## Justification for locating the Project in forest land

In view of present Traffic Scenario and available Right of Way, it has been decided to go for Concentric Up-gradation Widening and strengthening work of existing Two Laning with paved shoulder of stretch from Bikramganj – Dawath – Maliyabagh – Nawanagar – Dumraon of NH– 120 (Ch. 201.665 to Ch 245.665) excluding Dawath (Ch. 210.830 to Ch.212.400) & Dumraon bypass (Ch 240.200 to 245.665) in the state of Bihar. Government of India has decided to upgrade the project stretch for better connectivity to people in order to improve the condition of the road transport network of the state and contribute to its economy development.

As the project stretches stretch from Bikramganj – Dawath – Maliyabagh – Nawanagar – Dumraon of NH– 120 do not passes through any Reserve Forest only the road side plantation / trees falls under the jurisdiction of Forest department declared as Notified Protected Forest by the Govt. of Bihar under the Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980. Therefore Forest Clearance to be accorded from Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India for felling of trees under Notified Protected Forest Land on proposed widening and strengthing side and protected Forest land (approx. 40.01 Ha. Forest land will be affected.

**Total Forest Area Diversion (Dist. Rohtas-18.87 Ha. + Dist. Buxar-22.14 Ha.) = 41.01 Ha.)** will also be affected.

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