

No. NHIDCL-BO-IM/Irng Dpr/FWEC/18-19/2950-B

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JUSTIFICATION

The project proposal with the name "Construction of Irang Bridge at existing 95.500 km on Imphal-Jiribam section of NH-37 (NH-53) on Engineering, Procurement and Construction mode in the State of Manipur by NHIDCL" requires diversion of some forest land in the state of Manipur and the justification is enclosed as "Annexure-I".

Encl.: (i) As stated above



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Project Background

National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL) a fully owned company of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), Government of India promotes, surveys, establishes, design, build, operate, maintain and upgrade National Highways and Strategic Roads including interconnecting roads in parts of the country which share international boundaries with neighboring countries. The regional connectivity so enhanced would promote cross border trade and commerce and help safeguard India's international borders. This would lead to the formation of a more integrated and economically consolidated South and South East Asia. In addition, there would be overall economic benefits for the local population and help integrate the peripheral areas with the mainstream in a more robust manner.

As a part of the above mentioned endeavor, National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) has been entrusted with development of **Irang bridge on Imphal - Jiribam Road in the state of Manipur.**

Project Description

The location of the existing bridge is at km 95.50 over the Irang river on Imphal to Jiribam road (Old NH37 / New NH53).

The existing bridge is in poor shape, narrow and not suitable for heavy loaded vehicles. The construction of new bridge is absolute necessary on this important NH of the state





Justification / Need of the new Bridge

Construction of new Bridge is important & required because

- Existing bridge is very poor shape and not suitable for heavy loaded vehicles
- The road is important National Highway (Old NH-37 / New NH-53)
- The improvement in connection will boost the agricultural and industrial development of the surrounding area which can be viewed as boosting economic growth and poverty reduction, bringing substantial social and economic development in the region.
- The social benefits arising due to the project will be triggered off due to improved accessibility to various services such as easy access to markets, health facilities, schools, workplace etc which in turn increases the income of the locals, and ultimately elevating their standard of living.

Social Benefit

- Growth of the GDP of the district Tamenglong and Noney
- Access to Market (connection with State Capital Imphal and Jiribam in Assam) and Healthcare
- It is expected that GDP of the district will have enhanced growth due to this improvement in road connectivity.
- This road is Economic Corridor connecting Imphal & Jiribam. This benefit will be for 5 years at enhanced rate of 2%
- The current GDP of Tamenglong and Noney district is not available but can be derived from
 - GDP of the Manipur state =18,000 Crore / annum in 2014-15
 - Population of Manipur = 30 Lacs
 - Population of Tamenglong & Noney District = 1.40 Lacs

Alignment Justification

The new bridge location has been proposed considering all aspects like future 4-laning of road, design speed, traffic safety, minimum adverse impact to land & environment, techno-commercial benefit etc. The alignment plan is enclosed herewith.