

Project: Widening / Improvement of Nanau-Dadau (MDR 82W) Road (km 0.000 at the intersection of NH-91 near Nanau Village to km 30.000 near Nagla Bhore Village) under Uttar Pradesh Major District Road Improvement Programme

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST LAND

The widening is to be undertaken within the existing RoW of Nanau-Dadau Road (MDR 82W) sections. The road stretch under improvement scope starts from km 0.000 at the intersection of NH-91 near Nanau Village and end at to km 30.000 near Nagla Bhore Village.

The existing project road section is an intermediate lane road. The present condition of the road is very bad and hampering the speed of traffic movement drastically. The road has many settlements and the traffic flow is seriously impacted by severe conflict. It is proposed to widen the existing road section to standard 2-lane configuration (7.0m) with 2.5m earthen shoulders in Rural Area and 1.5m paved shoulder followed by 1.0m footpath cum drain in Urban section.

The major difficulties with following an entirely new alignment or major realignments are the magnitude of land acquisition and social disruption likely. Therefore, as an alternative, the project has adopted the policy of widening within existing RoW in order to minimise new land requirements and negative environmental and social impacts.

The existing Right of Way (RoW) of the road is in general 20 m. The linear plantation within the RoW of this road section has been notified as Protected Forest from 1.0 mile (1.610 km) to 10.0 mile (16.090 km) vide Gazette Notification 155/XIV-331-50 dated 10th February, 1960. The widening of the project section is proposed within the existing RoW and no additional land acquisition is involved for the project. Since the project section is widening of existing Nanau-Dadau road, the existing alignment has been followed for the project.

The road side plantation within existing Right of Way (RoW) along the project road has been notified as Protected Forest (PF) and that is the only option left for widening of the road. Due to avoidance of any social issue mostly concentric widening is being followed.