

## Justification for Locating Project in Forest Area

**Bagramore - Panki ("Project Road")** situated at northwestern part of Jharkhand and is a section of **PMGSY and MDR**, having total length of **46.60 Kilometer**. The proposed project is essentially a state highway upgrading project and involves conversion of existing **single / intermediate** road to 2-lane road from km. 0.00 to km. **46.600 of Bagramore to Panki (Project Road)**. The total project highway falls under Chhtra and Medninagar (old Palamu) Districts in the State of Jharkhand.

Proposal divide in three part

Division	Forest Area Proposed for Diversion	
1 <sup>st</sup> section of Project road fall in Chatra south forest division from km 0/000 to 8/200	4.7071ha.	Road Construction Division Chatra
2 <sup>nd</sup> section of project road fall in Lawalong wildlife sanctuary(Hazaribagh Wildlife Division) from km 8/200 to 34/700	20.695 ha.	Road Construction Division Chatra
3 <sup>rd</sup> section fall in Medininnagar Forest division (Km 34/700 to 46/600)	1.5225 ha.	Road Construction Division Medininagar

This forest diversion proposal is for the section from km 8/000 to Km 34/700 falling in the wildlife division Hazaribagh. The widening will be carried out in the 12 m width on the existing alignment only and there is no other suitable alternative land to widen the proposed road.

Reserved/Protected forest area diversion is proposed to meet the minimum requirement of the geometric design parameters & safety aspects of highways. Efforts have been made to keep the acquisition of forest land to its barest minimum requirement for the project.

