Justification for locating the Project in Forest Land

Project Name: Forest Proposal for diversion of 22.045 ha of forest land for widening/improvement of existing road Chakpikarong – Sajik – Aigejang – Khongtal (0 KM to 19.5 KM) to NHSL Specifications in the state of Manipur.

The Ministry of Defence, government of India has decided to take up the widening/improvement of existing road Chakpikarong – Sajik – Aigejang – Khongtal to NHSL Specifications in the state of Manipur for augmentaion of capacity for safe and efficient movement of traffic by upgrading to Two Lane with paved shoulder configuration based on the traffic demand.

The total length of the project stretch selected for up-gradation is 19.5 KM in this package from which road is passing through forest area in Chandel forest division. The proposed widening requires diversion 22.045 Ha. in Chandel forest division. Therefore the widening of this stretch requires forest clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change (GoI).

The diversion of forest area has been limited to the minimum that satisfies the National Highway standards. As the project road is passing through the middle of forest area, bypassing the forest area is not possible. Alternative has been examined and found that no better option is available. The widening has been limited to non-forest areas where the road is passing/ abutting the forest land only on one side of the existing road, to reduce the requirement of forest area diversion.

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