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Full Title of the proposal:- Additional Forest Land requirement for four laning of NH-05 from Shakral Village to Dhalli section (Shimla Bypass Package II from Km 146+300 to Km 156+560 and Shimla Connectivity from Km 0+000 to Km 0+725 for Design length - 10.985 Km) in already approved FCA case of the entire section from Kaithlighat to Dhalli (Chainage from Km. 129.050 to Km. 156.507) of NH-22 (New NH-05) for 40.3 Ha in the State of Himachal Pradesh

File No. : FP/HP/ROAD/154923/2022

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JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

Stage II approval for forest diversion proposal of the entire section from Kaithlighat to Dhalli (Chainage from Km. 128.835 to Km. 156.560) of NH-22 for 40.3 Ha was obtained by NHAI vide MOEF& CC, Dehradun letter dated 15.09.2017.


However, some additional forest land of approximate area 19.1788 Ha is required to be diverted for four laning of proposed Shimla Bypass from Shakral to Dhalli Section (Package-II) of NH-22 (Chainage from Km. 146.300 to Km. 156.560) for the following purposes and only 19.1712 ha is falling within your jurisdiction:

- (i) Dumping sites for muck disposal.
- (ii) Diversion of land over Tunnels
- (iii) Four laning of structures against 2-lane in previous project.
- (iv) Slope protection measures at fragile hill strata locations.
- (v) Minor modifications in the alignment for improving geometry of Highway.
- (vi) Previous acquired area under Private Classified Forest
- (vii) Proposed Access Roads

As all the Govt. waste land in this district are considered as forest land in view of the Notification Ft.29-241/B/C/49 dated 25.02.1952 of Govt. of Himachal Pradesh accordingly to which all Govt. waste land has been declared as protected forests. Hence there is no availability of suitable non forestland within district Shimla.

The proposed 4-lane road necessarily passes through forest land because there is no non forest land available. These forests are located along the already approved alignment in scattered patches on either side of the road. The four laning of Shimla Bypass will require bare minimum diversion of forest land. Also, the project road is located in hilly areas and an alternative option to the road would not be viable. Hence there is no escape from using the forest land.


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