

### JUSTIFICATION

**PROPOSAL FOR DIVERSION OF ADDITIONAL FOREST LAND AREA 7.33 HA. FOR IMPROVEMENT/UP GRADATION OF TRANS ARUNACHAL HIGHWAY (NH-52 B) FROM PASIGHAT-PANGIN ROAD (KM 0.00 TO KM 20.000) TO NHDL SPECIFICATION IN THE STATE OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH.**

1. As part of the development of National Highways, MoRT&H has decided for Improvement of Pasighat-Pangin Road (NH-52B) is keeping in view of the only and major connectivity towards the China Boarder as also the public residing along the rural and remote areas of Arunachal Pradesh. The existing length of project road is 76.00 Km and passing through districts of East Siang and comes under Pasighat Forest Division. The Road is inevitability required for communication for movement and deployment of the Army Troops/Defense as also it is very much important for security of the nation. The construction of the road will also ensure development to the otherwise remote areas in this region.

The additional forest land required to be diverted for dumping zones was not included in original scope for which Final Approval accorded vide MOEF Letter No. 3-AN C 071/2009-SHI/6818-20 dated 25<sup>th</sup> March. The complete issues of the areas proposed for diversion along with violated area of 7.33 hectares of forest land have been discussed on 18<sup>th</sup> July'2017 in the REC meeting at Regional Office Shillong and has been decided to submit online proposal for diversion of additional 7.33 hectares of forest land

2. More specifically, the project will:-
- (a) Enhance the road condition and use ability of the Trans Arunachal Highways, increase travel speeds, and reduce travel time, accident, and vehicle emissions.
  - (b) Ensure more efficient road asset development and management, and higher quality of construction and maintenance, resulting in decreased recurrent costs over the medium and long term.
  - (c) Accelerate the social and economic development in the state through improves access to socioeconomic services, increase employment opportunities, and improve transport services.
  - (d) Better approach to Medical & Educational service and quick transportation of perishable goods like fruits, vegetable and dairy products.

(e) As the proposal is for 7.33 hectares of forest land fall under Pasighat Forest Division.

3. In view of the importance of the Project, final approval is here by solicited.



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