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JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

The proposed project pertains to Development of Package-15 (KM 468+100 to KM 503+250) of Phase-II of Delhi-Katra Expressway. The project starts at Km. 468.100 at village Gurha Baildaran of Hiranagar Tehsil in Kathua District and ends at Km 503.250 at village Bagla of Vijaypur Tehsil in Samba District in the UT of J&K. The total length of the proposed project alignment is 35.150 Km. The proposed Expressway will overall improve connectivity from Delhi to Katra. The development will also improve the connectivity between the UT of Jammu and Kashmir with the major cities of Punjab State, Haryana State and the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

The proposed route is crossing several forest areas in the project affected districts. About 1.9891 ha of Forest land shall be affected by the development of proposed project. There is no Wildlife Sanctuary / National Park / other protected areas located in the project affected districts.

The proposed route has been chosen for the following reasons: -

- Minimum forest area
- Minimum tree felling
- Minimum number of crossings over river, drains and canals
- Minimum demolition of private and government structures.
- Road gradients are suitable for likely traffic.

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