



SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST LAND

Kulem – Madgaon Railway doubling is a part of Hospet – Tinaighat – Castlerock – Kulem – Vasco Railway doubling Project. The existing Railway single line from Hospet – Vasco was laid in 1900 and connects Iron Ore mining / Industrial areas in Hospet to Marmugao Port in Vasco.

Also both Goa and Hospet are tourist destinations. Due to Industrial growth and growth in tourists, the existing Railway single line capacity is saturated. To meet the increasing demand and future growth, the existing Railway single line has to be doubled so that more and more Goods trains/Passenger trains can be run to meet the increasing demand. To minimize the land acquisition, this rail doubling is being done parallel to the existing single line. This is the only Railway line between Hospet and Vasco Port passing through forest land and there is no alternative as the alignment invariably has to pass through the Forest. Since the proposed Railway doubling is parallel to existing Railway line, which passes through the already existing Corridor in the forest, the new doubling Railway line is proposed through same forest along the same Corridor.

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