

Name of the Project:	Wild life clearance for four laning of existing Goa/Karnataka Border-Panaji Goa Section of NH-4A from Km 84.133 to Km 97.000 in the state of Goa on BOT (Toll) basis under NHDP-III (Anmod to Panaji Section)
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Justification for Locating the Project Road in the Wildlife Sanctuary & National Park

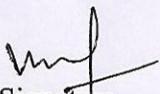
The Project Highway is a section of NH-4A(Belgaum-Anmod-Ponda-Panaji) between Anmod and Panaji, passing through villages Molem, Sangod, Dharbandora, Piliem, Tiska, Candepar, Curti, Ambegal, Veling, Boma, Banastarim, Corlim, Velha goa, Ribandar. The entire stretch of NH-4A lies in the states of Karnataka and Goa. It provides an important link between NH-4 and NH-17.

Starting twelve Km of the project road in the state of Goa from km.84.133 to km 96.000 passes through the Mollem Wild life Sanctuary. It was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1969 and renamed as Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary. The core area of the sanctuary covering 107 square kilometres (41sqmi) was notified as Mollem National Park in 1978.

The widening of the existing carriage way, passing through the Mollem Wild life Sanctuary is the only feasible option as far as the technical aspects are concerned, that requires minimum land under the forest cover, instead of construction of a new 4-lane road.

However to minimize the impact on the Wild life, Environment and Forest the up-gradation and widening is restricted to the existing right of way as much as possible with a viaduct structure parallel to it on the valley side has been proposed. That would require minimum forest land for diversion.

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