

## Project Background

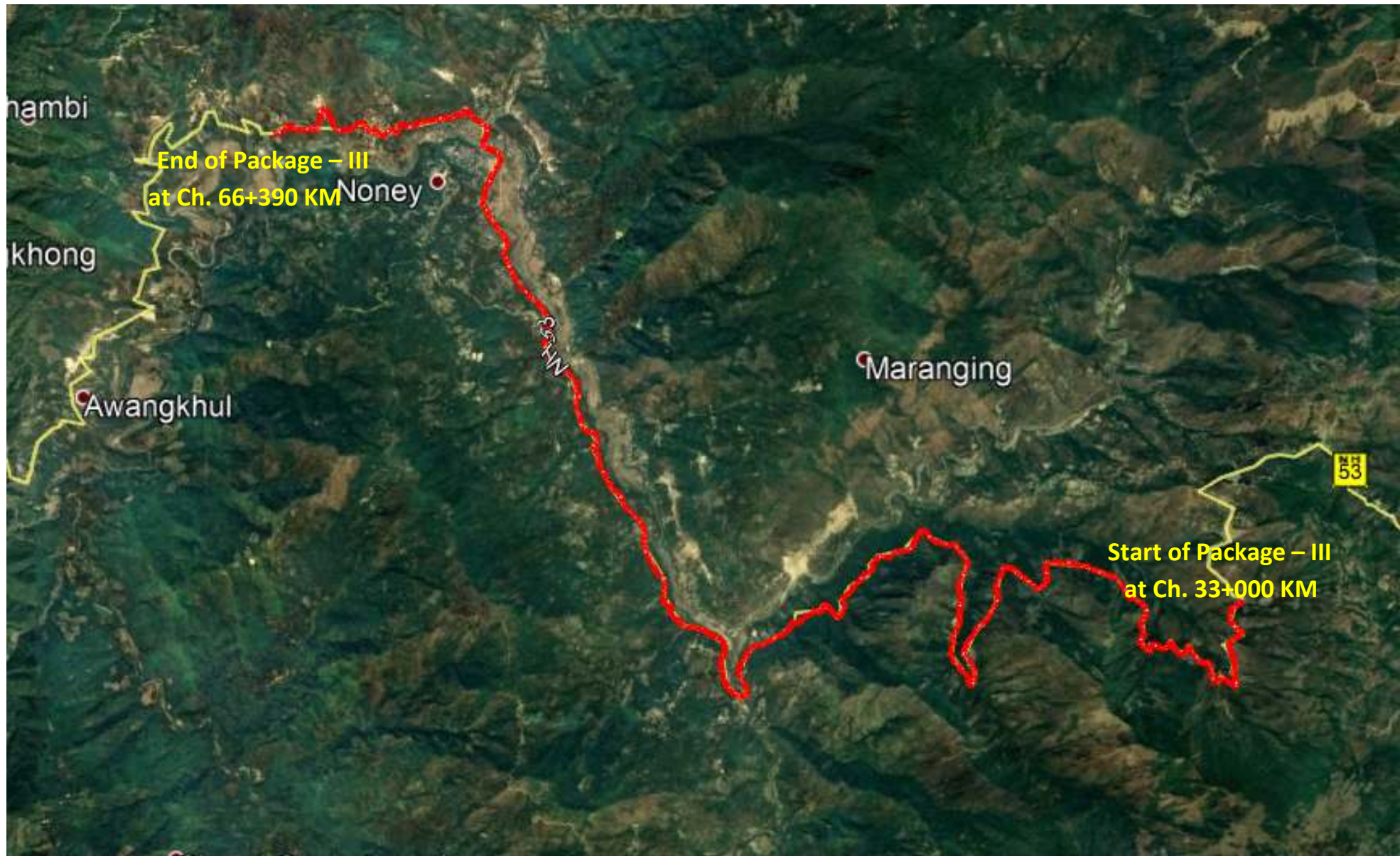
National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL) a fully owned company of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRT&H), Government of India promotes, surveys, establishes, design, build, operate, maintain and upgrade National Highways and Strategic Roads including interconnecting 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 the widening / strengthening of 2-laning with hard shoulder of **Imphal-Jiribam Section of NH-37 (Package-III) in the state of Manipur.**

## Project Description

The project road starts near K. Senam village at Existing Ch. 33+395 under Kangpokpi district and ends near Khumji Village at Existing Ch. 67+496 Km under Kangpokpi & Noney district. As per design the length of the proposed project road comes out as 33.390 km (Proposed chainage from Km 33+000 to Km 66+390) under Package-III. The road passes through mountainous/steep terrain. This road is passing through K. senam Village, Kharam Village, Sehjang Village, Thingkhongjang Village, Charoipantongba Village, Namduanjang Village, Longmai Village, Noney Town and Khumji Village. Photo and Key plan of Imphal-Jiribam road is shown below.





End of Package - III  
at Ch. 66+390 KM

Noney

Maranging

Awangkhul

Start of Package - III  
at Ch. 33+000 KM

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## **Justification / Need of the Road**

The development of the project road is important because

The Project Road strategically interconnects two State (i.e. Manipur & Assam). The development of the road 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.

This road passes through the many important places of business/ agricultural interests like Noney Town, Khumji Village.

## **Social Benefit**

Growth of the GDP of the district of Kangpokpi and Noney.

It is expected that GDP of the district will have enhanced growth due to this improvement in road connectivity.

As this road is the only proper connection of with Imphal and Noney Town, we expect that GDP of Imphal to increase manifold. This benefit will be for 5 years at enhanced rate of 10%, 10 years for enhanced 5% rate & 15 years for enhanced rate of 2%.

The current GDP of Kangpokpi 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 Kangpokpi District = 1.94 Lacs
- Population of Noney District = 1.71 Lacs

## **Alignment Justification**

The existing alignment of the Imphal - Jiribam road (Package – III) has been followed with some minor curve corrections. The proposed alignment follows existing route.

However, in this case existing alignment has been found suitable considering Techno-commercial aspect, Social & Environmental Impact.

The impact to Environment along existing alignment is almost nil and land to be acquired is minimal. Compensatory afforestation, Tree plantation balance any negative impact caused by development. Also, improvement in road will reduce noise and air pollution.

The alignment finalized is the most suitable alignment and no other alternative would be better considering all aspects.