

## Justification for locating the project in forest area

The widening of existing carriageway is the only feasible option as far as the technical aspects are concerned which requires the minimum land under the protected area instead of land acquisition which will include forest land and protected area too.

However to minimize the impact on the protected and forest area the upgradation and widening has been restricted 18 to 24 m .

There is no suitable alternative land to widen the alignment as the proposed widening of the newly National Highway No. 534 (NH No old 113) from Km 196+000 to Km 276+000 including its realignment and construction of bypasses in the State of Uttarakhand is proposed on the existing road. The protected area proposed for improvement proposal is minimum.

The option of concentric and eccentric widening has been proposed in order to minimize the impact on forest land and protected areas.

  
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