

iv) Justification for locating the project in forest area	:	It is stated that existing Rorathang - Rangpo road is constructed in the forest land using the available road reserve. Now the existing alignment to make the project cost effective and minimum destruction to the forest land comparison to construction of road on new alignment on a fresh land (Except the stretch between Km 10.00 to 10.500 for which the widening will be done on the realignment proposed by GATI Infrastructures). The recce and surveillance was done and the existing alignment was found best for the construction of a national Highway. Hence it is imperative to acquire the forest land for the project.
v) Cost-benefit analysis	:	The approx cost of the project is Rs. 13117.62 lacs. The rate of return cannot be quantified in such cases. However, improved road condition will facilitate socio-economic development of the region and generate temporary employment during project implementation stage besides fulfilling the strategic requirement of the Army. In addition to above, to cope up with increased vehicular traffics, to having an alternative axis in case of damages occur on NH-31A and also due to frequents Bands in Darjeeling district it is very essential to have an alternative route to Sikkim.
vi) Employment likely to be generated.	:	Employment of temporary nature will be generated during project implementation stage for 12,00,000.00 mandays.
Purpose wise break up of the total land required.	:	The total area in reserve forest is 6.303 hectares will be acquired. Please refer appendix 'B'
Details of displacement of people due to project, if any- None	:	Nil
Number of families	:	Nil
Number of scheduled castes/scheduled tribe families	:	Nil
Rehabilitation plan (to be enclosed)	:	Not applicable
Whether clearance under environment projection Act 1986 required ? (Yes/No)	:	Yes
Undertaking to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation and /or penal compensation afforestation as well as cost for protection and regeneration of safety zone etc. as per scheme prepared by the state Government (undertaking to be enclosed)	:	Afforestation to be done by the forest deptt on their own land and user is ready to bear the cost of compensatory afforestation and abide to terms and condition on the procedure in vogue. NPV and Compensatory Afforestation certificate are attached.
Details of certificate / documents enclosed as required under the instruction	:	Joint inspection was carried out on 12 th Dec 2015 to 20 th Dec 2015 with BO Ranger Officer Singtham (T) Range (details attached) . Photocopy of HQ CE (P) Swastik letter No.22014/175/E2 Wks dated 10 Nov 2008 and DO No. 293/CS SKM/09/ dated 20 th Jan 2009 written by Chief Secretry MOSRT&H attached.

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