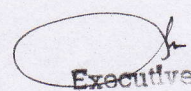


JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

At present there are two Nos. Bailey Bridges across River Beas to facilitate the plying of vehicular traffic to Lahul & Spiti Distt. & Defense supply to Leh & Ladakh of J&K state as well as to local people of Manali. The traffic jam situation goes worst during the tourist season, who are visiting Rohtang Pass, thus not only causing great inconvenience to the tourist as well as local people and also to the Defense supplies being strategic point of view.

In order to overcome the traffic jam situations the proposal was sent and accepted by Govt. of India & Funds to the tune of Rs. 1188.29 Lakhs have been sanctioned for this project. The alignment was also selected involving minimum forest land. There is no Govt. land other than forest available which has been declared as forest land in Kullu District of Himachal Pradesh. Hence, it is not possible to avoid forest land falling in this Bridge Project which justifies the reason for locating the project in forest area.


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