

## **Justification for locating Imphal Ring Road in Forest Area**

The project road encompasses a Ring Road around capital city of Imphal to ensure quick access to the important establishments of the city, which includes, administrative offices, Health care, academic establishments, and commercial centers. It will also facilitate inner bypass for all three National Highways (NH) and reduce congestion in the city. The alignment will connect to several obligatory points as desired in the Terms of Reference.

During Feasibility study, three alignment options were studied for the Ring Road around Imphal town with each option consisting of segments of existing road network in Imphal City and also sections where new green field alignment is proposed to minimize impact on settlements of town. After careful consideration & site visits of Group of Ministers, the alignment Option II was approved by Government of Manipur on 01.10.2014. The common portion of NH202 & AH 1 was excluded for improvement.

**As the proposed alignment of the ring road utilizes existing roads for limiting land acquisition requirement and few forest patches exist along the road, complete avoidance of forest areas is not feasible due to geometric constrains and therefore, diversion of Forest Land has become necessary for development of the project.**



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