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**PROPOSAL FOR FOREST CLEARANCE FOR THE UPGRADATION OF NH-29 FROM 2 LANE TO 4-LANE NATIONAL HIGHWAY FROM DABOKA TO LAHORIJAN (KARBI ANGLONG WEST FOREST DIVISION)**

**PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (hereinafter referred to as "NHIDCL") has been constituted through an Act of Parliament for faster, economical and quality Road Construction work throughout India. NHIDCL has been entrusted with the assignment of development of Economic Corridors, Inter Corridors and Feeder Routes to improve the efficiency of freight movement in India under Bharatmala Pariyojana. The Project road stretch is a part of Package II under Lot-1 (One), Bharatmala Pariyojana, and falls under Nagaon – Dimapur Economic Corridor. Details of stretch is mentioned as below:

Stretches	Description	Ground Length (Km)
1	Daboka(Km 38+500) –Lahorijan(km 157+460) Section of NH-29	118

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The project road is covered under districts of Hojai and Karbi Anglong in Assam. **This proposal is made for the project road under Karbi Anglong West Forest Division.**

The following forest stretches come across the proposed route of the line and avoiding the same is not possible.

1) Daldali RF

Since the project involves the widening and upgradation of existing 2-Lane NH to 4-lane configuration, alternative alignment in forest sections was not feasible. Moreover, since the forest sections are spanning mostly on either side of existing project road, creating alternate routes would be far away from the existing thereby breaking the connectivity to the settlements along the project road. Efforts have been made to minimize the land requirement for development within the forest sections by utilizing maximum of existing road and reducing the proposed Right of Way to 35.5m for widening of the existing road to 4-lanes standard National Highway.





The project road for the mentioned stretch is 106 km from Parokhuwa (start of Karbi Anglong District) to Lahorijan which is a part of Daboka to Lahorijan section of NH-29. **Joint visit held with the representatives of Forest department of Karbi Anglong West division for identifying the extent of forest sections boundaries.**

**Environmental Risk:**

As per the assessment based on Detail survey in forest area and Topo-sheet reference, the project road is passing through Daldali RF under Karbiang Long West Forest Division, Dist. Karbiang Long in the State of Assam. The extent of the forest area is completely unavoidable due to the location of the Project. However, the forest area involved is minimum extent required for the execution of the project in the state of Assam.

**Social issues/R&R measures.**

As per the prevailing law, only land for widening of the project road from 2-lane to 4-lane is required to be acquired. However, NHIDCL will pay the compensation of the damages as per prevailing guidelines and as per assessment of the State Govt.



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