

(iv) **Justification for Location of the Project in Forest Area.** Improvement of road is to be done along the already existing road which passes through the hilly/forest/Agricultural region. Improvement of Dikchu-Sangklang road to CI-9 intermediate specifications (12 Mtr formation width) will provide better connectivity to Dzongu region and reliable alternate route to North Sikkim people during rainy season. It will enhance the overall growth of the region due to improvement in load carrying capacity of bridges as well as road. This improvement process is feasible only when gaps are bridged initially by temporary diversion and temporary bailey Bridge and subsequently by construction of permanent bridge. The entire area of the work falls under Dzongu Forest Range in North District, Sikkim