

Subject: 28 Road Projects of Indo-Nepal Border by UPPWD
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To,

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Sub.: 28 Road Projects of Indo-Nepal Border by UPPWD - reg.

Ref: Your letter dated 7th July, 2014 and 13th August, 2014.

Sir,

Kindly refer above mentioned proposal viz. 28 Road Projects of Indo-Nepal Border by U.P. Public Works Department (UPPWD) submitted to the Ministry for environment clearance alongwith Form-I, IA and draft ToRs which was considered and discussed in the 7th Expert Appraisal Committee (Defence) meeting held on 13th October, 2014. It is noted that project is for development of roads in areas along the Indo-Nepal Border (Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar), Indo-Bhutan Border (Assam) and Indo-Pak Border (Gujarat). Total length of the road will be 1715 km. with 574.57 km. in the State of U.P.

2. The Indo-Border Project involves private/agriculture/community land, forestland, land under Sanctuary and National Park. Some parts of the proposed roads will pass through the Dudhwa National Park, Pilibhit Wildlife Sanctuary, Katernaiaighat, Suhelwa, Sohagibarwa Wildlife Sanctuaries and other forest areas in the above districts. Total cost of the project is 177.87 Crores.

3. You have confirmed vide letter dated 6th September, 2014 that existing stretches (proposed for augmentation) and proposed fresh roads (total 28 roads) are not designated as National Highways, State Highways or Expressway and are also not located above 1000 m above MSL.

4. The matter was examined in the Ministry and noted that no environmental clearance is required by the UPPWD for 28 Indo-Nepal Border Road projects as per the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 due to the fact that project is neither a State Highway nor a National Highway nor an Expressway. Elevation of the roads is also less than 1,000 MSL ranging between 100 to 450 m. from the sea level. However, since the project involves forest land and is also within 10 km of the wildlife sanctuary/national park, you are requested to kindly obtain approval for the diversion of forest land under Forest (Conversion) Act, 1980 and wildlife clearance from the Steering Committee of National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

5. You are also requested to take care of following while carrying out construction of the roads:

- i) If the proposed route passes through any hilly/ sloppy area, care shall be taken about the stability of slope, cutting or embankment / control of soil erosion from embankment.
- ii) If the proposed route involves tunnelling, care shall be taken during tunnelling with geological structural fraction. In case the road passes through a flood plain of the river, the details of micro drainage, flood passages and information on flood periodicity at least of last 50 years in the area shall be examined.
- iii) Animal bypasses / underpasses etc. across the habitation areas shall be provided. Adequate cattle passes for the movement of agriculture material shall also be provided at the stretches passing through habitation areas.
- iv) Necessary green belt shall be provided on both side of the route.
- v) If the proposed route is passing through a city or town, with houses and human habitation on the either side of the road, the necessity for provision of bypasses/diversions/under passes shall be provided to avoid any clashes. Provisions shall also be made for necessary wayside amenities, which shall include petrol station/service centre, rest areas including public conveyance etc. Provisions shall also be made for the pedestrian safety and construction of underpasses and foot-over bridges.
- vi) Fly ash in the road construction shall be used, if the project roads are located within the 100 km from the Thermal Power Plant.
- vii) Rain water harvesting pits shall be provided at least 3-5 m. above the highest ground water table. Provision shall be made for oil and grease removal from surface runoff.
- viii) IRC guidelines shall be followed for widening & up-gradation of road.

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Director

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