

Justification for Locating the Project in the Forest Area

Title of the Proposal: Diversion of 16.107 Ha of Forest Land at Upper Shillong Protected Forest (15.296 Ha) and Private Deemed Forest (0.811 Ha) for improvement/ widening to 2-lane with paved shoulders/ 4 laning of stretch of Package-1 (km 1+390 to 8+980) between 2^{1/2} Mile Upper Shillong to Pomlum PHC Baniun in the State of Meghalaya for execution on EPC mode under JICA funding.

The project road from Shillong to Dawki is a section of NH-40 which starts from km 0+000 (Rilbong Junction, Shillong) and ends at km 71+520 (India/Bangladesh border near Dawki/Tamabil). Diversion of 16.107 Ha forest land is proposed in stretch between km 1+390 to 8+980 of Package -1 which starts from km 0+000 (Rilbong Junction, Shillong) and ends at km 10+500 (Baniun Village). The alignment in Package - 1 passes through 3rd Mile, Upper Shillong & 5th Mile.

The average existing RoW is 12m and diversion of forest is proposed for the bare minimum area beyond the existing ROW. The total land requirement for the stretch passing through Upper Shillong Protected Forest & Private Deemed Forest is 23.204 Ha and the breakup is given as under-

S.N	Description	Area (Ha)
1	Forest Land	16.107
2	Defence Land	5.010
3	PWD Land	1.756
4	Govt Land	0.173
5	Private Land	0.158
	TOTAL	23.204



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