## Justification for locating the project in Forest area

Title of the project:-Diversion of 0.620 hac of forest land in favour of HPPWD for the C/o link road from Kasol to Balh Km. 0/0 to 1/00 (Under PMGSY), with in the jurisdiction of Bilaspur Forest Division, Distt.Bilaspur, HP.

This road has total length of 1/00 km. This road was constructed by the local peoples about 30 to 40 years back with a formation width of 3 meter as per enquiry from local representatives. The construction of this road will provide all weather connectivity to the villagers those are facing lot of inconvenience due to non availability of road to this village, construction of this road will provide benefit to about 900 souls. This department has proposed this road under PMGSY and the forest area proposed for diversion is 0.620 hectare.

As such this road has been proposed to be constructed in the the forest land as such no other suitable non-forest land is available. All the waste land in Distt.Bilaspur is forest land as per notification dated 15-01-1952 issued by the Chief Commissioner Bilaspur

Himachal Pradesh is a hill state and rural connectivity is a key component of rural development in india. Rural roads contribute significantly to generating of employment agricultural, income and productive access to economic social service. Therefore with the construction of this road it will also serve and facilitate to the people with transportation facilities to this area of Panchyat.

The construction of this road is in overall public interest and is deemed

essential.

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