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### JUSTIFICATION FOR FOREST LAND DIVERSION

National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (NHIDCL), a PSU under Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Govt. of India has been entrusted with the work of widening and up-gradation to 2 lane with paved shoulder configuration and geometric improvement from km 0.000 to km 16.990 on Chenani-Sudhmahadev section of NH-244 in the UT of Jammu & Kashmir. The project is under implementation. There is a requirement of realignment in the geometry as per the required geometry of NH specifications where it is not possible to achieve minimum available ROW. Two sections of alignment portion of this project road i.e. from Km 2+250 to 3+450 & from Km 10+100 to Km 10+560 where additional land is required pass through forest area. This road is of National & Strategic importance and serves as an alternate route to Kashmir Valley via Doda and Kishtwar District.

Additional ROW is required for the following reasons:

1. To maintain a road geometry i.e. permissible gradient, minimum radius & minimum design speed as per IS/IRC Specification.
2. To maintain the minimum desirable radius of curves as per IS/IRC specification.

Hence, it is not possible to avoid forest land falling in the road project portion from Ch. 2 + 250 to 3+450 & Ch. 10+100 to Ch. 10+560 on Chenani-Sudhmahadev road of NH-244. This hereby justifies the reason for locating the project in forest area.



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