competent authority i.e. Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Govt. of India, New.
(v) Cost Benefit Analysis	Not Applicable (Area affected is less than 20 Hectare)
(vi) Employment likely to be generated	The proposed project will create lakhs of man days of direct employment. Working agency will hire a lots of skilled /unskilled persons as per the requirement of construction work .It will arise opportunity in future.
2. Purpose wise breakup of the total land required.	A total of 0.382 Hectare forest land under the jurisdiction of Forest Division,Purnia is required for rehabilitation and upgradation of existing road to 2-lane ROB with service road configuration to provide the better traffic facility as per the Indian Road Congress (IRC) guidelines . Alignment has

	been designed carefully for the requirement of forest area. Chainage wise details of forest land required has been enclosed .Enclosed in Annexure-III
3. Details of displacement of people due to the project.	From Km 48+603 to Km 49+817 in Katihar District.
	No. of Families: 0
	No. of Schedule Case:0
	No. of Schedule Tribe:0
	Rehabilitation Plan: N.A
4. Whether clearance under Environment (protection0 Act, 1986 required? 9Yes/No)	No
5. Undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation and /or penal compensatory afforestation as well as cost for protection and regeneration of safety Zone, etc. as per the scheme prepared by the State government (Undertaking to be enclosed)	Enclosed as Annexure-I
6. Details of Certificates /documents enclosed as required under the instructions.	1. Annexure-I :- Undertaking 2. Annexure-II :- Details of the forest land to be Diverted 3. Annexure-III :- Copy of MOEF notification 4. Annexure-IV :- Annual program of MoRT&H. 5. Annexure-V :- Typical Cross Section of Road 6. Annexure-VI :- List of Trees 7. Annexure-VII :- Justification for locating the Project in Forest area to be submitted by User Agency and Countersigned by DFO. 8. Annexure-VIII :- Certificate for Minimum use of Forest Land 9. Annexure-IX :- Google District Map 10. Annexure-X Allignment on Topppo sheet (scale 1:50000)