

## JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

1. There is already **NH 78** running from **AMBIKAPUR** to **PATHALGAON**. It is being utilized by all means of surface transportation system. The current project envisages meeting the increasing demand of traffic and surface transportation medium. The conversion of single lane NH in to 2 lanes with Paved Shoulder will also increase the speed of traffic which will save the running time hence the saved time can be utilized in productive uses ultimately adding in the GDP of the nation.
2. The existing NH 78 already passes through the forest areas and the same centre line will be used for the widening and strengthening of the road.
3. Any alternative route will consume more forest area as new road will be constructed utilizing complete right of way.
4. The widening of existing road will consume less forest area as the forest area is needed only for the extended part of right of way.
5. The selected site does not have sizable population and evolves only evacuation of minimum no. of habitants. The proposal is submitted for the minimum forest

## FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL BENEFITS

In the context of transport development, the positive social dimensions of change involve:

- ✓ Better access to basic social needs (food, water, health, education, security, justice, Law enforcement and human rights)
- ✓ Better access to the means for poor people to enhance their productive capacity
- ✓ (markets, suppliers, employment, health and education).
- ✓ Empowerment: The construction of road provides a useful cash supplement to the income of local employees (many of whose regular activities may be outside the cash economy).
- ✓ Opportunities for paid work, greater diversity of purchases of consumer goods (necessities as well as luxuries) and thus more involvement in the cash economy.
- ✓ Provision of regular motorised transport enables quicker transport of more goods to urban markets, with marginal savings on transport costs.



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