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Justification for Locating the Project in Forest Land

The new BG rail line project between Dahod and Indore is sanctioned by Ministry of Railways vide Pink Book item no 2 of 2007-08

The proposed alignment passes through Dahod and Panchmahal districts of Gujarat state and Jhabua, Dhar, Indore districts of Madhya Pradesh. Most of the alignment for the new BG line passes through economically undeveloped and tribal areas of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh states. The proposed alignment is taking-off from north end of existing Dahod yard on Mumbai-Delhi BG trunk route and deflects towards east to take the direction of proposed Jhabua station. After passing through Jhabua, the proposed alignment takes the direction of Rajgarh, Sardarpur, Dhar, Pithampur and meets at Mhow end of existing Rau station. The alignment has been kept shortest between Dahod-Jhabua.

After foundation stone laying ceremony at Jhabua in February 2008 for new B.G. line between Dahod-Indore. Based on the part sanctioned, this Railway has commenced the project work in the year 2008, and completed the work between Dahod to Katwara for Earth work in Formation, Minor Bridges, and Major Bridges along the selected Alignment.

Railway Board vide their letter No. 2009/LML/12/18 dated 17-12-2009 directed that project should be planned in a such manner so as to cause for minimum acquisition of land particularly agricultural land and dislocation of land owners. Keeping in view of latest Railway Board's guidelines, the land requirement have been kept to bare minimum for laying single BG line to save fertile agricultural land, forest land and industrialized area of Pithampur-Sagor.

The Proposed Alignment has been finalized with due consideration to the aspect that the alignment should involve minimum forest land.

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