Name of Project: Proposal for Diversion of 78.1014 Ha. Protected Forest Land for four lining of Existing section of Dudhrej-Vana-Malvan Road On SH-19 in Surendranagar District. (4/00 Km to 43/00 Km)

Annexure-09

Justification for locating the project in Forest Land

This road is joining the district head quarter of Surendranagar District with Malvan, Patdi and Dasada. This road is also important for industrial and infrastructure development in rural and semi urban areas. The proposed project is a modification /up gradation of existing 2 lane to 4 way lane. In view of the above importance of the area, government approved widening of this highway. Total The area demanded for diversion is required for the best reason that alignment is along existing SH-19. So, part of protected area with no alternative route. 10.013 Mt. Protected forest land each of the side required from 4/00 Km to 43/00 Km. Hence 78.1014 Ha. Protected land is required.

The present condition of the road is bad in some stretches and hampering the speed of traffic movement drastically. The road has many settlements and the traffic flow is seriously impacted by severe conflict. Proposed area of diversion will meet the needs of the road users keeping in view the road functions and heavy traffic data. Four laning of existing road will facilitate conveyance to road users. The proposed widening is an exclusive transport connectivity and will regulate traffic impacts. Will avoid incidents, distress and congestion on the existing road, helping increase in speed. The proposed widening is an exclusive transport connectivity and will regulate traffic impacts. Will ensure road safety, avoid incidents and provide transportation facilities and other way-side amenities. Road widening will improve public transportation, provides excusive lanes for transport. The road pass through Vana, Kharva, Malvan provides easy and fast connecting service.

Demanded area is no ecologically part of sensitive area/wild life sanctuary. Only the road side departmental and naturally grown trees falls under the jurisdiction of Forest Department which is notified as Protected Forest.

This is the only and minimum possible routes.

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