

JUSTIFICATION

ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL AREA OF 17.37 HA. FOR DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR IMPROVEMENT/UP GRADATION OF TRANS ARUNACHAL HIGHWAY (NH-52 B) FROM CHANGLANG-KHONSA ROAD (KM 23.400 TO KM 67.420) TO NHDL SPECIFICATION IN TIRAP DISTRICT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH.

1. As part of the development of National Highways MoRT&H has decided for Improvement of connecting Changlang-Khonsa Road KM 23.400 to Km 67.420. The existing length of project road is 44.02 Km and passing through districts of Tirap and comes under Khonsa Forest Division. The Road Changlang-Khonsa is a vital link and the line communication for the local inhabitants of the forward area of District Changlang and Tirap Districts of Arunachal Pradesh. Up gradation of this road is very important not only from the point of connectivity but also from the strategic defence point of view. The construction of the road will also ensure development to the otherwise remote areas in this region.
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.
3. As the proposal is a part of the Changlang-Khonsa Road (67.420 Km) falling in Tirap District under Khonsa Forest Division. The additional forest land to be diverted for dumping zones were not included in original scope for which AIP has been granted vide letter dated 03.05.2011. However, CCF vide letter dated 06.01.2017 has requested DFO, Khonsa to calculate additional area for muck disposal sites falling in forest area. For 44.02 km, 43,54,128 cum of muck is to be disposed off. This surplus quantity will be disposed off in dumping yards/muck disposal sites having area of 335400Sqm, land acquisition is being done for these dumping areas. Dumping sites shall be stabilized with provision of retaining structures and plantation enclosed in this proposal. Location of muck disposal sites totaling to 335400Sqm is marked on Topo Sheet.
4. Joint site verification for **17.37 ha.** of forest land has been completed by forest department. (Copy enclosed)



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5. In view of the importance of the Project, Forest clearance of additional area 17.37 under USF may kindly be granted at the earliest.



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