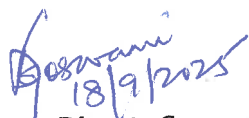


## Justification For the Project Road

**Improvement and Upgradation of Road from Ghagrabasti to Mazgaon (Hawajan) [From Ch. 0+000 to Ch. 15+300] and Shantipur to Holongi Airport [From Ch. 0+000 to Ch. 2+130] under Asom Mala.**

- The project road connects NH-415 (Ghagrabasti) with NH 15 (Hawajan). The design length of the project Road is 17.430 Km. The road improvement will provide better connectivity to the states of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.
- It will provide connectivity to Biswanath District, Lakhimpur District of Assam and Hollongi Airport in Arunachal Pradesh. It is an important road corridor connecting places namely Ghagrabasti, Sonapur, Daimalu, Alupara, Simaluguri, Khalihamari, Sesamiri, and Hawajan.
- The project road is an existing road, and it passes through Gohpur Reserve Forest for 17.06 Km length (Ghagrabasti to Mazgaon Ch. 0+000 to 1+930 on LHS, 1+930 to 14+930 on BHS and Shantipur to Holongi Chariali 0+000 to 2+130 on BHS). The proposed widening and geometrical improvement require diversion of 24.00 Ha. approx. of forest land. There are no other feasible alternative alignment and the area of forest land proposed for diversion is bare minimum.
- The Public Works Roads Department (PWRD) Assam is the implementing agency for the Improvement and Upgradation of SH and MDRs under "Asom Mala".
- The proposed Improvement and Upgradation of the road include geometric improvement involving horizontal and vertical alignment improvement, widening to two lanes with earthen shoulders and on either side. Cross drainage structures and RCC bridges would be provided as required.
- It envisages better transportation, connectivity, benefits to road users, and socio-economic benefits. The major benefits of the project are improvement in the condition of the road, road user comfort and less vehicle operating cost, reduction in travel time, and better interstate and intrastate connectivity.

  
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