

## **JUSTIFICATION**

### **PROPOSAL FOR DIVERSION OF ADDITIONAL FOREST LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 2-LANING OF JORAM-KOLORIANG ROAD SECTIONS FROM CH 20.00 TO CH 44.770 (KM 20.000 TO 51.000 OF EXISTING JORAM-KOLORIANG ROAD) FOR EXECUTION IN EPC MODE IN THE DISTRICT OF LOWER SUBANSIRI IN THE STATE OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH UNDER "SARDP-NE"**

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As part of the development of National Highways MoRT&H has decided for improvement of NH -713 connecting Joram – Koloriang from KM 20.000 to KM 51.000. The existing length of project road is 31 km and passing through district of Lower Subansiri and comes under Hapoli Forest division. The Project Road serves the traffic coming from North Lakhimpur, Itanagar, Ziro, Raga, Daporizo, Dumporizo etc. moving upto Koloriang. The road is of strategic importance as it is aerially around 30 Km away from China claim line for international border from Joram (KM 0.000). Defence vehicles mainly ply in this road. Up gradation of this road is very important not only from the point of connectivity but also from the strategic defence point of view. The construction of the road will also ensure development to the otherwise remote areas in this region.

The proposed project is an up-gradation of existing NH-713 to 2-lane with paved shoulder configuration. Earlier widening of road was proposed to be along the existing alignment which was not fulfilling the specification stipulated in IRC. To rectify this anomaly again an alignment was surveyed and some diversion in existing alignment has been considered accordingly necessity of additional forest land diversion has been arisen. Similarly, additional muck dumping has been proposed to accommodate the additional muck. The project achieves its significance due to a large number of reasons.

More specifically, the project will: -

- a. Enhance the road condition and uses ability of the Trans Arunachal Highway. Increase travel speeds, and reduce travel time, accidents, and vehicle emissions.
- b. Ensure more efficient road asset development and management, and higher quality of construction and maintenance, resulting in decreased recurrent costs over the medium and long term.
- c. Accelerate the social and economic development in the state through improves access to socioeconomic services, increase employment opportunities, and improve transport services.
- d. Better approach to Medical & Educational services and quick transportation of perishable goods like fruits, vegetables and dairy products.

Considering the reason narrated above diversion of additional forest land of 16.729 ha. may please be approved.

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