


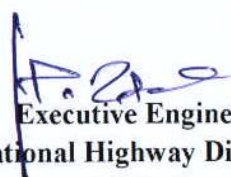
JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA
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Name of Project: Construction of six lane with Paved Shoulder of the Existing Chotila Bypass Left Out Section of NH-47 (Old NH-8A) from Existing Km 165+925 to 172+275 on the EPC mode in Surendranagar Rajkot District of The Gujarat State

The project road starts point Km 165+925 near Sangani Village and end point Km 172+275 near Govt. ITI at Chotila. The project road development will aim at widening and strengthening and journey speed and reducing congestion and accident on the highway. The option of both side widening of existing 4-lane with paved shoulders to 6 lane with paved shoulder considered for improvement project so as to utilize the existing right of way (ROW) as far as possible. The existing Right of Way (ROW) is the property of Roads and Buildings Department, Government of Gujarat, but it declared as protected forest by forest department. The quarries, haul road and borrow area have not been located in any reserve or protected forest nor within any protected forest areas. In both side almost care was taken to minimize the impact on the natural environment including forest. There is no other alternative alignment is feasible for this project. The project road is passing through Surendranagar district of the Gujarat state. Part of this land is required for the project.

Sr. No.	Features	Details
1.	Existing Chainage from Km 165+925 to 172+275 of section NH-47 (old Nh-8A)	The project road passing through Surendranagar district of the Gujarat state, Start point starts point Existing Km 165+925 near Sangani Village and end point Km 172+275 near Govt. ITI at Chotila of section NH-47 (Old Nh-8A)
2	Length	6.3600 Km
3	Improvement	Four with pave shoulder to Six land with paved and earthen shoulder in Development
4	District	Surendranagar
5.	Taluka	Chotila
6.	Village	Sangani, Khumbhara and Chotila Villages of Chotila
7.	Proposed Diversion Forest Area	10.08 Ha.


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CERTIFICATE FOR MINIMUM USE OF FOREST LAND AND JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT ON FOREST LAND


Certificate for Minimum Use of Forest Land


It is certified that the Protected forest area to be diverted for non forestry purpose in this case is minimum and unavoidable due to need of widening and strengthening (~~conversion of existing 4-lane to 6-Lane with paved shoulder~~) of existing Km 165+925 to Km 172+275 of section NH-47 (Nh-8B). Forest area felling under Surenranagar forest division are 10.08 Ha. of Protected forest land.

Justification for Area Selection

Road and Building Department, Government of Gujarat has decided to take up the development of various SH stretches/corridors in the state where the intensity of traffic increases significantly and there is requirement of augmentation of capacity for safe and efficient movement of traffic.

The proposed project road is essentially a highway widening project and involved of conversion of existing 4-lane with paved shoulders to 6-lane with paved shoulder as per 6-lane NH standard. Both side widening of existing road within existing right of way (ROW) of R & B Department are notified protected forest from existing Km 165+925 to Km 172+275 of section NH-47 (Nh-8B) by Gujarat Government. Protected forest area diversion is proposed to meet the minimum requirement of geometric design parameter and safety aspects of highway. Therefore, area of protected forest land is proposed for the clearance.


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