

## **JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA**

The Widening of existing carriageway is the only feasible option as far as the technical aspects are concerned which requires the minimum land under the protected area instead of construction of new 4-lane road, as it will involve significant amount of land acquisition which will include forest land and protected areas too.

However to minimize the impact on the protected area the up-gradation and widening is restricted to the existing right of way available with the National Highways Authority of India.

There is no suitable alternative land to widen the alignment as the proposed widening of NH-6 is proposed on the existing road. The protected area proposed for improvement proposal is minimum.

The options of concentric and eccentric widening have been proposed in order to minimize the impact on Forest land and Protected Areas.

  
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