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Justification Letter for Forest Land Diversion

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), New Delhi, Govt. of India is working for up-gradation of Nasrullaganj – Rehti - Budhni as National Highway (146B) which was State Highway earlier for rehabilitation to two lane with paved shoulders / Four lane configuration. Present road starts from Nasrullaganj and ends at Budhni which joins some major districts (Bhopal, Betul & Sehore) of the state of Madhya Pradesh. Road passes through agricultural zone where cultivation of soyabean, pulses, wheat, groundnut and other crops cultivated by local farmers. Therefore lots of ware houses and small & large agro products industries are located in this region. Presently the road width is less and traffic load is heavy which causes traffic jam on regular basis. On festive occasion people use this route to reach scared ghats of River Narmada especially in Makar Sankranti, Amavasya and Purnima. At present the road is working on as NH and to follow the standards there is requirement of Rehabilitation and Up-gradation of the road. Since long time the present road was passing through this forest area and for widening and curve improvement of the road forest land is required. Therefore, the diversion of the forest land is only choice for widening of the in principal declared at Nasrullaganj – Rehti – Budhni, National Highway (146 B).


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