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FOR

Khurja – Dadri Section

OF

PROPOSED EASTERN DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR

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ABBREVIATIONS

AAQ	Ambient Air Quality
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
ASI	Archaeological Survey of India
BIS	Bureau of Indian Standard
BOD	Biological Oxygen Demand
cc	Cubic Centimeter
CF	Conservator of Forest
Cl	Chlorine
CO	Carbon Monoxide
CPCB	Central Pollution Control Board
CPRs	Common Property Resources
dB	Decibel
DFC	Dedicated Freight Corridor
DFCCIL	Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited
DFO	Divisional Forest Offices
DO	Dissolved Oxygen
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIA	Environment Impact Assessment
EMP	Environmental Monitoring Plan
EMU	Environment Management Unit
Fe	Iron
GoI	Government of India
Hg	Mercury
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ICCP	Information and Community Consultation Programme
ICD	Inland Container Depot
IS	Indian Standards
LA _E	Exposure Noise Level
LA _{eq}	Equivalent Noise Level
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
MoEFCC	Ministry of Environment & Forests and Climate Change
N	Nitrogen
Na	Sodium
NEP	National Environmental Policy
NGO	Non Government Organization
NO	Nitrogen Oxide
OM	Organic Matter
OP	Operational Policy
PAFs	Project Affected Families
PAPs	Project Affected Person
Pb	Lead
PCCF	Principal Conservator of Forest
PUC	Pollution Under Control Certificate
RAP	Resettlement Action Plan
ROB	Railway Over Bridge
ROW	Right of Way
RPM	Respiratory Particulate Matter

RRP	Resettlement and Rehabilitation Plan
RUB	Railway under Bridge
SC	Scheduled Caste
SDOE	State Department of Environment
SEIA	State Environment Impact Assessment
SIA	Social Impact Assessment
SPCB	State Pollution Control Board
SPM	Suspended Particulate Matter
SR	Sensitive Receptors
ST	Scheduled Tribe
TOR	Terms of Reference
WB	World Bank
WLS	Wildlife Sanctuaries
Zn	Zinc

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 BACKGROUND

Ministry of Railways initiated action to establish a Special Purpose Vehicle for construction, operation and maintenance of the dedicated freight corridors. This led to the establishment of “Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL)”, to undertake planning & development, mobilization of financial resources and construction, maintenance and operation of the dedicated freight corridors. DFCCIL was incorporated as a company under the Companies Act 1956 on 30th, October, 2006. Mumbai-Delhi and Mumbai-Howrah routes have a current capacity utilization of more than 140%. This has led to the saturation of the Railways system in terms of line capacity utilizations on these corridors, which are specifically called the Western and Eastern corridor respectively. Dankuni -Sonmargar-Ludhiana section has been identified as part of the Eastern Corridor (EDFC) while from JNPT to Dadri via Vadodara - Ahmedabad - Palanpur-Phulera - Rewari is called Western Corridor (WDFC). These corridors encompass a double line (except Khurja- Ludhiana section which is single line at present) electrified traction corridors. The total length of EDFC works out to 1839 Km whereas that of WDFC is 1483 Km. The present EIA study confines to 49.69km stretch from Khurja to Dadri, which provides connection of EDFC with WDF. This alignment, Khurja-Dadri is taken under EDFC.

2.0 OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

Current regulations of Government of India does not require railway project to obtain for Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEFCC), thus, not requiring Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies. However, considering the magnitude of activities envisaged as part of EDFC, the DFCCIL has to conduct an Environment Assessment (EA) and prepare an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) to mitigate potential negative impacts for the project. Environmental Management Framework (EMF) developed during earlier EA of Bhaupur-Khurja has been followed in this section also.

3.0 SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)

Scope of study for the Khurja- Dadri section (about 49.69 km) includes environmental assessment, environmental management plan based on Environmental management framework approved for Bhaupur- Khurja section.

4.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The present project confines to the section between Khurja and Dadri. This alignment traverses through two districts namely Bulandshahar & Gautam Budh Nagar, both within the state of Uttar Pradesh. Details are given in the **Table- 1**.

Table -1 Chainage and length of Khurja-Dadri Section

District	IR Chainage km		Distribution of length (km)		Total
	From	To	Parallel	Bypass	Length
Buland Shahar	1369.820	1394.112	18.59	9.52	28.11
GB Nagar	1394.112	1415.069	17.83	3.75	21.58
Total (KRJ-DER)			36.42	13.27	49.69

5.0 KEY ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Following presents the environmental regulations and legislations relevant to project.

Table 2: Environmental Regulations and Legislations

Sl. No.	Act / Rules	Purpose	Applicability to the project	Authority
1	Environment Protection Act-1986	To protect and improve overall environment	The project activities should maintain emission standards	MoEFCC. Gol; DoE, State Gov. CPCB; SPCB
2	Environmental Impact Assessment Notification- 14 th Sep-2006 and its amendment	To provide environmental clearance to new development activities following environmental impact assessment	Railway project not included in the Notification Hence not applicable in this project	MoEFCC
3	Notification for use of fly ash	Reuse large quantity of fly ash discharged from thermal power plant to minimize land use for disposal	Possibility of use of fly ash shall be explored in engg. Designs	MoEFCC
4	National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 National Green Tribunal (Prevention and Protection) Rules, 2011	Address Grievances regarding cases related to environment protection & compensation against other natural resources	Applicable	MoEFCC
5	Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980 The Forest (Conservation) Rules, 1981	To check deforestation by restricting conversion of forested areas into non- forested areas	Applicable.	Regional Office of MoE&F.
6	Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and its amendments	To protect wildlife through certain of National Parks and Sanctuaries	No wild life Sanctuary or National park in the project area Not Applicable	-
7	Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981	To control air pollution	Applicable Emissions from construction machinery and vehicle should be checked time to time.	UPSPCB

Sl. No.	Act / Rules	Purpose	Applicability to the project	Authority
8	Water Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974	To control water pollution by controlling discharge of pollutants as per the prescribed standards	Applicable Various parameters in Effluents from construction sites and workshops are to be kept below the prescribed standards	UPSPCB
9	Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control Act), 2000	The standards for noise for day and night have been promulgated by the MoEFCC for various land uses.	Applicable DG sets at construction sites and workshops should be provided with acoustics enclosures.	UPSPCB
10	Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010	Conservation of cultural and historical remains found in India	Not Applicable No ASI protected monument within a distance of 300 m.	Archaeological Dept / NMA Govt. of India
11	Public Liability and Insurance Act, 1991	Protection form hazardous materials and accidents.	Applicable	MoEFCC and UPSPCB
12	Explosive Act, 1884	Safe transportation, storage and use of explosive material	Applicable Respective Authorization shall be obtained from CCE	Chief Controller of Explosives
13	Minor Mineral and concession Rules	For opening new quarry.	Applicable Quarry Licenses shall be obtained by Contractors.	District Collector, State Mines Department and UPSPCB
14	Central Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989	To check vehicular air and noise pollution.	Applicable All vehicles in Use shall obtain Pollution Control Check certificates	Motor Vehicle Department, U.P.
15	The Mining Act	The mining act has been notified for safe and sound mining activity.	Applicable Quarry Licenses shall be obtained by Contractors.	Department of mining, Govt. of UP

Sl. No.	Act / Rules	Purpose	Applicability to the project	Authority
16	Railway (Amendment) Act, 2008	Land acquisition for special railway project	Applicable	Govt. of India
17	The Petroleum Rules, 2002 Amendment, 2011	Storage of petroleum products for operation of construction machineries	Applicable	Chief Controller of Explosive/ District Magistrate

Scoping is done to find if a project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to determine whether significant environmental impacts warranting an EIA. For projects with potential to have significant adverse environmental impacts (Category **A**) an environmental impact assessment (EIA) is required. Category **B** projects are judged to have some adverse environmental impacts, but of lesser degree or significance than those for category A projects.

The project railway line passes through a small patch of reserved forest area. No presence of endangered fauna and flora along the project railway line envisaged. It may also be mentioned that there is only marginal acquisition for protected forest land due to the proposed section and it is at the crossing of alignment with SH/NH. The Government of India has issued Environmental Impact Assessment Notification in 1994 as a part of Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and amendments in September 2006. Railway projects do not fall under any category requiring an environmental clearance from MoEFCC. Only No Objection Certificate (NOC) is required from SPCB under the Air and Water Acts for operating various equipment during construction works.

Physical work proposed under this project is expected to cause significant Environmental & Social impacts involving large scale land acquisition (211.67 Ha.), significant earth work (for embankment 4.17 million m³ and blanket material of 0.59 million m³) & construction materials (4.316 m³/ metre ballast) and expected to have impact on environment (felling of 2250 trees & diversion of small patches of reserve forest land of total 3.49 Ha.), relocation of 14 CPRs as well as construction work on 49.69 km linear work front involving deployment of construction equipment etc. Therefore, the Project is considered as **Category 'A'** as per the World Bank safeguard policy. This will help in making the construction stage more environment compliant and also setting up a system for better and more environment friendly construction in the project area. DFCCIL is committed to establish the most efficient and eco-friendly systems. Accordingly, EIA has been carried out and Environmental Assessment including Environmental Management Plan (EMP) has been prepared.

6.0 BASE LINE ENVIRONMENT

Data was collected from secondary sources for the macro-environment setting like climate, physiographic (geology and slope), biological and socio-economic environment within Project Influence Area, CPM Office/ Project District. First hand information has been collected to record the micro-environmental features within Corridor of Impact, (CoI). Collection of first hand (Primary) information includes preparation of base maps, extrapolating environmental features on proposed alignment, environmental monitoring covering ambient air, water, soil, noise and vibration, tree enumeration, location and measurement of socio cultural features

abutting project alignment. The environmental profile and strip plan have been prepared.

Based on the guidelines of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India for the environmental impact assessment of road/rail projects the impact study of the project covers Core Zone within 100 m on either side of the proposed rail corridor alignment including detours. The study area was extended to cover a Buffer Zone of 5 km wide on either side of the proposed alignment, to analyse the land-use, identify environmentally sensitive locations, if any and understand the overall drainage pattern of the area.

Core zone of 100m is the Right of Way where DFC alignment will pass & railway track will be laid and direct impact is expected. Buffer zone of 5 km is for studying impact on environmental features due to DFC project. The buffer zone (or project influence area) of 5 km has been taken from the boundary of core zone along the DFCC corridor.

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY OF THE PROJECT & SUMMARY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES ALONG THE PROPOSED ALIGNMENT

The entire environmental profile covering five km on both side of the proposed alignment has been studied, and strip plans have been prepared to cover the RoW of the proposed alignment in parallel as well as detour sections. Based on this analysis, the following conclusions can be drawn:-

1. There is no wild life sanctuary or national park located along the parallel or detour sections of the proposed DFC.
2. There is no wetland of significance along the proposed corridor.
3. The DFC alignment, in major portion, does not pass through protected or reserved forest in Khurja- Dadri section. There are small patches of land under reserved forest and it is 3.49 Ha. The alignment also crosses some SH/NH and canals. In certain cases, the plantation in the RoW of roads and canals has been declared protected forest in Uttar Pradesh. Hence construction of RUBs across roads and bridges across canals will require forest land diversion and clearance. This diversion will be very minimal.
4. There are congested sections with residential / commercial structures such as Boraki, Wair, dankaur, etc. along the existing railway alignment.
5. The DFC alignment crosses Karon River and few canals. No village pond falls within the RoW of alignment specially Wair and Khurja Flyover UP lines.
6. There are of religious structures (03 temples), 01 educational institute located along the proposed alignment. These will be directly impacted.
7. The proposed alignment may result in the cutting of estimated **2550** out of which approx. 837 trees are within Railway Properties, 706 trees on reserve forest land (3.49 Ha.) & 1007 trees are on private land. The major species present along the alignment are babool, neem, shisam, papal, mango, bargad, kanji, labhera, ashok, sirsa, guler, jamun, ber, eucalyptus, mahua and bel.
8. No ASI protected monument is falling within a distance of 300 m from the RoW of DFC alignment. However, Uttar Pradesh being rich in heritage, "chance find" during construction is a possibility.

8.0 SOCIAL IMPACT

Social impact affecting number of PAFs & PAPs is 81 & 5841 respectively. Details are indicated in the relevant sections of the report. Total **211.67** Ha land will be acquired, out of which 145.59 ha is private land, and balance 66.08 Ha is Govt. land. Detailed resettlement action plan report has been prepared.

9.0 PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND DISCLOSURE

The Public Consultation meetings for the proposed section have been conducted in five places during November and December 2011. For these meetings, environmentally sensitive villages that could potentially be affected by the proposed project were selected. The overall objective of the public consultation was to provide information to the stakeholders and collect feedback from them on related environmental issues. The consultants along with DFC officials clarified all issues raised by the stakeholders. Major issues discussed during PCMs are given below.

- Stakeholders raised issue of noise level, suggested noise barriers along schools & habitation.
- At Jamalpur, stakeholders suggested to relocate CPRs like well, handpump, tubewells before dismantling the existing ones.
- Safety issues were raised, particularly for children, peacock, nilgai
- Underpasses suggested for crossing the track
- Employment in addition to compensation was demanded for land losers.
- Many participants raised queries on land compensation and market rate was suggested for the purpose.

The design takes care of both the issues through provision of adequate number of RUBs, foot over bridge to facilitate the crossing. The compensation related issues have been resolved through preparation of resettlement action plan (RAP). This RAP will be implemented during pre construction with the necessary assistance if required.

10.0 ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES

In order to minimize land acquisition and impact on environment major portion of DFC alignment is kept parallel to the existing Delhi- Howrah rail line. The DFC tracks have been proposed at a distance of 12-15 m from the centre of RVNL third rail line currently under implementation from Aligarh to Ghaziabad. The detours have been proposed at Khurja Flyover up line and Wair. The laying of additional two DFC tracks is not possible due to limited space availability at these stations. There is development on either side of Wair stations. The laying of DFC tracks would have caused a large number of demolitions of structures leading to R&R problems. The DFC alignment has been kept on left side of existing IR tracks after due consideration of social and environmental issues.

Alternative analysis has been done 'with' & 'without' project for physical, biological & socio-economic environment. Also, analysis has been done for technical & design alternatives. It is concluded that 'with' project option is better option.

11.0 POTENTIAL IMPACT

The environmental impact assessment has been conducted based on one season baseline data. This data was generated during months of December and January. EIA involves prediction of potential impacts by the development of the project on the surrounding area. Based on the baseline environmental status described and the proposed project activities, potential impacts have been assessed and predicted, and appropriate mitigation measures are suggested to avoid / reduce / compensate for the potential adverse impacts of the project and enhance its positive impacts. Potential impacts due to proposed DFC Khurja-Dadri are listed below.

- Diversion of 3.49 Ha. reserved forest;
- Cutting of about 2550 trees;

- Earth work of for embankment 4.17 million m³ and blanket material of 0.59 million m³ & construction materials (4.316 m³/ metre ballast)
- Increased noise & vibration levels in Sensitive Receptors (SRs) located close to the alignment; one SR needs noise barrier of 200m long and 2 SRs need to be relocated.
- 14 CPRs are likely to be affected;
- Health & safety issues during construction activities;
- 211.67 Ha. land acquisition will be required.
- PAFs are 81, PAPs are 5841

12.0 MEASURES FOR THE MITIGATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Prevention or avoidance of impact is better than mitigation of impact. Hence avoidance and reduction of adverse impacts approaches were adopted during the design stage through continued interaction between the design and environmental teams. This is reflected in the designs of the horizontal & vertical alignment, cross sections adopted, construction methods and construction materials. In-depth site investigations have been carried out so that sensitive environmental resources are effectively avoided, leading to acceptable alignment option which has minimum impact on the environment. The appropriate mitigation measures have been suggested during various phases of the project including specific measures for noise and vibration.

13.0 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Environmental Management Plan is an implementation plan to mitigate and offset the potential adverse environmental impacts of the project for enhancing its positive impact. Based on the environmental baseline conditions, planned project activities and impact assessed earlier, this section enumerates the set of measures to be adopted in order to minimize adverse impact during pre-construction, construction & operation phases. Social impact mitigation and land acquisition plan are also included in this section. The process of implementing mitigation and compensatory measures, execution of these measures, agencies responsible for the implementation of these measures and indicative cost has been mentioned.

- Compensatory afforestation against protected forest land acquired as per condition of MoEFCC while granting permission;
- Plantation of 4688 trees of which 3688 shall be planted by the forest department and 1000 trees by construction agency ;
- Dust suppression measures are proposed during earthwork.
- Permission will be obtained from concerned authority for quarrying and necessary conditions complied with;
- Noise suppression & suitable noise barriers are proposed for sensitive receptors; 3 sensitive receptors will require either relocation or noise barrier.
- Vibration control measures during design stage of track and locomotive & rakes besides vibration suppression measures are proposed for the identified sensitive receptors;
- Relocation of affected 14 CPRs;
- Occupational Health & safety measures for workers during construction activities and at labour camps;
- Suitable temporary drainage will be provided during construction.
- Discharge of wastewater during construction phase will be as per EMP and suitable oil catch pits will be provided where necessary.
- EMP budget is estimated is Rs. 1305 million.

CHAPTER 1 : INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

Indian Railway (IR) is one of the largest railway systems in the world. It serves a landmass of over 3.3 million sq.m. and a population of over one billion. The last 50 years have seen a tremendous growth in the Indian transportation sector. In the past few years, the volume of rails freight has increased by over five times and the number of passenger kilometers has increased over seven times. The tonnage handled by Indian ports has increased 16 times. Railway freight, which was 73 MT in 1950-51, has increased to 1054 MT in 2013-14 i.e., 1344% variation over 1950-51. This rapid increase in freight traffic is attributed to India's economic growth, which resulted in traffic congestion on the existing railway track.

1.2 DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR

To cater to the rapid growth and demand for additional capacity of rail freight transportation, Government of India has initiated development of 'Dedicated Freight Corridors' along eastern and western Routes, connecting the metro cities of Delhi- Kolkata and Delhi-Mumbai. Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) was established in 2006 to undertake planning & development, mobilization of financial resources and construction, maintenance and operation of the dedicated freight corridors.

- The Western corridor is of 1483 km double line track from Mumbai (JNPT) to Delhi near Dadri and connects the cities of Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Palanpur, Phulera and Rewari.
- The Eastern corridor is of 1839 km track from Dankuni, near Kolkata to Ludhiana. This includes Khurja to Dadri on NCR double line electrified corridor of 49.69 Km length which is current section under study.

The Eastern and Western corridors will meet at Dadri, near Delhi.

1.3 CURRENT PROJECT

The current project between Khurja and Dadri having a length of about 49.69 km is a part of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC). The project starts from the end point of Khurja- Bhaupur section. The Environmental Assessment of Bhaupur –Khurja section is under progress. The decision to include Khurja- Dadri section has been taken later for inclusion in the World Bank funding, therefore, Environmental Assessment has been undertaken as per World Bank Safeguard Policies and Requirements.

1.4 OBJECTIVES OF EA

As per the current regulations of Government of India, rail projects do not require Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies and Environmental Clearance (EC) from the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEFCC). However, considering the magnitude of activities of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) of which current project is a part, DFCCIL has engaged **M/s Engineering and Technological Services, Delhi** an independent Consultant to conduct EA and prepare an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) to mitigate potential negative impacts for the Khurja- Dadri section. Environmental Management Framework (EMF) earlier prepared for Bhaupur-Khurja has been followed for this section also for the Environmental Assessment. .

The objectives of the EA are to:

- Identify potential environmental impacts to be considered in the design of Khurja- Dadri Section of EDFC and recommend specific measures to mitigate the impacts.
- Review the proposed alignment of Khurja-Dadri Section and identify possible environmental issues to be addressed during the planning, Design, construction and operation of the project.

- Formulate an implementable Environmental Management Plan (EMP) integrating the measures to avoid the identified impacts and an appropriate monitoring and supervision mechanism to ensure EMP implementation.
- Recommend suitable institutional mechanisms to monitor and supervise effective implementation of Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

1.5 SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work of Environmental Assessment is as follows:

- Brief Description of the proposed project comprising various proposed activities, their phased implementation and their inter-linkages with regard to environmental impacts.
- Detailed Environmental Profile of the Project Influence Area (within 5 km on either side of the proposed alignment) with details of all the environmental features such as Reserve Forests, Sanctuaries / National Parks, Rivers, Lakes / Ponds, Religious Structures, Archaeological monuments, Natural Habitats, School, Irrigation Canals, Utility Lines, other sensitive receptors, etc. have been covered.
- Detailed field reconnaissance of the proposed alignment, with strip maps presenting all the environmental features and sensitive receptors (trees and structures in the ROW, Reserve Forests, Sanctuaries / National Parks, Rivers, Lakes / Ponds, Religious Structures, Archaeological monuments, Natural Habitats, Schools, Irrigation Canals, Utility Lines, other sensitive structures) along the project corridor. The environmental features recorded on the strip maps indicating their distance from the centre-line of the proposed alignment.
- Detailed Baseline Environmental Monitoring of various environmental attributes such as Ambient Air Quality, noise level, vibration level, water quality (surface & groundwater), ecological profile, etc.
- Assessment of Environmental Impacts of the project, including analysis of alternatives has been carried out for both 'With the Project' and 'Without the Project' scenarios. In case of detour / by pass locations the alternatives should consider alignment parallel to the existing rail line and the proposed detour / bypass alignment (s).
- Measures for the Mitigation of Environmental Impacts identified. The measures for the mitigation of impacts should consider options such as minor modification in alignment, reduction of RoW and engineering measures such as noise barrier / attenuation measure, RUBs/ ROBs, protection of water bodies, conservation of archaeological / heritage structures, etc. Opportunities for enhancement of environmental resources, cultural properties or common property resources explored and recommendations for appropriate measures for implementation.
- Public Consultation and Disclosure of the project and its impacts as per the WB operational policies.
- Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan, comprising a set of remedial (prevention, mitigation and compensation) measures have been developed by the consultant and ensure that these commensurate with nature, scale and potential of the anticipated environmental impacts with necessary Institutional Mechanism for the implementation and monitoring of EMP.

1.6 METHODOLOGY

In order to assess the environmental impacts due to the proposed project, observations were made through repeated field visits. Relevant secondary data was also collected from various government agencies such as District Collector, Indian Meteorological Department, District Statistical Office, Central Ground Water Board, Survey of India, Geological Survey of India, District Industries Centre, District Forest Office, and Archaeological Survey of India

The **environmental profile** of the project influence area and strip maps are prepared based on the following.

- **Toposheets (scale 1:50000) of Survey of India:** - Toposheets have been collected from Survey of India, Dehradun and proposed alignment has been marked on the topo sheets.
- **Field reconnaissance of the proposed alignment:** - The entire area has been surveyed to gather the information on environmental features.
- **Collecting the data of sensitive receptors during field visit:** - The details on sensitive receptors such as schools, religious structures, hospitals etc. are collected and marked on the strip map.
- **Public consultation at village level:** During public consultation, the information on sensitive receptors are also collected and marked on strip maps.

Based on the data collected, the strip maps and environmental profile was developed to present all the environmental features and sensitive receptors.

Preparation of baseline environmental profile, collection of meteorological data from nearest IMD stations (Aligarh and Delhi in this current project) and field monitoring of ambient air quality, water quality, noise, vibration, soil quality and ecological components as per relevant IS methods / Central Pollution Control Board Standards.

An **analysis of alternative** alignments was carried out and finalized based on reconnaissance survey of project impact zone, analysis of data and screening to minimize impact on environment covering settlements, sensitive receptors, and ecological components.

Series of **Public consultations** were conducted at five places with assistance / guidance of DFCC project office at Meerut.

Based on the baseline environmental status and project activities, potential impact has been identified, assessed and predicted and appropriate mitigation measures have been suggested in planning phase, construction phase and post-construction phase.

Environmental management and monitoring plan have been formulated based on the outcome of the environmental impact assessment.

1.7 ORGANIZATION OF THE REPORT

The outputs of the study are presented in ten chapters, as mentioned below.

Chapter 1 provides brief background of the project, scope of the EIA study, methodology and organization of the report.

Chapter 2 describes type of the project, salient features of the project with details on various components of the project.

Chapter 3 describes legal and administrative framework / policy relevant to the present project.

Chapter 4 covers the environmental profile of the study area within 5 km on either side of the proposed alignment and strip maps presenting all the environmental features and sensitive receptors covering trees and structures within ROW.

Chapter 5 assesses the nature, type and dimensions of the study area and describes the relevant physical, biological environmental and social components along the proposed railway corridor. The database on the environmental components relevant to decisions about project location; design and operation have been assembled from various secondary sources and primary monitoring of ambient air quality, noise and vibration levels, water and soil quality, aquatic and terrestrial ecology.

Chapter 6 assesses the various alternatives covering parallel alignment / detours options and details on selection of final alignment to minimize the negative social and environmental impacts.

Chapter 7 covers the prediction of potential environmental impacts by the development of the project on the surrounding area. The impacts due to development of the proposed Dedicated Freight Corridor are assessed for planning phase, construction phase and implementation phase.

Chapter 8 covers the mitigation measures to mitigate the negative impacts due to the development of Khurja-Dadri Section of EDFC on various components of the environment during life cycle of the project i.e. Pre Construction, Construction and Operation phases

Chapter 9 covers the details on public consultation meeting, disclosure of the project and its impacts are covered in this chapter.

Chapter 10 covers the environmental management plan for various environmental parameters, implementation details, monitoring plan and environmental budget.

CHAPTER 2 : PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents the details of various project components and their salient features, based on the detailed project report prepared by DFCCIL.

2.2 SIZE & LOCATION OF PROJECT CORRIDOR

The project corridor is located on Northern Central Railway and is being designed for a maximum speed of 100 kmph train operation.

The Total length from Khurja to Dadri section (the section under the present study), is about 49.69 km. This section includes Khurja Junction which is an important junction on Delhi - Howrah double line electrified main trunk route of Northern Central Railway connecting the Northern, Central and Eastern regions of the country. The entire stretch of the project is located in the State of Uttar Pradesh and passes through 2 districts namely Bulandshahar and Gautam Budh Nagar.

The terrain of the project area is generally flat and no Major River crossing the alignment. The entire length lies in the Indo-Gangetic planes. Following table shows parallel & detour sections of 49 km project:

Table 2-1: Chainage and length Alignment of Khurja- Dadri Section

Stretch	District	Chainage(From)	Chainage To	Total length
Parallel	Bulandshahar	Khurja Junction Station (km 1369.82)	Start of Wair Detour (km1387.42)	36.42
	Gautam Budh Nagar	End of Wair Detour km 1390.810)	Boraki Station (km 1415.69)	
	Total length in parallel			36.42
Detours	Bulland Shahar	Khurja Flyover & Wair Detour		13.27
	Total length in Bypass			13.27
	Grand Total length(Bypass&Parallel)			49.69 Say, 50 km

The detours have been proposed based on the following criteria.

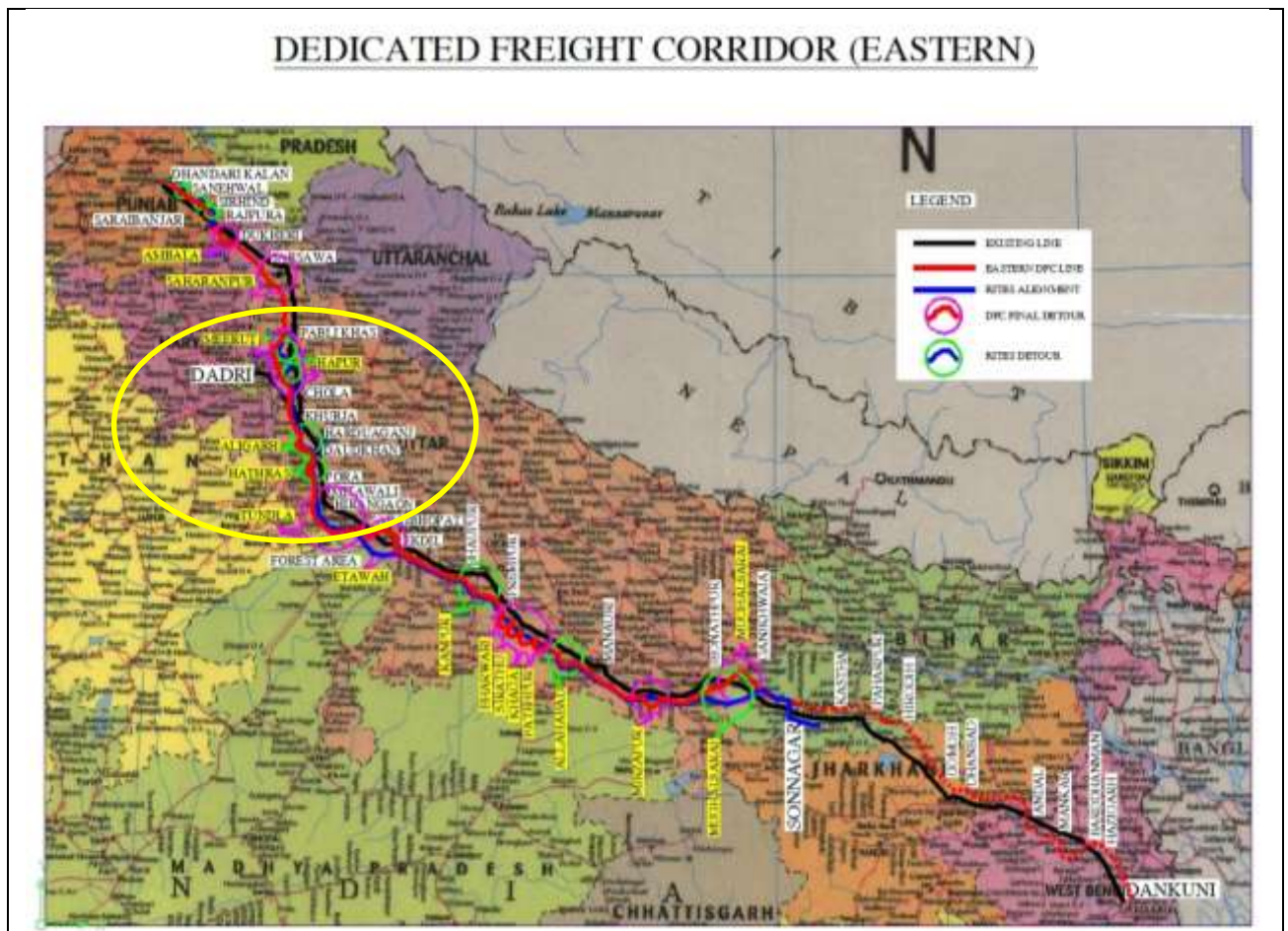
1. busy railway stations, where no space available along IR track to pass the DFC track after yard modification
2. Involuntary displacement of large number of people and families, dismantling of large number of structures etc.

A schematic map of Khurja-Dadri section is shown in **Figure.2.1**, while entire Eastern corridor is presented in **Figure 2.2**

Figure 2-1: Schematic Map of Khurja – Dadri



Figure 2-2: Eastern Dedicated Corridor



2.3 SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PROJECT

The salient features of the project are summarized in **Table - 2.2** below.

Table 2-2: Summarized Description of the Project

Sl.No.	Description	Details
1	Route length (km)	49.69km, say 50km
2	Parallel:	36.42 km
3	Detour:	13.27 km
4	No. of Detours(excluding Khurja Flyover)	01 i.e.,Wair Detour
5	Gradient	
a.	Ruling Gradient	1 in 200 (Compensated)
b.	Steepest Gradient in yards	1 in 1200, 1 in 400 in exceptional cases
6	Standard of Construction	
a.	Gauge	1676mm
b.	Rails	60 Kg 90 UTS rails

Sl.No.	Description	Details
c.	Sleeper	PSC, 1660 Nos./km for main line & 1540 Nos./km for loop line & sidings
d.	Points & Crossings	60 kg rail, 1 in 12 curved switches with CMS crossings on Fan shaped PSC sleepers layouts.
e.	Ballast	350 mm cushion
f.	Design speeds	100 kmph
g.	Design Axle load	Freight Traffic with 32.5 tone axle load
7	Formation	
a.	Bank width for Double line	13.5m.
b.	Slope on Embankment	2H:1V
c.	Cutting Width for Double line	19.25 m
d.	Earthwork	C.B.R. > 5
e.	Earthwork for Top 1m.	C.B.R. > 8
f.	Slope of cutting (ordinary Soil)	1 : 1
g.	Blanketing thickness	0.60 m
8	Curves	
a.	Maximum degree of curvature	2.0 degree
b.	Grade Compensation on curves	at the rate of 0.04 % per degree of curvature
9	Track Centers (Minimum)	
a.	Between two tracks of DFC	6 m
b.	Between Existing track and DFC	13-15m
10	Bridges	
a.	Standard of Loading	32.5 tonne axle load, 15 tonne/m trailing load (DFC Loading)
b.	Number of Important Bridges	Nil
c.	Number of major bridges	4 (total water way 88.45)
d.	Number of ROB	1
e.	Number of RUBs (Major)	2
f.	Number of RUBs (Minor)	31 in detours + 13 in parallel section
g.	Number of Minor Bridges	49 (Total water way 97.20 m)
h.	Number of Rail Flyovers	Nil
11	Road Crossings	
a.	Number of level crossings	13

Sl.No.	Description	Details
12	Stations	
a.	Junction Stations	01
b.	Crossing Stations	Nil
13	Additional Land Required	211.67 hectares

2.4 DESIGN FEATURES

2.4.1 Gauge

The proposed alignment of DFC line is almost parallel to the existing line and the Gauge for the DFC line has necessarily to be Broad Gauge. (BG-1676mm).

2.4.2 Category of Line

The proposed DFC line is having a potential maximum permissible speed of 100 kmph for goods trains to meet the anticipated traffic requirements. All bridges will be constructed to DFC loading standard with 32.5 ton axle load.

2.4.3 Ruling Gradients

The ruling gradient for the proposed line has been kept as 1 in 200(compensated). Grade compensation has been provided at the rate of 0.04% per degree of curvature as per Para 418 of Indian Railway's Permanent Way Manual. The maximum length of loop and tonnage of goods trains catered for in the design are 715m and 3600T respectively.

2.4.4 Curves

For permitting maximum permissible speed of 100 kmph, a radius of 638 m (2.74°) is adequate with Cant as 140 mm and Cant deficiency as 75mm. However, maximum Degree of curve is restricted to 2.5 degrees in the proposed corridor.

2.4.5 Section

Vertical curves as specified in Para 221 of Engineering Code (Para 419 of Indian Railways Permanent Way Manual) have been provided. As per Engineering Code, vertical curves have been provided only at those locations where the algebraic difference in change of grade is equal to or more than 4mm/m i.e.0.4%. A minimum radius of the vertical curves of 4000m as applicable for 'A' category lines for BG has been adopted.

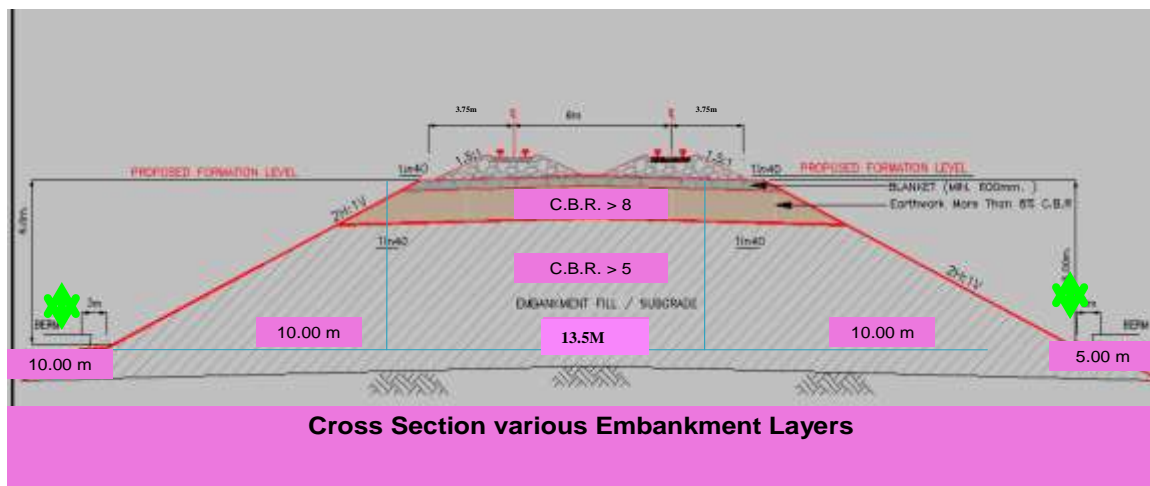
2.4.6 Spacing between Tracks

Spacing between track centre to centre of DFC alignment has been specified as 6 m and centre to centre spacing of DFC alignment from existing IR alignment has been specified as at 13m to 15m to avoid the infringement of existing IR infrastructure. However, distance between DFC and IR alignment has been reduced to 7m at thickly populated locations to reduce/avoid the displacement of inhabitants.

2.4.7 Formation

Being a double line construction, a top width of 13.5 m has been considered for embankment with side slopes of 2:1. Formation width in the cutting has been kept as 19.5 m. with side drains. Typical cross section of the proposed freight corridor is presented in **Figure-2.3**.

Figure 2-3: Cross Section of the Proposed Freight Corridor



2.4.8 Bank

Formation width of 13.5m on straight alignment has been considered. The slopes on banks are proposed as 2H: 1V. Where the bank height is more than 6m, a berm of minimum 3m width has been proposed at every 6m height.

2.4.9 Cutting

A bottom width 19.90 m with 1:1 slopes including side drains on both sides have been kept. Where the cutting height is more than 6m, berm of 3m width has been proposed at every 6 m cutting height.

2.4.10 Blanketing

Blanketing layer is provided with 0.6m depth.

2.4.11 Fixed Structure Clearance

Minimum vertical clearance as per SOD for ROB and FOB would be 6.050m to accommodate OHE suitable for the designed speed of 100 kmph.

2.4.12 Permanent Way

The track structure shall consist of 60 kg/m, 90 UTS, FF new rails on PSC sleepers having 1660 nos. per km density for main line. Rails with PSC sleepers having 1540 nos/km density have been adopted for loop lines and sidings. It is proposed to provide CWR/LWR as per the provision of the P-Way manual.

2.4.13 Points and Crossing

Points and Crossing with 60 kg rail on MBC sleepers with fan shaped Layouts, 1 in 12 on running lines and for non-running lines and sidings with curved switches and CMS crossings have been proposed.

2.4.14 Ballast

The depth of hard stone ballast (65mm size) cushion below MBC sleepers has been kept as 350mm for main lines. Therefore, a quantity of 4.910 cum/m for straight portion is provided. Provision for wastage, curvature and Points & crossing has been considered as per the provision of Para 263 of P-Way Manual.

2.4.15 Right of Way And Embankment Formation

RoW: wherever the alignment will run parallel to the existing IR track and maximum effort will be to use the existing railway land to minimise the land acquisition, the Drain, as may be required, will be constructed in this extra land portion.

Formation and earthwork profile: The formation width for independent (non-integrated but parallel with existing IR track) is 7.6 m with side slopes of 2:1. Extra width of formation shall have to be provided on curves to accommodate extra width of ballast and extra clearance of stocks.

For higher axle loads, RDSO guidelines recommend provision of increase in blanketing thickness to the extent of 450 mm over and above and as per the guidelines may be up to 1.45 m. However, in the proposed project it would be difficult to provide such thickness for most of the length due to bank height being about 1 to 2 m above ground level. To reduce the depth of blanketing, ideally, geotechnical investigation of sub-grade earth and that of sub-soil is necessary. As per design, consultants finding an average depth of 600 mm for blanketing could be adequate. However, design has proposed 600 mm blanketing. Mechanical compaction at optimum moisture content is proposed. Near bridge approaches stone pitching and other protective measures are proposed.

Earthwork: The total quantity of the earthwork required for embankment on this corridor will be 4.17 million m³. The quantity of blanket material estimated is 0.59 million m³. The earthwork formation may be independent or integrated with existing IR. The formation width for single line is 7.6m (excluding side drains).

2.4.16 Road Crossings/Level Crossing

There are about 18 level crossings on the alignment between Dadri to Khurja section. The details of the level crossings are given in the **Annexure 2.1**.

2.4.17 Stations

The freight corridor will have two types of stations. Stations required for normal operating requirement are called crossing stations and stations where the loads have to be transferred to/ from existing railway network have been called as Junction Stations. There is one Junction Station near Dadri. Crossing Stations have been proposed in a manner that there is at least one, either crossing station or junction station approximately at 40 km. At each station, minimum two numbers of loops, with 750 m CSR have been provided and Sand Dead Hump has been proposed. At station, necessary rooms for S & T have been proposed. Each station will comprise of a small 2-room office with basic amenities for DFC staff.

The details of the existing railway stations and proposed DFC stations are provided in the **Table - 2.3** below.

Table 2-3: Details of the Existing stations and Proposed DFC Stations along Khurja-Dadri Section of EDFC

S.No.	Station	IR Chainage
1	Khurja JA.	1369.82
2	Sikandarpur	1375.39
3	Chola	1384.55
4	Wair	1389.55
5	Dankaur	1398.02
6	Ajayabpur	1406.46
7	Boraki	1411.35
8	Dadri	1415.69

2.4.18 Residential Accommodation and labour camps

Residential accommodation is planned at stations. Maintenance Depot also has been proposed to house the essential staff.

Two Labour / construction camps are likely to be established for the section. Guidelines on construction camp siting is given at Annexure- 10.2. The contractor will develop its own plan for implementation during construction.

2.5 Land

Proposed DFC track is planned at about 15m c/c from third line being constructed by Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. between Aligarh and Ghaziabad of Delhi Howrah route of North Central Railway. Formation width of proposed DFC track (double line) has been planned for 13.5m and side slopes of 2:1 in embankment and 1:1 in cutting.

Since the detour is proposed in embankment, the land requirement is higher compared to the parallel section (about 50m to 60m depending up on height of embankment).

A land strip of about 1000 x 60 m of additional land will be acquired for the storage of construction material (dumping station) at about every 40 km. In addition to the above, about 2500m x 100m of land strip will be acquired for crossing / junction stations. Land will also be acquired for electrical installation such as S.P., S.S.P. & T.S.S as per norms of DFC Electrical Department. There is no interference with the military installations and major townships.

Table 2-4: Land Required for Various Purposes (Area in ha, length in km)

District	Chainage km		Distribution of length (km)		Total			
	From	To	Parallel	Bypass	Length	Districts	Villages	LA (Ha)
Buland Shahar	1369.820	1394.112	18.59	9.52	28.11	1	21	126.07
GB Nagar	1394.112	1415.69	17.83	3.75	21.58	1	17	85.60
Total (KRJ-DER)			36.42	13.27	49.69	2	38	211.67

Source: Detailed LAP, CPM Office Meerut

The proposed project stretch will involve acquisition of about 211.67ha of land in which about 68% is under private acquisition. However, the project will require very less about 0.68 ha of built-up area which includes residential, commercial or resi-cum commercial land use. At many built-up locations land width (Col) has been reduced to as less as 17 m., which resulted in reducing impact on the residential as well as commercial structures

2.5.1 Utilities

The project involves shifting of number of utility services such as electrical lines (HTL/LTL), transformers, tube wells, bore wells, hand pumps etc. A detailed shifting plan for each of the utilities has been prepared in the project and a summary of utilities that need to be shifted is presented in **Table 2.5**.

Table 2-5: Summary of Utilities

Name of utilities	Approx. No.
440 V electric line	22
11 KV electric line	07
33 KV electric line	03
132 KV electric line	06
220 KV electric line	2

Name of utilities	Approx. No.
400 KV electric line	01
500 KV DC	0
Bore well, Tube well & Hand pumps	7

Source: Consultants Field Survey

In general, a high-tension line runs parallel on south side of the existing alignment. Care has been taken to maintain the same pattern in detour sections as well.

The utilities will be shifted in consultation with the stakeholder agencies including local panchayats and owners of private utilities. Appropriate funds will be allocated in the project for utility shifting.

2.5.2 Turfing

Considering high embankments in detours sections (more than 4 m), turfing has been proposed in detour sections and in major bridge approaches.

2.5.3 Tree Plantation

The project proposes plantation of 4688 trees, 3688 by Forest Dept. & 1000 DFCCIL in lieu of trees cut for the project. Annexure- 10.5 gives details of tree plantation plan for the project.

2.5.4 Side Drains

The proposed alignment runs parallel at 15m distance from the RVNL third line between Aligarh and Ghaziabad. In between two embankments, a gully formation is expected. To avoid water logging in the gully areas, concreted side drains (0.75m width with 1:1 side slope) have been proposed. In detour section, no concrete side drain will be constructed on either side.

2.5.5 Retaining Walls

The project proposes retaining walls to manage site-specific issues such as lack of space or impacts on densely populated areas, etc. The location will be identified in consultation with local population considering the engineering requirements.

2.6 STRUCTURE WORK

2.6.1 Major Bridges

The linear waterway for all the major bridges has been proposed on the basis of span on existing railway line. All the major/important bridges are proposed as PSC girder bridges with substructures on pile foundations. All bridges are to be constructed to DFC Loading Standard with a maximum axle load of 32.5 MT, for the Locomotive and a trailing load of 12 t/m. There are 4 major bridges proposed along the alignment having a total 250m linear waterway.

As presented in **Table- 2.6**, the project proposes 4 major bridges at various locations.

Table 2-6: Details of the Major bridges

S. No.	Bridge No.	Proposed Location	Span Arrangement	Name of Location
1	Br No 176	1372/364.451	4x9.15	Parallel Section
1a	Br No 176a	DFC -1.440	4x9.15	Khurja flyover Up Line
2	Br No 207	1400/241.439	2x12.2	Parallel Section
3	Br. No 211	1407/484.357	3x9.15	Parallel Section

2.6.2 Minor Bridges

RCC boxes are provided at minor bridge locations. As per Railway Board's Circular Letter no. CBS/DCS dated 6.7.1989; the minimum clear span for new bridges has been kept as 1m for proper inspection and maintenance of bridges. All existing minor bridges with a span of less than 1m have been proposed to be extended up to a minimum span of 1.2m opening for crossing the proposed alignment. There are 49 nos., locations of which have been given in **Annexure-2.2**.

2.6.3 Railway Flyover

No flyover has been proposed in the current stretch. The proposed Khurja flyover is not to be constructed in the current project which will develop only the approach.

2.6.4 ROB & RUBs (Major)

This type of ROB or RUB is such, which crosses National Highway or busy state Highway, where spanning arrangement is proposed with 24.4 m to 30.5 m PSC girders. One ROB and 2 major RUBs are proposed.

2.6.5 RUBs (Minor)

This type of RUB is proposed on detour portion only. As per the DFC policy, surface crossing on detours are to be avoided. So to facilitate the local public RUBs have been proposed on detour alignment. RUBs have been proposed at each road crossing. Effort has been made to minimize the number of RUBs by diverting the existing road to the nearest road crossing where RUB has been proposed. Spanning arrangement has been decided as per the requirements of road traffic. A minimum of 5.5m X 3.5 m size has been proposed for crossing village roads. The maximum size goes up to 7.5m x 5.5m To cross the district roads & state highways 5.5m x 4.5m and 7.5m x 5.5m sizes have been proposed. Total 44 minor RUBs (13 in parallel section & 31 in detours) are proposed. The details of minor RUBs are given in **Annexure 2-3**.

2.6.6 P-Way Works

60 Kg/90UTS rails on PSC sleepers with a density of 1660 sleepers per km with 350 mm ballast cushion have been provided for the main line. In station yards, for the loop lines, 60Kg rails on PSC sleepers with a density of 1540 sleepers/Km with 350 mm ballast cushion has been proposed. The main line is proposed to be provided with LWR / CWR. Loop line is provided with SWR/ LWR. Entire project length is proposed for track circuiting. Glued joints are provided wherever required. 60 Kg points and crossings on PSC fan shaped layouts are proposed.

Flash butt welding is proposed to convert the single rails into LWR/CWR as per plan approved by DFCCIL such as contractor's portable road trailer mounted flash butt welding machine.

The required quantity of ballast to the maximum extent (not less than 4.910 cum per meter length) is to be brought by contractor's dumpers on the formation and laid on the proposed alignment by contractor's pavers. Extensive testing on the completed new tracks is proposed to be done using the track recording and oscillate graph cars for assessing track geometry and ride quality. PSC sleepers are transported from the factory by road and stacked near level crossings. Transportation charges for sleepers have been considered for a distance of 300km. Hard Stone ballast of 65 mm size with 350 mm cushion on the main line, turnouts, on loops and sidings is proposed. Nearly 4.91 cum / running meter of ballast is required for the track.

2.6.7 Electric Sub-stations

The details are given below in sub sections.

Traction Service Stations (TSS)

The basic consideration in locating the traction substations is to ensure satisfactory voltage condition on the OHE. While the maximum voltage at sub-station should not

exceed 27.5 kV, the voltage of the farthest and based on the traction load conditions taking into account the traffic density, the load, the speed of the train and terrain shall not fall below 19 kV. One TSS is proposed. The total area requirement for a TSS is 140 x 85 meter and these shall be located along the railway track. Figure 2-4 shows site for one TSS. Proposed site is in between railway track & road and free from any structure. There is no other environmental sensitivities.

Sectioning and Paralleling Post (SP)

The conventional neutral section in the OHE at the sectioning and paralleling post is 41 m long and is overlaps type. The electric locomotive coasts through this dead section in case it comes to a halt under this portion of OHE, there being no power in the OHE, the electric locomotive becomes immobile. In such a situation it needs to be pushed or pulled by another locomotive to bring it under a live OHE. The site for location of the neutral section, therefore, needs to be selected with care, so that the terrain assists the train in negotiating it. Accordingly the neutral section for the sectioning post should be located on a straight track at sufficient distance from a stop signal either behind or ahead of it. In undulating terrain the neutral section should be located in a valley. In Khurja-Dadri section, no SP is proposed.

Sub-Sectioning and Paralleling Post (SSP)

Between the feeding post and the sectioning post a number of intermediate sub-sectioning and paralleling posts are inserted in the OHE, to provide remote controlled switches for facilitating isolation of faulty sections of OHE. The area requirement for the SSPs are 55 x 25 meter and total 2 SSPs are proposed in this section. Figures 2-5 & 2-6 show sites for proposed SSPs. These are agricultural land and free from environmental sensitivities.

Tower Wagon Sheds

These are proposed at crossing stations and junction stations. There will be one junction station in this section.

Signal and Signal Rooms

Signals are proposed at every 2 km length with a provision of one signal room for ten number of signals.

2.6.8 Junction Station

One junction station is proposed at Boraki, ch. 1411.500. Fig-2-7 shows the site where the junction station will be constructed. The land includes non-agriculture field and utility present in the area will be shifted/ dismantled by CST contractor. No other environmental feature is involved.

2.7 FENCING

RCC Jali fencing shall be provided on all station platforms for about 2 km Length.

2.8 LABOUR FOR CONSTRUCTION

Approx. 60 skilled and 100 unskilled will be employed for a given stretch during the construction phases. Local labour is adequately available and will be utilized during the construction phase.

2.9 WATER REQUIREMENT

The total water requirement during construction period will be about 3600 cubic meter per kilometre spread over the construction period of about 3 years. The daily requirement for per kilometre length during construction period will be about 5000 litre and will be met through local water resources especially surface water resources. Ground water level in Western Uttar Pradesh is semi- critical to moderate level. Therefore effort will be to minimise ground water during construction and maximise

use of surface water from nearby rivers/ canals. A water management plan guideline is prepared at Annexure- 10.4.

2.10 CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

Construction material will be required in sufficiently large quantities. While sand will be obtained from River Yamuna (within 40 km from the Project alignment), rail, sleepers, cement and steel will be obtained through respective manufacturers.

The project involves about 4.17 million cubic meter of earthwork. Borrow earth for these activities will be obtained by the contractor from the borrow areas, as per the guidelines detailed out in the subsequent sections of this EIA report.

It is estimated that about 4.316 m³ / metre of ballast would required for laying the track. The ballast would be obtained by the contractor from authorized quarries, as approved by the engineer in charge and in compliance to the guidelines detailed out in the subsequent sections of this report.

A guideline on disposal of construction wastes & debris materials is annexed at Annexure 10.3.

2.11 GREEN INITIATIVES

Opportunity will be explored for energy conservation, rain water harvesting and utilisation of solar energy.

- Harnessing of solar energy can be fruitfully implemented in staff quarters, station & substation buildings as well as for street lighting.
- Water conservation procedures will be adopted in staff quarters and stations.
- Rain water harvesting can be implemented in staff quarter complex, stations.
- Feasibility of such initiatives will be considered during design stage.

2.12 CONSTRUCTION PERIOD

The construction period for the completion of the freight corridor will be 1100 days.

Annexure 2-1

List of Level Crossings where RUB proposed

SR No	LC No./ Class Traffic / Engg	Location (km)	Between stations		Manned (M) /unmanned(UM)	TVUs of 2005	Interlocked or NonInterlock ed
1	130/C/E	1372/3-5	KRJ	SKQ	M	37600	No
2	132/C/E	1378/23-25	SKQ	CHL	M	23071	No
3	133/C/E	1381/29-25	SKQ	CHL	M	31565	No
4	135/C/E	1386/25-27	CHL	WIR	M	35888	No
5	137/C/E	1392/15-17	WIR	DKDE	M	40176	Interlocked
6	138/C/E	1395/13-15	WIR	DKDE	M	224973	No
7	140/C/E	1400/19-21	DKDE	AJR	M	25643	No
8	141/C/E	1402/31- 1403/1	DKDE	AJR	M	131024	No
9	142/C/E	1404/19-21	DKDE	AJR	M	62935	No
10	143/C/T	1406/33-35	AJR	DER	M	87404	Interlocked
11	144/C/E	1409/1-3	AJR	DER	M	74188	Interlocked
12	145/C/E	1410/25-27	AJR	DER	M	101513	No
13	146/BE	1412/11- 13A	AJR	DER	M	122958	No

Annexure 2-2

Details of the Major and Minor Bridges

MAJOR BRIDGE LIST								
SR.NO.	EX.BR. NO.	Ex.CH	Ex.SPAN		PROP. CHAINAGE	PROP. SPAN		REMARK
			NO.SPAN	WIDTH		NO.SPAN	WIDTH	
1	176	1372/12-14	7	4.57	1372/364.451	4	9.15	
1a	176a	NIL			DFC -1.440	4	9.15	
2	207	1400/7-9	2	12.2	1400/241.439	2	12.2	
3	211	1407/15-17	3	9.15	1407/484.357	3	9.15	

MINOR BRIDGE LIST										
SR. NO.	BR No.	Ex.CH	Ex. Span		PROP.B R. NO.	PROP. CHAINAGE	PROPOSED. SPAN			REMARK
			NO	W			NO	W	H	
1	173	1370/33-35	1	1.83	173	1370/919.880	1	2.00	1.20	
2	174	1371/11-13	1	1.83	174	1371/364.405	1	2.00	1.20	
3	175	1371/33-35	1	4.57	175	1372/000	1	6.00	2.00	
4	177	1373/25-27	1	1.22	177	1373/790.876	1	1.20	2.00	
5	178	1375/7-9	1	1.83	178	1375/273.706	1	2.00	1.20	
6	179	1376/25-27	1	1.83	179	1376/769.566	1	2.00	1.20	
7	180	1378/33-35	1	0.91	180	1378/999.607	1	1.20	1.20	
8	181	1380/1-3	1	1.83	181	1380/058.619	1	2.00	2.00	
9	182	1382/17-19	1	1.83	182	1382/549.306	1	2.00	1.20	
10	183	1382/25-27	1	0.61	183	1382/813.941	1	1.20	1.20	
11	184	1383/5-7	1	1.83	184	1383/150.066	1	2.00	1.20	
12	186	1384/19-21	1	0.91	186	1384/494.346	1	1.20	1.20	
13	187	1385/0-1	1	1.83	187	1385/046.883	1	2.00	1.20	
14	188	1385/27-29	1	1.83	188	1385/853.99	1	2.00	2.00	

15	189	1385/33-35	1	1.83	189	1385/993.07 3	1	2.00	2.00	
16	190	1387/5-7	1	0.91	190	1387/135.71 2	1	1.20	1.20	
WAIR DETOUR										
17	191				191	1821.132	1	6.00	4.00	
18	192				192	2245.324	1	2.00	4.00	
19	193				193	2565.421	1	1.20	3.00	
20	194				194	3950	1	2.00	3.00	
PARALLEL SECTION										
21	195	1392/9-11	1	1.83	195	1392/287.728	1.00	2.00	2.00	
22	196	1392/29-01	1	0.91	196	1392/953.232	1.00	1.20	1.20	
23	197	1393/17-19	1	0.91	197	1393/529.341	1.00	1.20	1.20	
24	198	1394/7-9	1	1.83	198	1394/215.978	1.00	2.00	1.20	
25	199	1396/5-7	1	0.61	199	1396/218.33	1.00	1.20	1.20	
26	200	1396/19-21	1	1.83	200	1396/662.05	1.00	2.00	1.20	
27	201	1397/0-1	1	0.61	201	1396/964.577	1.00	1.20	1.20	
28	202	1397/17-19	1	1.83	202	1397/594.452	1.00	2.00	1.20	
29	203	1398/11-13	1	1.83	203	1398/458.491	1.00	2.00	1.20	
30	204	1398/21-23	1	0.91	204	1398/629.52	1.00	1.20	1.20	
31	205	1398/35-37	1	1.83	205	1399/059.833	1.00	2.00	1.20	
32	206	1400/1-3	1	1.83	206	1400/211.428	1.00	2.00	3.00	
33	208	1400/23-25	1	1.83	208	1400/707.719	1.00	2.00	2.00	
34	209	1401/19-21	1	1.83	209	1401/649.621	1.00	2.00	2.00	
35	210	1405/9-11	1	1.83	210	1405/321.581	1.00	2.00	1.20	
36	212	1408/0-1	1	1.83	212	1408/069.519	1.00	2.00	1.20	
37	213	1408/17-19	1	1.83	213	1408/611.855	1.00	2.00	2.00	
38	214	1408/29-31	1	0.61	214	1408/984.954	1.00	2.00	1.20	
Khurja Flyover UP Line										
39	Km1					-6570.488	1	3.0	3.0	RCC BOX
42	Km2					-5441.969	1	5.5	4.5	RCC BOX
43	Km3					-5075.632	1	2.0	4.0	RCC BOX
44	Km4					-4186.060	1	2.0	2.0	RCC BOX

45	Km5					-2198.096	1	6.0	5.0	RCC BOX
46	Km6					-2056.563	1	6.0	5.0	RCC BOX
47	Km7					-1800.000	1	6.0	5.0	RCC BOX
48	Km8					-1747.000	1	6.0	5.0	RCC BOX
49	Km9					-1700.000	1	6.0	5.0	RCC BOX

Annexure 2-3

LIST OF MINOR RUB IN DETOURS PORTION OF KHURJA – DADRI SECTION

Sr. No	Location	Br. No.	Min RUB	Chainage	Span Arrangement
1.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ2	Min	-6182.881	1x5.5x4.5 M
2.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ3	Min	-5699.461	1x5.5x4.5 M
3.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ4	Min	-5460.00	1x5.5x4.5 M
4.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ6	Min	-5441.969	1x5.5x4.5 M
5.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ7	Min	-5379.316	1x5.5x4.5 M
6.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ10	Min	-4800.00	1x5.5x4.5 M
7.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ11	Min	-4566.926	1x5.0x5.0 M
8.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ15	Min	-3400.000	1x5.5x4.5 M
9.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ17	Min	-2921.377	1x5.5x4.5 M
10.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ18	Min	-2759.744	1x5.5x4.5 M
11.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ18A	Min	-2759.744	1x5.5x4.5 M
12.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ19	Min	-2560.000	1x5.5x4.5 M
13.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ19A	Min	-2560.000	1x5.5x4.5 M
14.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ20	Min	-2370.423	1x6.0x4.5 M
15.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ20A	Min	-2370.423	1x6.x4.5 M
16.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ21	Min	-2198.096	1x6.x4.5 M
17.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ22	Min	-2056.563	1x6.x4.5 M
18.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ23	Min	-1800.000	1x6.x4.5 M
19.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ24	Min	-1747	1x6.x4.5 M
20.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ25	Min	-1700	1x6.x4.5 M
21.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ27	Min	-1320	1x5.5x4.5 M
22.	WAIR Detour	D-WAIR1	Min	1102.36	1x5.5x4.5 M

23.	WAIR Detour	D-WAIR2	Min	1250.00	1x5.5x4.5 M
24.	WAIR Detour	D-WAIR3	Min	1480.00	1x5.5x4.5 M
25.	WAIR Detour	D-WAIR4	Min	1764.43	1x5.5x4.5 M
26.	WAIR Detour	D-WAIR5	Min	1930.00	1x6.5x4.5 M
27.	WAIR Detour	D-WAIR7	Min	2139.02	1x5.5x4.5 M
28.	WAIR Detour	D-WAIR11	Min	2895.00	1x5.5x4.5 M
29.	WAIR Detour	D-WAIR12	Min	3669.93	1x5.5x4.5 M
30.	WDFC connection	WDFC -1	Min	1009.95	1x5.5x4.5 M
31.	WDFC connection	WDFC -2	Min	1179.15	1x5.5x4.5 M

LIST OF MAJOR RUB IN KHURJA-DADRI SECTION

Sr. No	Location	Br. No.	Maj RUB	Chainage	Span Arrangement
1.	KRJ Detour	D-KRJ13	Maj	-4225.660	2x6.0x5.5 M
2.	WAIR Detour	D-WAIR6	Maj	2036.00	2x6.0x5.5 M

LIST OF ROB

Sr. No.	LC No.	Location
ROB		
1	LC 134	1384/19-21

Fig-2-4: Site for TSS at ch. 391 at WAIR



Fig. 2-5: Site for SSP ch. 375 at SKQ



Fig. 2-6 : Site for SSP ch. 400 at Boraki



Fig. 2-7 :Site for Junction Station at Ch. 1411.500 Borakil



CHAPTER 3 : POLICY, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK

This chapter reviews the existing institutional and legislative regulations pertaining to the project both at the National and state levels. The chapter also elaborates various clearances and permissions would be required for the project from statutory authorities / bodies.

3.1 INSTITUTIONAL SETTING

The project has been initiated and is being carried out by the DFCC. The primary responsibility of the project rests with the DFCCIL in providing encumbrance free RoW to the concessionaire who shall implement the project. Main Government Ministries / Departments who are responsible to implement various environmental legislations are as under:

- Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India (MoEFCC), New Delhi formulates and regulates all country level legislations besides giving prior environmental clearances through a committee for category 'A' projects, wild life clearances and forest diversion clearances.
- State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), at Lucknow, gives prior environmental clearances to category 'B' projects.
- Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) monitors and implements pollution related legislations & standards.
- State Pollution Control Board monitors and implements pollution related legislations in the state besides giving NOC for establishing and operating plants under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. SPCB also monitors implementation of other environmental laws.
- State Forests Department processes for permission for forest land diversion and felling of trees.

3.2 THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The Governments of India & Uttar Pradesh and the World Bank have formulated host of policy guidelines. Acts and regulations aimed at protection and enhancement of environmental resources. The following sections discuss the various legal issues associated with the project.

3.2.1 Country Level Environmental Legislations

Following provides the legislations pertaining to the project that has been framed by the Government of India.

Table 3-1: Country Level Environmental Laws & Regulations

S. No.	Law / Regulation / Guidelines	Relevance	Applicable Yes / No	Reason for application	Implementing / Responsible Agency
1	The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, and the Environmental (Protection) Rules, 1987-2002 (various amendments)	Umbrella Act. Protection and improvement of the environment. Establishes the standards for emission of noise in the atmosphere.	Applicable	Environmental notifications, rules and regulations are issued under the Act	DFCCIL

S. No.	Law / Regulation / Guidelines	Relevance	Applicable Yes / No	Reason for application	Implementing / Responsible Agency
2	The EIA Notification, 14th September 2006 and amendments till date	Railway projects are exempted from this notification, mining	Applicable	Railway project is not included. Borrow area, quarries clearance	Contractor
3	The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974	Central and State Pollution Control Board to establish/enforce water quality and effluent standards, monitor water quality, and issue licenses for construction/operation of certain facilities.	Applicable	Consent required for not polluting ground & surface water during construction. Contractor need to obtain consent to establish construction camps	Contractor
4	The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act. 1981	Empowers SPCB to set and monitor air quality standards	Applicable	Consent required for establishing & operation of Construction camps, concrete batch Mix Plants, Hot Mix plants	Contractor
5	Fly Ash Notification, 2003	Use of fly ash for alignment, if it falls within 100 km of thermal power plant	Applicable	No specific consent required, to be followed	Contractor / DFCCIL
6	Noise Pollution (Regulation And Control) Act, 2000	Standards for noise pollution control	Applicable	Machineries and vehicles to conform to the standards during construction & operation.	Contractor
7	Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980	Conservation and definition of forest areas. Diversion of forest land follows the process as laid by the act	Applicable	Forest land diversion for the project	DFCCIL
8	Wild Life Protection Act, 1972	Protection of wild life in sanctuaries and National Park	Not Applicable	No wildlife sanctuary / national park involved	-
9	Ancient Monuments	To protect and	Not	No	Contractor

S. No.	Law / Regulation / Guidelines	Relevance	Applicable Yes / No	Reason for application	Implementing / Responsible Agency
	and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010	conserve cultural and historical remains found.	Applicable	Archaeologically Protected structure.	/ DFCCIL
10	Central Motor Vehicle Act. 1988	Empowers State Transport Authority to enforce standards for vehicular pollution. From August 1997 the "Pollution Under Control Certificate is issued to reduce vehicular emissions.	Applicable	All vehicles used for construction will need to comply with the provisions of this act.	Contractor
11	The Explosives Act (& Rules) 1884 (1983)	Sets out the regulations as regards to the use of explosives and precautionary measures while blasting & quarrying.	Applicable	If contractor decides to store hazardous materials such as HSD and Lubricants at project site.	Contractor
12	Public Liability And Insurance Act, 1991	Protection to the general public from accidents due to hazardous materials handling and storages	Applicable	For using hazardous materials	Contractor
13	Hazardous Wastes (Management, Handling and Transboundary) Rules, 2008	Protection to the general public against improper handling and disposal of hazardous wastes	Applicable	Hazardous wastes shall be generated due to activities like of maintenance and repair work on vehicles at Construction camps	Contractor
14	The Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules 2001, amendment 2011	To regulate the disposal and recycling of lead acid batteries	Applicable	Disposal of used lead acid batteries if likely to be used in any equipment during construction and operation stage	Contractor
15	Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response) Rules, 1996	Protection against chemical accident while handling any hazardous chemicals resulting	Applicable	Handling of hazardous (flammable, toxic and explosive) chemicals during road	Contractor

S. No.	Law / Regulation / Guidelines	Relevance	Applicable Yes / No	Reason for application	Implementing / Responsible Agency
				construction	
16	Railways (Amendment) Act, 2008	Related to compensation to PAFs, PAPs, CPRs etc.	Applicable	Land acquisition is involved	DFCCIL
16	The Petroleum Rules, 2002 Amendment, 2011	Applicable	Contractor may store more than the prescribed quantity at camp site	Chief Controller of Explosive	Contractor
17	Minor mineral Concession Rules	Borrow and quarry areas	Applicable	Permission to take up mining	Contractor

3.2.2 State Level Environmental Legislation

The issue of consents under Air and Water Act are under the preview of UP Pollution Control Board. Moreover, clearances for setting up hot-mix plants, batching plants, etc., under the Air and the Water Acts, establishing new quarries for sand and stone and establishment of new tube-wells / bore-holes are required from SPCB, State Department of Mining and State Ground Water Boards / Authorities respectively.

3.2.3 Other Legislations Applicable to Railway Construction Projects

The Concessionaire shall ensure that other legislations like Child Labour (prohibition and Regulation) Act; 1986, Minimum Wages Act; 1948. The factories Act; 1948, The Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 etc. are properly followed.

3.2.4 World Bank Operational Policies

The operational policies of the World Bank, both triggered and non triggered, the details and the applicability to the Project road are provided in the **Table- 3.2**. The World Bank environment assessment (EA) requirements are based on a three-part classification system such as Category A, Category B and Category C as defined by the World Bank OP 4.01. A Project designated as Category A, requires a full environmental assessment (EA) Category B projects require a lesser level of environmental investigation. Category C projects require no environmental analysis beyond that determination.

Table 3-2: World Bank Safeguard Policies

Sl. No.	Safeguard Policy	Subject Category	Triggered	Triggered By	Mitigation Measures	Documentation
1.	OP 4.01	Environment Assessment	Yes	Sensitive areas and impacts on environmental and social components	Mitigation measures incorporated	EIA and EMP prepared
2.	OP 4.11	Physical Cultural Resources	Yes	Risk to cultural properties	Adequate mitigation measures if affected	EMP & RAP prepared

Sl. No.	Safeguard Policy	Subject Category	Triggered	Triggered By	Mitigation Measures	Documentation
3.	OP 4.36	Forestry	Yes	Diversion of forest land	To be carried out as per Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980	Application under FCA
4.	IFC Performance Standards	Labour & Occupational Health	Yes	Labour and construction camp	Compliance of IFC standards	EA & EMP prepared, SHE manual will be referred, Safety & Occupational Health during construction will be covered in contract document

3.2.5 Type of Project

Scoping is done to find if a project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to determine whether significant environmental impacts warranting an EIA. For projects with potential to have significant adverse environmental impacts (Category **A**) an environmental impact assessment (EIA) is required. Category **B** projects are judged to have some adverse environmental impacts, but of lesser degree or significance than those for category A projects.

The project railway line passes through a small patch of reserved forest area. No presence of endangered fauna and flora along the project railway line envisaged. It may also be mentioned that there is only marginal acquisition for protected forest land due to the proposed section and it is at the crossing of alignment with SH/NH. The Government of India has issued Environmental Impact Assessment Notification in 1994 as a part of Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and amendments in September 2006. Railway projects do not fall under any category requiring an environmental clearance from MoEFCC. Only No Objection Certificate (NOC) is required from SPCB under the Air and Water Acts for operating various equipment during construction works.

Physical work proposed under this project is expected to cause significant Environmental & Social impacts involving large scale land acquisition (211.67 Ha.), significant earth work (for embankment 4.17 million m³ and blanket material of 0.59 million m³) & construction materials (4.316 m³/ metre ballast) and expected to have impact on environment (felling of 2250 trees & diversion of small patches of reserve forest land of total 3.49 Ha.), relocation of 14 CPRs as well as construction work on 49.69 km linear work front involving deployment of construction equipment etc. Therefore, the Project is considered as **Category 'A'** as per the World Bank safeguard policy. This will help in making the construction stage more environment compliant and also setting up a system for better and more environment friendly construction in the project area. DFCCIL is committed to establish the most efficient and eco-friendly systems. Accordingly, EIA has been carried out and Environmental Assessment including Environmental Management Plan (EMP) has been prepared.

3.2.6 Clearance Requirements for the Project

The summary table showing time requirements for agency responsible for obtaining clearance, and a stage at which clearance will be required is given below:

Table 3-3: Summary of Clearances & NOCs

Sl. No	Type of clearance	Statutory Authority	Applicability	Project stage	Time required	Responsibility
1	Prior Environmental Clearance	SEIAA/ EIAA	Not applicable	Pre construction	-	
2	Clearance for working / diversion of sanctuary land	Chief Wild Life Warden	Not applicable	Pre construction	-	
3	Forest Clearance	State Environment & Forest Dept. and MoEFCC Regional Office	Diversion of Forest land	Pre construction	6-8 months	DFCC
4	Tree felling permission in Private Land	Forest Department	Felling of trees	Pre construction	2-3 months	DFCC
5	NOC and Consents Under Air , Water, EP Acts & Noise Rules of UPPCB	State Pollution Control Board	For establishing plants	Construction (Prior to work initiation)	2-3 months	Concessionaire / Contractor
6	NOC And Consents Under Air , Water, EP Acts & Noise rules of SPCB for Establishment of Construction camps	State Pollution Control Board	For operating Hot mix plants, Crushers and batching plants	Construction (Prior to work initiation)	1-2 months	Concessionaire / Contractor
7	Permission to store Hazardous Materials specially fuel oil and Lubricants at Construction camps	State Pollution Control Board and Controller of Explosives	Storage and Transportation Of Hazardous Materials and Explosives	Construction (Prior to work initiation)	2-3 months	Concessionaire / Contractor
8	Explosive license	Chief Controller of Explosives	Storage of Explosive materials	Construction (Prior to work initiation)	2-3 months	Concessionaire / Contractor
9	PUC certificate for use of vehicles for construction	Department of Transport	For all construction vehicles	Construction (Prior to work initiation)	1-2 months	Concessionaire / Contractor
10	Quarry lease deeds and license	Dept. of Geology and Mines, GoUP	Quarrying and borrowing operations	Construction (Prior to work initiation)	2-3 months	Concessionaire / Contractor

Sl. No	Type of clearance	Statutory Authority	Applicability	Project stage	Time required	Responsibility
11	NOC for water extraction for construction and allied works	Ground Water Authority	Ground water extraction	Construction (Prior to work initiation)	2-3 months	Concessionaire / Contractor

3.3 CONCLUSION

Review of environmental regulations clearly indicates that the subject DFC project does not require any environmental clearance. However, clearance for the diversion of Reserved and protected forest land and permission for cutting the trees within the proposed right of way of the alignment will be required from the Forest Department. In addition to the above, the contractor would require the following NOCs & licenses from the authorities during construction:

- NOC And Consents Under Air , Water, EP Acts & Noise rules of SPCB for establishing and operating Construction Camps from UP Pollution Control Board
- PUC certificate for use of vehicles for construction from Department of Transport
- Quarry lease deeds and license and Explosive license from Dept. of Geology and Mines & Chief Controller of Explosives
- NOC for water extraction for construction and allied works from Ground Water Authority

Apart from the above clearances, the Contractors also have to comply with the following:

- Clearance of Engineer for location and layout of Worker's Camp, Equipment yard and Storage yard.
- Clearance of Engineer for Traffic Management Plan for each Section of the route after it has been handed over for construction.
- An Emergency Action Plan should be prepared by the contractor and approved by the Engineer for accidents responding to involving fuel & lubricants before the construction starts. Submit a Quarry Management Plan to the Engineer along with the Quarry lease deeds

CHAPTER 4 : ENVIRONMENTAL PROFILE OF PROJECT INFLUENCED AREA

4.1 INTRODUCTION

This section presents the environmental profile of the project influence area and its salient features. The objective is to ascertain the environmental sensitivity of the project, and identify the likely impact zones of the project.

Considering the nature of the project alignment, an area of about 5 km on either side of the corridor has been considered for studying the profile. The environmental features such as reserved forest, sanctuaries / national parks, rivers, lakes and ponds, religious structures, archaeological monuments, natural habitats, schools, irrigation canals along with other sensitive receptors were mapped in the profile through detailed field inventories and presented on the topo sheets (on a scale of 1:50,000) of Survey of India.

In addition to the above, the detailed walk through surveys were carried out to map specific environmental features within the Right of Way (RoW) of the proposed alignment. These features were presented on strip map/ strip plan. Following sections present details of these surveys.

4.2 METHODOLOGY

The methodology followed in the preparation of the environmental profile of the project influence area and strip maps comprised the following:

- **Collection of Toposheets (scale 1:50000 & 1:250000 of Survey of India)** from Survey of India and demarcation of the proposed alignment on the toposheets.
- **Field reconnaissance of the proposed alignment through detailed walk through surveys**
- Mapping of **sensitive receptors** such as schools, religious structures, hospitals etc.
- Interactions with **local villagers and resource persons to understand the importance of various** sensitive features and other local resources (if any).

The data collected from the above tasks was mapped on the detailed Kilometer wise strip maps and topo sheets on a scale of 1:50,000.

4.3 ENVIRONMENTAL PROFILE OF THE PROJECT INFLUENCE AREA

Based on the guidelines of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India for the environmental impact assessment of road/rail projects the impact study of the project covers area within 100 m on either side of the proposed rail corridor alignment including detours. The study area was extended to cover a buffer zone of 5 km wide on either side of the proposed alignment, to analyse the land-use, identify environmentally sensitive locations, if any and understand the overall drainage pattern of the area.

Core zone is 100m is the Right of Way where DFC alignment will pass & railway track will be laid and direct impact is expected. Buffer zone of 5 km is for studying impact on environmental features due to DFC project.

The **Buffer zone** (or project influence area) of 5 km has been taken from the boundary of core zone along the DFCC corridor.

The environmental profile of the influence area (within 5 km on either side of the proposed alignment) presented in **Volume-II**, indicates that

- the alignment generally runs through plain areas of indo-gangetic plains and is devoid of sensitive environmental features
- The alignment is crossing Upper Ganga canal and its distributories.
- The alignment does not cross any perennial river.

In addition to the above, no sensitive features like wild life sanctuary/ national park, wetland, etc. were observed within the project influence area.

4.4 ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES WITHIN PROJECT RoW

The environmental features within the right of way (RoW) of the project were recorded through the kilometre wise strip maps, as presented in **Volume-II**, indicate that the proposed alignment,

- does not pass through any wild life sanctuary or sensitive natural resource like National Park
- does not affect wetland
- does not require significant acquisition of protected forest areas
- Considering dense settlements and developments along the existing railway line near the towns of Wair and Khurja Flyover UP line, the project proposes 2 detours (One for Wair and other one for Khurja Flyover UP line).
- The project alignment does not cross any perennial river. It crosses seasonal river Karon.
- The alignment also crosses the lower Upper Ganga Canal at km 1372. The impacts on the canal however are mitigated in the design by providing adequate cross drainage works at all the locations.
- Number of religious structures (01), and 3 schools / educational institutions 2 wells, 3 tube wells, and 5 hand pumps are located along the proposed alignment. The details of these structures are presented in **Table 4.1**.
- The proposed is expected to involve the cutting of 2193 trees, out of which approx. 343 trees are in Railway properties. . Most of these tree species comprise common species such as neem, papal, mango, eucalyptus, etc., and doesn't involve cutting of any sensitive / endangered species.

Table 4-1: Details Sensitive Receptors

S.N.	Type of Receptors	Name	Location/ Chainage	Parallel / detour	Distance from the centerline of the DFCC alignment (Meter)	Side (w.r.t Kanpur to Khurja)
1	Educational	School	Khurja at km 1369.82	Parallel	5	L
2	Educational	School	Dankaur km 1398.2	Parallel	10	L
3	Educational	College	Wair at km 1389.55	Parallel	500	L
4	Educational	School	Dadri at km 1415	End Point	20	L

4.5 VIBRATION

Vibration in railways and its impact on the sensitive receptors is an important issue. Since no national standard exists, Japanese standard has been considered for vibration measurement and deciding mitigation measure.

CHAPTER 5 : BASELINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROFILE

5.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter assesses the nature, type and dimensions of the study area and describes the relevant physical and biological environmental components along the proposed railway line. The data on various environmental components related to the project area has been assembled from various secondary sources and primary environmental surveys on ambient air quality, noise and vibration levels, water and soil quality, aquatic and terrestrial ecology. A detailed profile prepared based on the above information is presented in the subsequent sections of this chapter.

5.2 BASELINE ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEYS

As presented in **Table-5.1** below, detailed base line environmental surveys were carried out for the key components of environment (ambient air, water quality, soil, noise, vibration, terrestrial and aquatic ecological parameters) during December 2011. Data on meteorology has been collected from the nearest IMD stations at Aligarh, and Delhi. The environmental monitoring was done along the section of Khurja – Dadri section of EDFC covering detour as well as parallel sections.

Table 5-1: Details of Baseline Data Collection Schedule

Field	Parameters	No. of Sampling Locations	Sampling Duration	Frequency	Criteria for selection of no. of samples and locations
Ambient Air Quality	SO ₂ NO _x PM10 PM2.5 CO	3	24 hrs continuous for SO ₂ , NO _x , SPM, RPM and One Hour for CO	Once a Day in January 2012	Covering locations in urban, Rural and truly representative of the area. Locations have been selected at Level Crossing, sensitive receptors such as Schools, Temples, etc. These cover both parallel and detour sections.
Meteorology	Wind Speed Wind Direction Ambient Temperature Rainfall Humidity Atmospheric Pressure	02	December 2009 to February 2010 and March 2011 to May 2011	Long term data at 8:30 and 17:30 IST	Nearest IMD stations viz. Aligarh, and Delhi to represent the meteorological condition of the study area
Water Quality (Ground Water Sample)	Physical Parameters pH, Colour and Odour, Temperature,	04 Ground water Samples (No	Grab Sample	January 2012, once at each location	As per IS: 10500 Standards covering ground water

Field	Parameters	No. of Sampling Locations	Sampling Duration	Frequency	Criteria for selection of no. of samples and locations
	Turbidity, TSS, TDS, Total Hardness, Total Alkalinity, Total Iron, Chlorides, Sulphates, Nitrates as NO ₃ , Nitrite as NO ₂ , Fluorides, Phosphates as PO ₄ , Magnesium as Mg, Heavy Metals (Pb, Zinc, Chromium, arsenic), Coliform, BOD	perennial surface water source in project stretch)			
Noise	L _{eq}	03	24 hrs continuous	January 2012, once at each location	Noise monitoring was carried out covering all types of land uses (Sensitive, Rural, residential and commercial). The monitoring locations have been done in parallel and detour sections.
Vibration	L _{max}	03	24 hrs continuous / during passing of various trains	January 2012	The sensitive and residential locations have been covered in parallel as well as detour locations
Soil	pH, Electrical Conductivity, Texture Class, Sand, Silt and Clay Percentages, Bulk density, water Holding capacity, Nitrogen, phosphorus	03	Grab Sample	January 2012	As per IS Standards to represent the soil quality in terms of fertility in the study area. Samples drawn from Agriculture fields

Field	Parameters	No. of Sampling Locations	Sampling Duration	Frequency	Criteria for selection of no. of samples and locations
	and potassium Percentages, Organic matter, Lead as Pb, Arsenic, Iron, Sulphates (Meq/100 gm), Chlorides (MEQ/100 gm), Calcium (meq/100 gm), Copper (mg/kg), Zinc (mg/kg), Manganese (mg/kg), Moisture (%), Porosity (%), Na ₂ CO ₃ /NaCl infiltration capacity (inch/hr), Alkalinity (ppm), Acidity (ppm)				
Ecology	Aquatic	02	Random	December 2011 and January 2012	Terrestrial by quadrat and line transect, aquatic by plankton and phyto and zoo benthos to assess the aquatic and terrestrial ecology, secondary data from Forest Deptt.
	Terrestrial	02	Random	December 2011 and January 2012	

5.3 METEOROLOGY

The project area presents tropical climatic characteristics. There is no significant variation in climatic characteristics. The project stretch from Khurja to Dadri passes through two districts of Uttar Pradesh i.e. Bulandshahr and Gautam Budh Nagar. To understand the meteorological features of the project area, data has been collected from the two nearest meteorological stations (monitored by Indian Meteorological Department), at Aligarh, and Delhi in 2009 during EA of Bhaupur- Khurja Section. Fresh data has also been taken for March 2011 to May 2011. **Table-5.2** summarizes the meteorological characteristics of the project area.

Table 5-2: Meteorological Data during December 2008 to February 2009 and March 2011 to May 2011

IMD Station: Aligarh (height above msl : 187 m)									
Month	Ambient Temperature(°C)		Atmospheric Pressure, hPa		Relative Humidity(%)		Average Wind Speed, km/hr.	Pre-dominant Wind Direction	Rainfall, mm
	Daily Max.	Daily Min.	At 8:30 hrs.	At 17.30 hrs.	At 8:30 hrs.	At 17.30 hrs.			
Dec. 2008	23.0	8.7	997.2	993.7	76	55	4.8	W & NW	5.2
Jan. 2009	20.2	7.1	996.4	993.2	80	55	5.4	W	12.6
Feb. 2009	25.1	9.8	994.6	992.9	72	45	6.5	W	11.2
Mar. 2011	32.4	16.3	990.8	987.4	61	33	6.9	W & NW	6.4
Apr. 2011	37.6	20.9	986.7	985.1	41	24	6.4	W & NW	5.2
May 2011	40.8	25.5	983.1	981.3	40	21	7.9	W & NW	7.7
IMD Station:Safadarjung Airport Delhi (height above msl : 216 m)									
Dec. 2008	23.0	8.2	992.7	990.2	73	47	7.4	NW	7.8
Jan. 2009	21.1	7.3	992.2	989.9	77	45	8.3	NW & W	20.3
Feb. 2009	24.2	10.1	990.1	987.6	68	37	10.1	NW	15.0
Mar. 2011	30.5	16.6	986.6	985.6	59	30	9.7	NW & W	4.8
Apr. 2011	35.3	20.8	985.2	981.5	40	22	10.2	NW & W	6.3
May 2011	38.4	26.7	972.8	978.4	39	23	10.8	NW & W	8.5

Source: IMD, Aligarh, and Delhi

5.3.1 Temperature

The meteorological data observed during the winter and summer season shows that daily maximum temperature varies from 20.2°C to 40.8°C and the temperature characteristics at both locations are similar. Both Maximum and minimum Temperatures have been recorded at Aligarh. The daily minimum temperature has been recorded as 7.1 °C. The lowest daily minimum temperature has been observed in January 2009 in Aligarh. During summer season, the average daily maximum temperature is around 40°C during May months at both the stations.

5.3.2 Relative Humidity

The relative humidity of the project area varies from 68% to 80% at 8:30 hrs during winter season and 37% to 55% at 17:30 hrs. The relative humidity decreases during summer and varies from 39 to 61 % 0830 hours and 21 to 33 % at 0530 hours.

5.3.3 Wind Speed and Direction

Analysis of wind records shows that the winds are generally light to moderate in this area. The windrose diagrams for the period December 2008 to February 2009 (winter season) and March 2011 to May 2011 (Pre Monsoon season) at Aligarh, and Agra are presented in **Figures 5.1 to 5.4**. The pre-dominant wind directions are West in Aligarh and North-West in Agra during winter season. During summer season, the pre-dominant directions are West and North-West in Aligarh and North-West and South-West in Delhi. Average wind speed increases during summer season as compare to winter. The maximum average wind speed was observed in May 2011 at Delhi, while, December was comparatively calm. The average wind speeds are higher at Delhi.

Figure 5-1: Aligarh (December 2008 to February 2009)

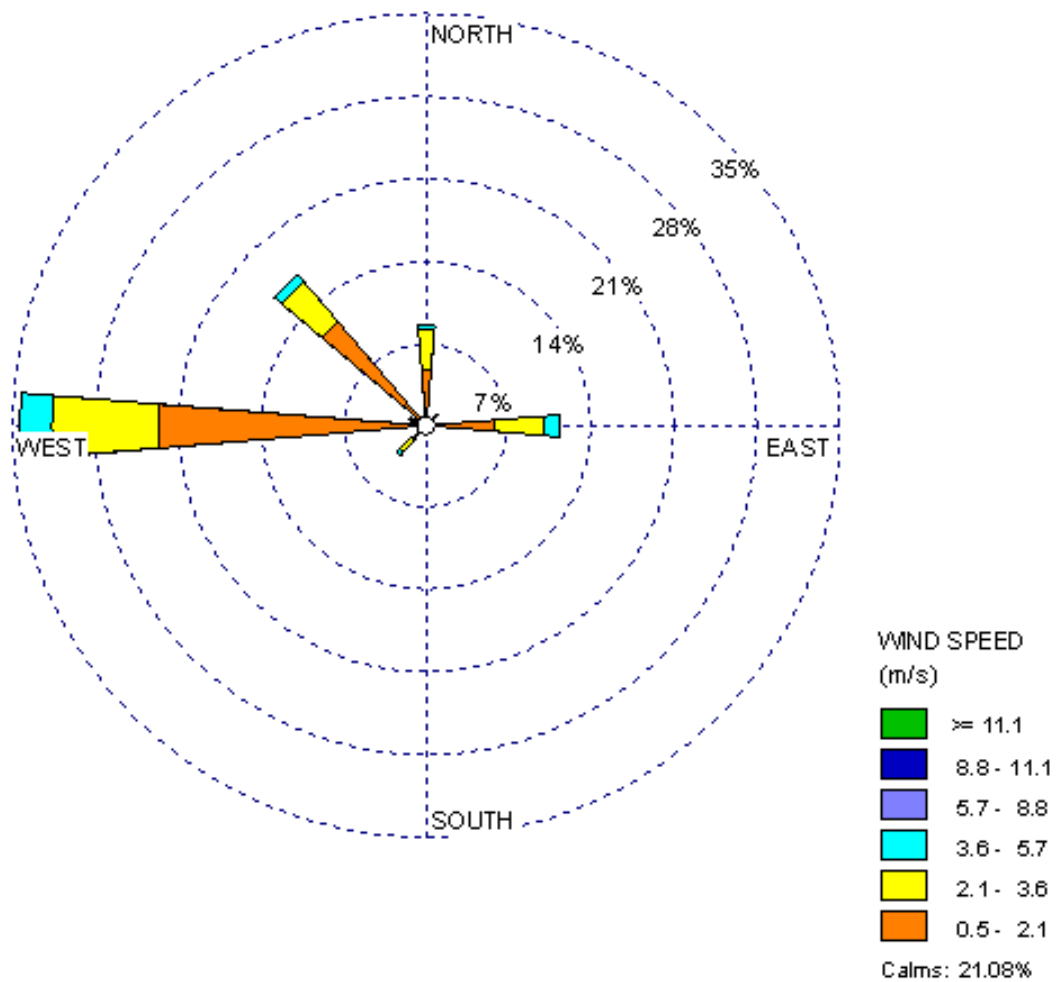


Figure 5-2: Delhi (December 2008 to February 2009)

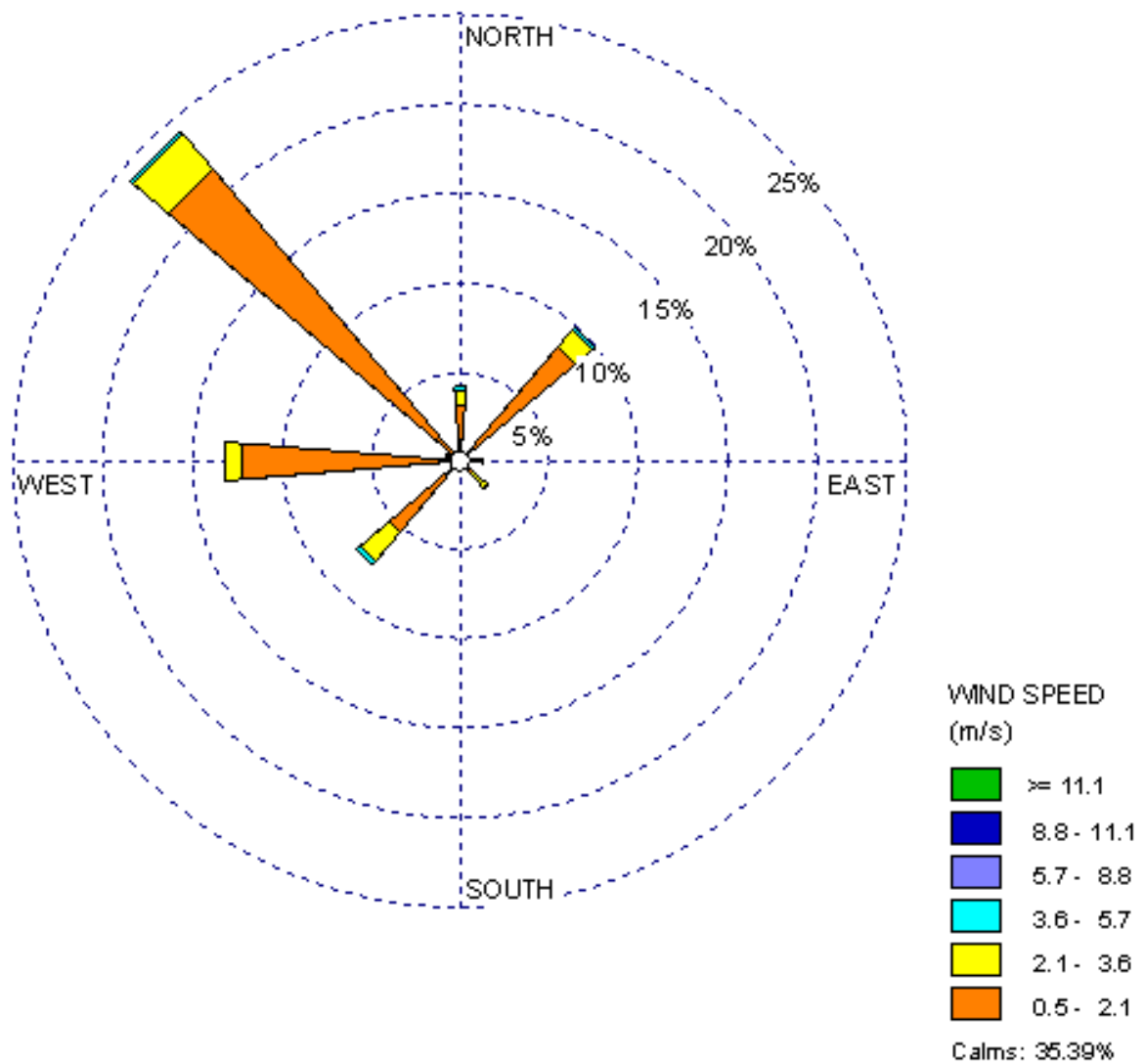


Figure 5-3: Aligarh (March 2011 to May 2011)

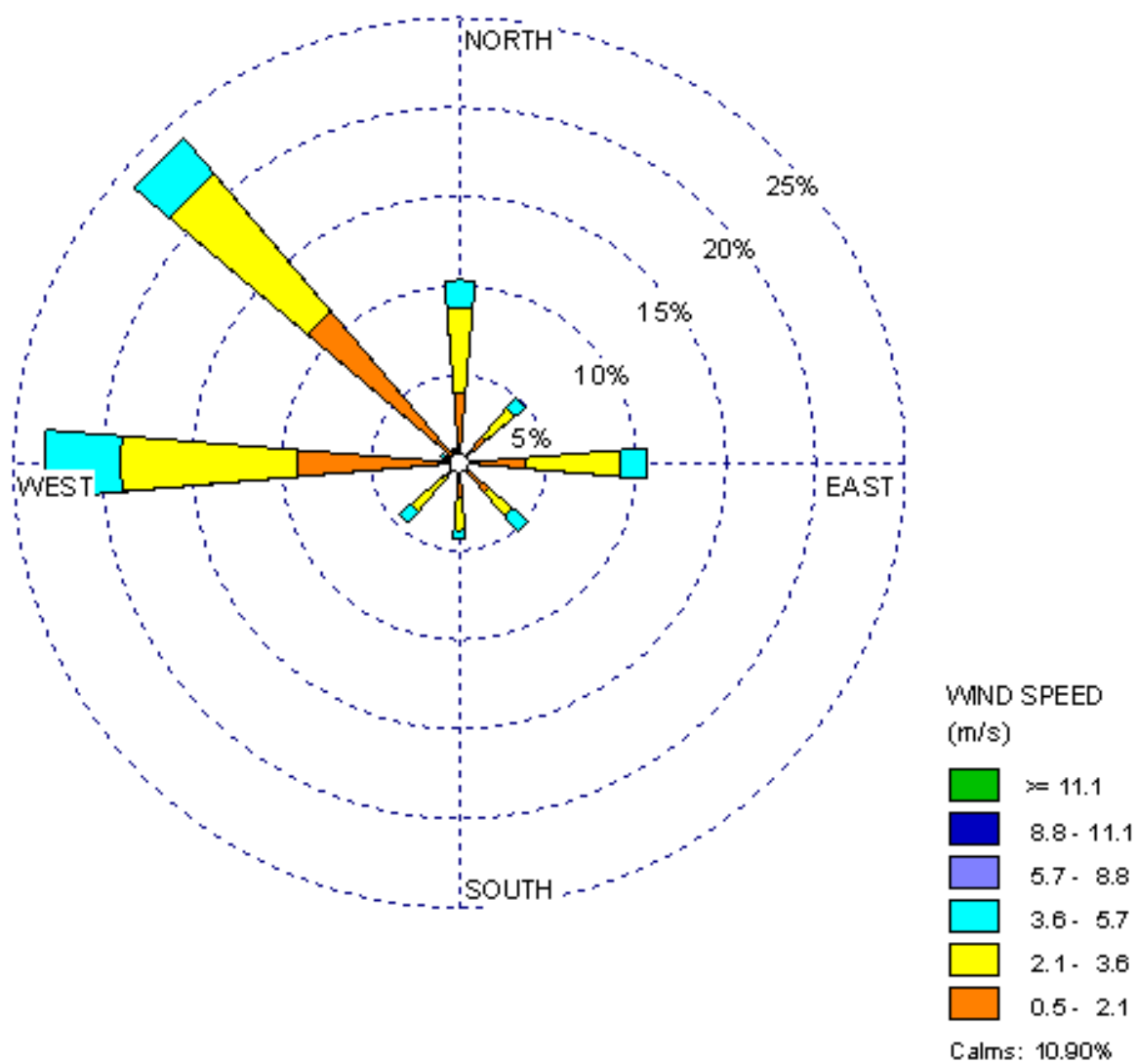
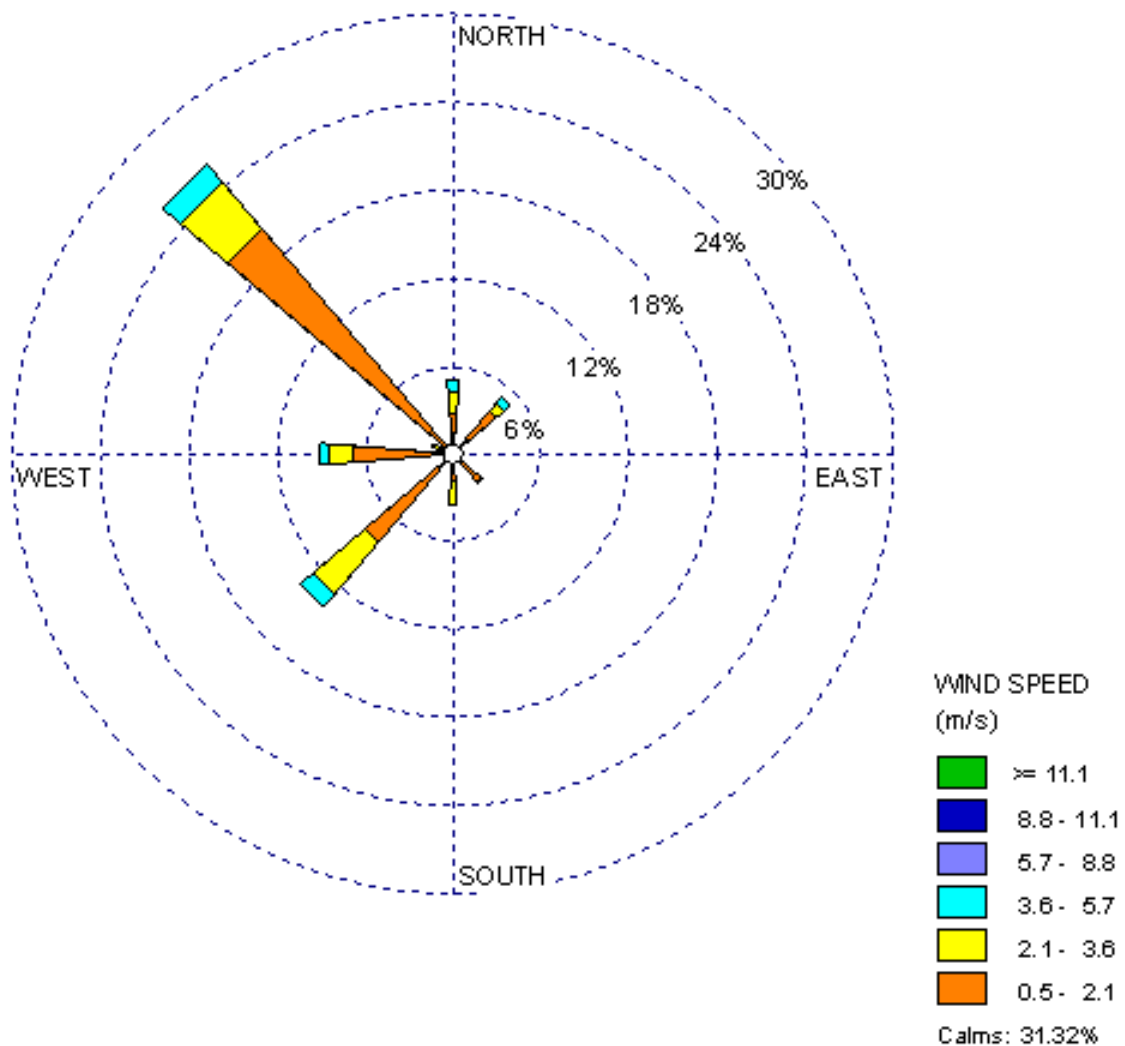


Figure 5-4: Delhi (March 20011 to May 2011)



5.3.4 Atmospheric Pressure

The minimum and maximum monthly atmospheric pressure varies from 972.8 to 997.2 hPA at 08:30hrs and from 978.4 to 978.4 hPA at 17.30hrs.

5.3.5 Rainfall

The rainfall is generally low during the non-monsoon season. The average rainfall recorded is highest (20.3 mm, Delhi) in January and lowest in December (4.8 mm, Aligarh). The month-wise total rainfall is shown in **Table -5.2**.

5.4 AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

Sulphur dioxide (SO₂), Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x), CO, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} are the five major air pollutants, which cause concern to environment and other living beings. In order to

understand the base line trends of these pollutants in the project area, ambient air monitoring was carried out at 3 critical locations

During early January, 2012 environmental monitoring at 3 locations in the stretch has been carried out. The locations were selected based on impacted residential area, sensitive receptors both in parallel alignments and detour locations. Monitoring was carried out continuously for 24 hours at each location.

5.4.1 Methodology (Air Monitoring)

The air pollution analysis techniques include the evaluation of the following:

1. Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀)
2. Sulphur dioxide (SO₂)
3. Nitrogen oxides (NO_x)
4. Carbon Monoxide (CO)



As regard the techniques for

Collection of sample of particulate matter, the "Respirable Dust Sampler Envirotech Model APM 460 BL" was used for air monitoring.

The dust particulate matter were collected on filter paper (size GF/A 20.3 x 25.4 cm) and dust cup and the gaseous pollutants

were collected simultaneously by a known volume of air through a number of bubblers of different flow rate through appropriate solution for absorbing different gases. The gaseous air pollutant samples were collected in glass impingers filled with adsorbing solvents by passing of ambient air and analyzed according to standard method.

Air Quality monitoring at Dadri

Calculation

For particulate matter

PM₁₀ (µg/m³) = RSPM + (final weight of cyclonic cup – initial weight of cyclonic cup) / volume of air.

PM_{2.5} = (Weight of Final Filter Paper - Weight of Initial Filter Paper) / Volume of Air

For gaseous pollutants

SO₂ (µg/m³) = (A – A₀) x 1000 x B x D / V

NO_x (µg/m³) = (A – A₀) x 1000 x B x D / 0.82V

Where, A = Sample Absorbance,

A₀ = Reagent blank Absorbance, and

B = Calibration factor (µg/absorbance)

D = Volume of absorbance solution in impinger during monitoring / volume of absorbing solution taken for analysis.

V = Volume of Air Sample in liters.

CO was monitored by using sensor based Non Dispersive Infrared equipment which gives direct result.

Table 5-3: Ambient Air Quality of the Study Area (January 2012)


S.No	Location	Date	Category	Parameters					Remarks
				PM2.5 µg/m ³	PM10 µg/m ³	SO ₂ , µg/m ³	NO _x , µg/m ³	CO, µg/m ³	
1.	Khurja (km 1369.82)	11-01-2012	Residential & urban area	23	71	12.4	17.6	BDL	Within the limit of NAAQS
		14-01-2012		27	68	11.5	19.8	BDL	Within the limit of NAAQS
2.	Wair (km 1389.55)	12-01-2012	Residential & Rural area	19	46	14.2	18.5	BDL	Within the limit of NAAQS
		15-01-2012		20	44	13.5	16.6	BDL	Within the limit of NAAQS
3.	Dadri (km 1415.69)	13-01-2012	Residential & Industrial area	28	79	16.1	23.4	BDL	Within the limit of NAAQS
		16-01-2012		26	81	15.4	22.0	BDL	Within the limit of NAAQS

Source: Field Monitoring

A review of ambient air quality data presented in **Table-5.3** above shows that air quality of the project area is generally good and all parameters of air quality are well within the limits. Overall, the result indicates that PM₁₀ levels vary from 44-81 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, whereas PM_{2.5} varies from 19-28 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. SO₂, NO_x and CO levels are also, well within the NAAQ standards at all the monitoring locations.

5.5 NOISE LEVELS

Noise attributed to a line project depends on factors such as traffic intensity, the type and condition of the traffic. Excessive high noise levels are a concern for sensitive receptors, i.e., hospitals, educational institutions, etc. The baseline information about the existing noise level along the railway track has been collected by monitoring the noise levels. The noise monitoring was carried out in each parallel location and near the receptors in detour location by using IMV JAPAN Models 6226 and 6224 complying with Japanese Standard JIS C1509 which consists of data logger facility.



IMV CORPORATION

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Integrating sound level meter

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FEATURES

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- Wide linearity range of 100dB
- With RS-232C interface
- Memory up to 15,000 data
- Large display with back-light



The Central Pollution Control Board has specified ambient noise levels for different land uses for day and night times. Importance was given to the timing of exposure and areas designated as sensitive. **Table 5.4** presents the noise standards specified by the Central Pollution Control Board.

Table 5-4: National Standards for Ambient Noise

Area Code	Category	Limits in Decibels (dB A)	
		Day Time	Night Time
A	Industrial	75	70
B	Commercial	65	55
C	Residential	55	45
D	Silence Zones	50	40

- Note: (1) Daytime: 6 AM to 10 P.M., Night-time 10 PM to 6 AM;
 (2) Silence zone is an area up to 100 m around premises as hospitals, educational institutions and courts.

Locations for noise monitoring along the project route were identified based on the criteria same as those used for air monitoring but the relative importance of each criterion carries a weight age in arriving at the final set of locations. The noise monitoring was carried out at 3 locations covering urban, residential and silence zones in January 2012 for continuously 24 hrs covering day and night as per relevant Noise standards of CPCB.

5.5.1 Methodology for Noise Monitoring

The intensity of sound energy in the environment is measured in a logarithmic scale and is expressed in a decibel (dB) scale. Ordinary Sound level meter measures the sound energy that reaches the microphone by converting it into electrical energy and then measures the magnitude in dB. In a sophisticated type of sound level meter, an additional circuit is provided, which modifies the received signal in such away that it replicates the sound signal as received by the human ear and the magnitude of sound level in this scale is denoted as dB (A). The sound levels are expressed in dB (A) scale for the purpose of comparison of noise levels, which is accepted by Central pollution Control Board (CPCB) as per Environment (Protection) Act, 1986

The general noise monitoring was carried out within 30 m from railway track in each parallel location and near the receptors in detour location. In this mode the noise was recorded continuously for 24 Hrs. Simultaneously categories of all the trains passing through the track were recorded. The Leq during day and night (6 AM to 10 PM reckoned as Day and 10PM to 6 AM as Night) were calculated as per the National Standards for Ambient Noise levels. The measured results of this general monitoring are provided in **Table-5.5 below**:

Table 5-5: Noise Monitoring Results

S. No.	Locations	Category	Parameters				Noise Level at 30 m		Date of Measurements
			Distance	Leq dB(A) Day	Leq dB(A) Night	dB(A) (Max.)	One train is passing, max value in dB(A)	Two trains are passing, max value in dB(A)	
1.	Khurja (km 1369.82)	Silence Zone (Parallel Section) - School within 20 m	5 m	65.4	48.6	102.7	88.3	95.8	11-1-2012
2.	Wair (km 1389.55)	Start of Wair Detour	20m	62.6	52.4	109.8	89.2	96.2	12-1-2012
3.	Dadri (km 1415.69)	Silence Zone (along existing track) - Parallel Section	20 m	66.2	47.8	89.2	100.4*	95.2	13-1-2012
4.	Ajayabpur (km 1406.46)	Rural Residential	20m	64.4	55.1	96.6	87.6	97.0	14-01-2012

*During Whistling of Train

5.5.2 Result and Discussions based on noise monitoring

Review of noise levels presented in table 5.6 indicates that the noise levels exceed permissible standards at all the locations along the existing railway track (where DFC is proposing track parallel to the existing in parallel section). The noise levels go instantly high up to 97dB(A) at 30 metres when two trains are passing and 100.4 dB(A) at 30 meters when single train is passing and whistling.

Further to understand the noise attenuation patterns caused by different categories of trains with distances from the track, noise levels were also monitored at 12.5, 25 & 50 Meter from the center of the track at Chola and Boraki Stations. These results are given in Table-5.6 below:

Table 5-6: Noise levels for different train movements

Category of Trains	Running speed (km/hr)	Railway Noise Level dB (A)					
		Leq			Lmax		
		12.5	25.0	50.0	12.5	25.0	50.0
FE1A Open Wagon	90	97	79.2	74.3	103.9	91.8	84.2
FE2A Closed Wagon	94.1	102.1	88.2	81.2	107.8	93.8	85
PEA (Super Fast)	110	94.4	80.2	72.3	97.6	89.6	80.7
PEA (Express)	105	92.1	81.3	71.2	93.7	90.6	79.4

As presented in table 5.6, above, the noise levels between passenger trains and freight trains are significantly different. The range of difference is around 12dB(A) at 12.5 mts and reduces to around 8 dB(A) at 25 mtrs.

However, the noise attenuation was found to be ranging from about 10 dB(A) to 18 dB (A) from 12.5 to 25 m and about 5 dB(A) to 9 dB(A) from 25 to 50 m, from the centre of the railway track. Similar to noise levels, the attenuation levels both for passenger and freight trains were noted to be same. This indicates no significant impact on noise levels due to the category of train type.

5.6 VIBRATION

5.6.1 Background Information

Vibration assessments are a key element of the environmental impact assessment process for mass transit projects. Vibration may lead to damage of cultural assets and other establishments near railway tracks and also may have impact on the human health.

Experience has shown that vibration is among the major concerns with regard to the effects of a railway project on the surrounding community.

Vibration is often associated with noise but is a problem in its own right. Notwithstanding health effects to the passengers it impacts the inmates of the buildings close to the track in the form of scare, sleeplessness and postural discomfort. It also affects the buildings in the form of short and long term impacts.

Vibration can also be affecting the train drivers and operators including drivers of specialist vehicle used during the construction phase. Appropriate mitigation measures will vary but may include design considerations for vehicles and equipment, control of exposure times, proper maintenance, protective clothing and alterations to working practices. A Detailed elaboration has been provided regarding the mitigation measures available.

Measurement

As discussed in the earlier sections, the proposed track runs in two different

alignments.

- I. One parallel to the existing track, which could involve,
 - Higher amplitude vibrations impacting the buildings now coming closer to railway vibrations (within critical distance) on the side of new track
 - Higher amplitude vibrations impacting all close buildings and human inmates due to instances of multiple trains running at same instance of time
 - Higher frequency of such multiple train running instances resulting to higher time of exposure
 - Increased impact due to increased speeds of Freight Trains.
 - Increased impact due to higher No of freight trains running closer

- II. Detours from the existing track passing through areas of different land use:

On detours there are no existing tracks at the moment. This will necessitate *abinitio* laying of the track which will involve movement of heavy and fast moving freight trains for transportation of material and goods. In addition there will be impact due to construction activity itself.

Finally there will be impacts due to DFC operations which will be in the form of

- Creation of a new Vibration environment along the detour effecting the building and inmates present within the critical distance of impact of vibrations
- Impacts due to trains running, at higher speeds / axle loads.

As part of the base line analysis of vibration levels, data was collected through measurement of vibration levels at several locations along parallel tracks as well as detour locations, covering all the possible scenarios mentioned above.

The data collected along with the patterns of Vibration propagation with distance, speed, axle load for single, dual and multiple train operations have been estimated. The same data has been used to predict impacts on sensitive locations along the entire corridor. The highest vibration values based on the 100km/hr speed of freight trains (containers or tankers) have been used for the prediction of impacts.

5.6.2 Standards on Vibration Measurements for Railway Projects

There are no specific standards for vibration levels in India. However there are number of international standards (as indicated below) for evaluating the potential impacts for building damage and also the human response.

ISO Standards on vibration (ISO 2631/2- 1989, ISO 8041-1990, and ISO 4866-1990)

JIS Z-8735 (Method of measurement for vibration levels) and JIS C-1510 (Standard for Vibration level meter).

BS 6472

DIN 4150

While each of the above standards have specific approach to the measurement and assessment of vibration impacts, considering the fact that the feasibility study for the project was carried out based on Japanese standards (JIS 8735 and JIS 1510) and DFC is also implementing same standards in the western corridor, the same standards have also been in the current study. The important features of JIS 8735 are:-

- depend on one single parameter ie Lpeak as against multiple parameters such as (VDV and PPV)
- does not require further calculations after the collection of data,
- the standards suggests single parameter to assess the vibration impacts on buildings and the residents with one common parameter.

Considering the above, the above JIS Z 8735 have been following for measuring and prediction of vibration impacts of the project.

5.6.3 Methodology

The ambient vibration levels and railway vibration levels were measured as part of the base line surveys.

While railway vibrations were measured for various train types and speeds at varying distances, the ambient vibrations were measured on Sensitive Receptors

5.6.4 Measurement Instrument

As according to JIS C 1510, vibration meter 1220E manufactured by IMV Japan, was chosen for measuring vibration. The instrument provides vibration measurements in all the three axes and also measures velocity or acceleration parameters. The instrument also captures and stores values at predefined intervals and calculates maximum and minimum or percentile values.

Specifications of the selected instrument are below:



Features

- Conforms to JIS C1510-1995.
- Measures vibration pollution from factory, construction site and traffic
- Calculates Vibration level L_v , Vibration acceleration level L_{va} , Max. value L_{max} , Min value L_{min} , Time rate vibration level (L_x : 5-value), Power averaged level (L_{eq}) in 3-direction and displays with selection

Model	VM-1220E
Frequency Range	1 - 80 Hz
Measuring Range	30 - 120 dB
Level Range	20 dB step, 2-range 30 -90dB, 50 -110dB
Linearity	75dB
Measured Item	Vibration level L_v , Vibration acceleration level L_{va} , Max. value L_{max} , Min value L_{min} , Time rate vibration level (L_x : 5 value), Power averaged level (L_{eq})
Measuring Time	1s,3s,5s,10s,1min,5min,10min,15min,30min,1h,8h,24h Manual (Max 199h59min59s)
Ambient Condition	Temperature Range: 10 -50°C Humidity: 30 - 90% (not dew condensation)

5.6.5 Vibration Levels

Based on the approach formulated above, the vibration levels were measured at the following locations presented in **Tables 5.8-5.13** along the project corridor.

Table 5-7: Ambient Railway Vibration Along Khurja- Dadri Section

S. No.	Location
1.	Khurja (km 1369.82)
2.	Start of Wair Detour (km 1389.55)
3.	Dadri (km 1415.69)

Table 5-8: Vibrations Measured at Khurja as per Japanese Standards

S.No.	Name of Location	Distance	LMAX
1	Khurja (Near School)	2 m	74.9

Table 5-9: Vibrations Measured at Start of Wair Detour (17.5m., 30.0m. & 55m) as per Japanese Standards

Speed Km/Hr	Vibration in dB at 17.5m.	Vibration in dB at 30m.	Vibration in dB at 55m.
Passenger Down Trains			
102	65.1	58.7	50.1
90	63.8	56.3	48.6
93	67.1	57.3	51.1
88	63.2	56.7	47.1
108	70.1	57.5	51.3

Source: Consultants' Field Monitoring

Speed Km/Hr	Vibration in dB at 17.5m.	Vibration in dB at 30m.	Vibration in dB at 55m.
Passenger Up Trains			
75	61.3	53.1	44.7
56.7	58.1	51.1	42.7
69	60.3	49.6	41.2
94	67.4	58.6	46.2
71	62.8	52.6	41.9
76.	65.5	54.6	45
110	70	61	52

Table 5-10: Wagon and Other Down Trains

Category of Train	Speed Km/Hr	Vibration in dB at 17.5m.	Vibration in dB at 30m.	Vibration in dB at 55m.
Closed Wagon	95	72	64	56
Closed Wagon	89	72	63	55
Open Wagon	76	71	62.4	54.1
Open Wagon	79	71	61	52
Open Wagon	98	74	65	57

Table 5-11: Vibrations Measured at Dadri at km 1415.69 as per Japanese Standards

S.No.	Name of Location	Distance	LMAX
1	Dadri (Near School)	20 m	62.3

Table 5-12: Vibrations Measured at Dadri at km 1415.69 (17.5m, 30.0m & 55m) as per Japanese Standards

Speed Km/Hr	Vibration in dB at 17.5m.	Vibration in dB at 30m.	Vibration in dB at 55m.
Dadri DRP of Passenger Down Trains			
98.9	58.6	51.9	41.2
105	68.9	57.9	47.5
83	65	54.7	45.4
103.5	61.8	52.9	42.8
75	61.6	51.3	41.2
Open Wagon Freight Down Trains			
53.2	61.3	55.4	47.7
56.5	62.1	51.2	43.1
85.5	68.1	56.1	45.1

Table 5-13: Vibrations Measured at Dadri for Freight Down Trains (Others)

Category of Train	Speed Km/Hr	Vibration in dB at 17.5m.	Vibration in dB at 30m.	Vibration in dB at 55m.
Tanker	85	65.3	53.5	47.4
Cargo	81	65.6	54.8	46.1

5.6.6 Measured Vibrations Levels on Various Receptors

Measurements in residential, sensitive receptors located closest to the track / proposed track were collected. This data, collected during Railway Vibrations, on plain routes was used for calculation / extrapolation of vibration levels on SRs that were not physically covered during vibration measurement process. While doing so, it was presumed that buildings which were in the line of alignment will be removed and will not to be included in prediction. The land between the proposed track and selected receptors was identical to similar situations elsewhere. The measurements on similar locations were therefore directly transposable to similar uncovered locations in order to assess the impact on such locations.

Values of maximum vibrations recorded on those receptor / important locations which can help in prediction of vibrations on all SRs are presented in **Table 5.14**. These levels were recorded during passing of the trains.

Table 5-14: Vibration Levels on Various Receptors with Train Passing

Name of Location	Distance (m) and Side Left/Right From existing Rail Track	LMAX, dB
Houses and commercial market at Khurja parallel section at 1369.82	25 m Right Side	76.4
Houses at Dadri km 1415.69	20 m Left side	73.9
Houses at Wair (km 1389.55)	30 m Left side	62.1
School at Khurja km 1369.82	5 m Left side	88.4
School at Dankaur km 1398.02	10 m Left side	79.4
College at Wair km 1389.55	500 m Left Side	27.2

Source: Consultants' Survey

Vibrations due to the rail traffic at sensitive locations such as residential areas, religious places, educational institutions, etc., located close to the track / proposed track were also measured. The measurements were carried out both with and without train crossing the measurement location. The vibration measurements during non passing of trains at the same receptors as given in Table-5.14 are presented in **Table-5.15**. These max and min levels are however irrelevant as the levels are to be seen in relation to location of measurement i.e. close to existing track / detour location as well as in relation to distance of measurement point from source of vibration. Seen in this perspective data indicates high vibration levels close to the track / source of vibration and gradual decrease as the receptor distance increases. This data and analysis forms the basis for calculation / extrapolation of vibration levels on similar SRs that could not be measured during the field measurements.

Table 5-15: Vibration Levels on Sensitive Receptors Without Train Passing

Name of Location	Distance (m) and Side Left/Right	LMAX, dB
Houses and commercial market at Khurja parallel section at 1369.82	25 m Right sides	28.3
Houses at Dadri km 1415.69	20 m Left side	31.9
Houses at Wair (km 1389.55	30 m Left side	25.5
School at Khurja km 1369.82	5 m Left side	55.3
School at Dankaur km 1398.02	10 m Left side	48.9
College at Wair km 1389.55	500 m Left Side	21.2

5.7 WATER: HYDROLOGY AND DRAINAGE

5.7.1 Surface water & Drainage

The project area from Khurja- Dadri is a part of the Ganges basin, which contains the largest river system on the subcontinent comprising the Rivers of Ganga, Yamuna and number of other rivers. The flow in the basin is largely contributed by the southwesterly monsoon winds from July to October, as well as on the flow from melting Himalayan snows in the hot season from April to June. Tropical cyclones originating between June and October in Bay of Bengal also contribute to water flows in the basin. The average annual rainfall varies from 760 mm at the western end of the basin to more than 2,290 mm at the eastern end of this river basin.

The alignment of DFCC from Khurja to Dadri crosses seasonal River – Karon at km 1375.39 of Ganga Basin. This is tributary to Yamuna River. The general slope of the area was noted to be from North West to South East with elevation ranging from 201 m MSL at Khurja to 210 MSL Dadri. Passing through the districts of Buland Shahar and Gautam Budh Nagar these areas are located in the central plains and South Western Semi Arid agro-climatic zones of Uttar Pradesh.

Karon River is crossing the alignment.

3.7.2 Ground Water

The project area is underlain by thick pile of quaternary sediments which comprises sands of various grades, clays and *kankar*. The quaternary sediments overlain the pre-existing Vindhyan Basement with the thickness varies from 286 to 380 meters. The Vindhyan basin tends to grow deeper from west to east.

The Central Ground Water Board, Bulladshahar demarcates the project area in to a three tier aquifer system occurring down to bed rock, as indicated below.

I Aquifer Group	00.00-130.00 mbgl	–	Quality fresh
II Aquifer Group	100.00 – 150.00 mbgl	–	Quality Brackish to saline
III Aquifer Group	130.00 – 300.00 mbgl	–	Quality brackish to saline

The ground water is encountered in the first aquifer group, while deeper aquifers are under semi-confined to confined conditions. Overall, the depth of ground water in the project area generally varies from 5 to 50 m below ground level, during pre-monsoon period and ranges between 3 m and 20 m below ground level during post-monsoon period. The ground water levels are observed to be ranging between 0.30 and 8.24 m, with overall fluctuations of about 2 meters.

With good to moderate water yield capacities, the first aquifer group is fit for domestic and industrial consumption. The yield is expected to be around 2000-3000 lpm through tube wells and 1000-2000 lpm through shallow tube wells.

5.8 WATER QUALITY

As presented in **Section 5.7** above, there are no major or perennial water bodies in the project area. While there is no major irrigation or drinking water uses, few domestic uses such as animal bathing, washing, etc. were observed.

Table 5-16: Water Quality Criteria and Standards for Freshwater Classification (CPCB, 1979)

Parameters	BOD mg/l	pH	D.O. in mg/l	Oil & Grease mg/l
CPCB standard Class A (drinking water without conventional treatment but after disinfections)	≤ 2.0	6.5 – 8.5	≥ 6.0	---
CPCB standard Class B (for outdoor bathing)	≤ 3.0	6.5 – 8.5	5.0	--
CPCB standard Class C (drinking water after conventional treatment and disinfections)	≤ 2.0	6 – 9	≥ 4.0	--
CPCB standard Class D (for propagation of wild life, fisheries)	--	6.5 – 8.5	≥ 4.0	≤ 0.1
CPCB standard Class E (for irrigation)	--	6.0-8.5	--	--

--' Indicates not applicable/relevant

In order to assess the base line water quality of these water bodies, samples were collected from 3 hand pumps closed to the alignment and from Karon River. The water quality results are presented in **Tables-5.17 & 5.18**. These results show high hardness and chlorides contents.

Table 5-17: Water Quality Results for Surface Water-Karon River

Parameters/ units	Test Method	Location Karon River(km 1375.39)
Colour(hazen)	IS:3025-Pt:4	Light Green
Odour	IS:3025-Pt:5	Pungent Smell
Temperature(° C)	IS:3025-Pt:9	26
Turbidity	IS:3025-Pt:10	74

Parameters/ units	Test Method	Location Karon River(km 1375.39)
pH value	IS:3025-Pt:11	8.5
Total hardness as CaCO ₃	IS:3025-Pt:21	270
Iron (mg/l)	A.A.S	1.7
Chlorides (mg/l)	IS:3025-Pt:32	164.70
Fluoride (mg/l)	IS:3025	<0.2
Total Dissolved solids (mg/l)	IS:3025-Pt:16	21.70
Magnesium as Mg	IS:3025	1.0
Sulphates (mg/l)	IS:3025-Pt:24	534.32
Nitrates (mg/l)	IS:3025-Pt:34	<1.0
Coliform (MPN/100ml)	IS:1662	10.0
BOD (mg/l)	IS:3025-Pt:44	11.9
Phosphate(mg/l)	APHA	<0.2
Nitrites (mg/l)	IS:3025	<1.0
Arsenic As	A.A.S	<0.01
Lead (mg/l)	A.A.S	<0.05
Zinc (mg/l)	A.A.S	<1.0
Chromium (mg/l)	A.A.S	<0.05
Alkalinity (mg/l)	IS:3025-Pt:23	727.20
Total Suspended Solids (mg/l)	IS:3025-Pt:17	97

Table 5-18: Water Quality Results for Ground Water

Parameters/ units	Test Method	Locations		
		Khurja (km 1369.82)	Start of Wair Detour(km1389.55)	Dadri (km 1415.69)
Colour(hazen)	IS:3025 -Pt:4	Colourless	Colourless	Colourless
Odour	IS:3025 -Pt:5	Unobjectionable	Unobjectionable	Unobjectionable
Temperature(° C)	IS:3025 -Pt:9	26	25	24

Parameters/ units	Test Method	Locations		
		Khurja (km 1369.82)	Start of Wair Detour (km 1389.5 5)	Dadri (km 1415.69)
Turbidity	IS:3025 -Pt:10	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0
pH value	IS:3025 -Pt:11	8.2	8.3	8.1
Total hardness as CaCO ₃	IS:3025 -Pt:21	140	145	190
Iron (mg/l)	A.A.S	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Chlorides (mg/l)	IS:3025 -Pt:32	46.17	41.60	35.63
Fluoride (mg/l)	IS:3025	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Total Dissolved solids (mg/l)	IS:3025 -Pt:16	664	695	554
Magnesium as Mg	IS:3025	21	19	21
Sulphates (mg/l)	IS:3025 -Pt:24	98.22	95.11	45.36
Nitrates (mg/l)	IS:3025 -Pt:34	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0
Coliform (MPN/100ml)	IS:1662	Absent	Absent	Absent
BOD (mg/l)	IS:3025 -Pt:44			
Phosphate (mg/l)	APHA	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Nitrites (mg/l)	IS:3025	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0
Arsenic As	A.A.S	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Lead (mg/l)	A.A.S	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Zinc (mg/l)	A.A.S	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0
Chromium (mg/l)	A.A.S	<0.05	<0.05	<0.05
Alkalinity (mg/l)	IS:3025 -Pt:23	556.38	543.0	405.78
Total Suspended Solids (mg/l)	IS:3025 -Pt:17	16.0	6.0	<5.0

Source: Consultants' Field Monitoring

5.9 GEOLOGY

As discussed earlier, the proposed alignment of the project is a part Ganga plain lying between the rocky Himalayan belt in the north and the southern hilly tract comprising Pre-Cambrian rocks. Flexing of the Indian lithosphere in response to the compressive forces due to collision, and thrust fold loading produced the Ganga Plain foreland basin. The basin is filled with recent alluvial sediments which are at places more than 1,000 m, thick and an amalgam of sand, silt, clay in varying proportions. As presented in **Figure-5.6**, the project alignment from Khurja to Dadri is located in the younger alluvium of Ganga Basin and generally there is no significant variation in geology.

Figure 5-5: Geological Map of Uttar Pradesh



Source: - Directorate of Geology and Mining, U. P.

5.10 GEOGRAPHY AND SOIL QUALITY

Since the project is situated in the younger alluvium of Ganga Basin, the soil is prone to erosion. The entire alluvial plain along the alignment can be divided into three sub-regions. The project area and surroundings have well developed irrigation systems.

However, being alluvial the land is very fertile and cultivation of rice, wheat, millets, gram, barley and sugar cane, etc is the main crops of the region. The project area is famous for vegetational crop.

In order to establish the base line soil samples were collected from four locations, spread across the project area. As presented in **Table 5.19** below, the soil in the project area is good for agricultural and plantation purposes and Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium (NPK) ratio is favourable. The soil in the study area is fertile in nature.

Table 5-19: Soil Analysis Report

S. No.	Test Parameter/ units	Locations		
		Khurja (km 1369.82)	Start of Wair Detour (km 1389.55)	Dadri (km 1415.69)
1	Soil Texture	Medium- loam	Medium-Loam	Medium-Loam
a)	Sand Size Fraction (%)	39	37	36
b)	Silt Size Fraction (%)	41	41	43
c)	Clay Size Fraction (%)	16	21	19
d)	Gravel Size Fraction (%)	3	9	2
2	pH Value	7.42	7.44	7.36
3	Bulk Density (gm/cm ³)	1.71	1.750	1.681
4	Water Holding Capacity (%)	30.16	28.92	31.0
5	Nitrogen (as N)(kg/ha)	0.02	0.06	0.04
6	Phosphorous (%)	11.6	12.3	15.8
7	Potassium(meq/100g)	0.62	0.49	0.48
8	Organic Matter (%)	0.66	0.70	0.67
9	Lead (as pb)(ppm)	ND	ND	ND
10	Arsenic(ppm)	ND	ND	ND
11	Iron (%)	2.98	3.42	2.45
12	Sulphate(meq/100g)	0.21	0.18	0.20
13	Chloride(meq/100g)	0.17	0.19	0.15
14	Calcium(meq/100g)	9.90	9.95	9.31
15	Copper (mg/kg.)	2.98	3.16	3.28
16	Zinc (mg/kg.)	31.12	31.24	31.22
17	Manganese (mg/kg.)	3.1	3.2	3.02
18	Moisture (%)	11.2	13.5	13.4
19	Porosity (%)	44.18	49.79	51.21
20	Electrical Conductivity(mhos/cms)	240	220	231

Source: Consultants' Field Monitoring

5.11 LAND USE

General Land Use Pattern of the area along the proposed DFC corridor is predominantly under agriculture use. The alignment passes through 37 villages in the districts of Bulandshahr and Gautam Budh Nagar in Uttar Pradesh.

The land use of the area comprises of agriculture and cropping (72.3 percent), non-agricultural use (9%), forest (7.2%) and current fallow (2.3%) and the remaining land under residential and other uses. The average size of the land holding in the project area ranges between 0.70 to 1.19 hectares and the economy of the project areas is dependent on subsistence agriculture with wheat, maize and Potato cultivation.

As presented in **Table 5.20**, the project involves acquisition of about 211.67 ha of land. The detailed breakup of land is covered in Social Impact Assessment Report.

Table 5-20: Land Use of Affected Area

District	No. of Villages	Land (area in ha)
Bulandshahar	21	126.07
Gautam Budh Nagar	17	85.60
Total	38	211.67

Source: Primary Census survey by Social Assessment Study

To minimize the impacts on the PAPs, a separate social assessment studies have been commissioned by DFCCIL and a project specific Rehabilitation Action Plan is under preparation.

5.12 ECOLOGY

Any project has some impacts on the flora and fauna in the project area. Plant and animal communities are indicators of the environment. They respond not only to one environmental factor, but also to an interacting group of factors. These communities influence and react sensitively to change in the balance of environmental stresses.

Therefore, a detailed knowledge of the diversity of the area definitely helps in managing the area properly following suitable practices. The study was conducted in the project area to assess all possible consequences on the biological environment.

Floral and faunal surveys conducted for assessing the biological diversity and its status over a period of time that forms an integral part of Impact Assessment Techniques. The present study is highlighting the various issues pertaining to floristic diversity and the faunal wealth including Ethno-botany and silvicultural issues in the submergence area and also the area beyond the limit of the submergence. Accordingly, for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies, the total area has been sub-divided into the following areas;

- Dedicated Freight Corridor Chainage
- About 1km surrounding area of DFC
- Natural vegetation in the study area.
- Forest area (Protected/Reserved)
- Rivers and Ponds in vicinity

Site Selection Criteria:

Three sampling locations were selected to study the terrestrial eco-system, with due consideration to the following points.

- a) Major affected area
- b) Natural vegetation in the study area.
- c) National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Wetland in the study area.
- d) Natural Water Body in the study area

Terrestrial Study was conducted at two locations across the Chainage. The biological study of terrestrial flora, fauna and aquatic biota has been done for different transects. However, the surveys have also been created for the entire area in the vicinity of proposed DFCC alignment.

5.12.1 OBJECTIVES

The biological study of the area has been conducted in order to understand the ecological status of the existing flora and fauna to generate baseline information and evaluate the probable impacts on the biological environment.

Terrestrial Ecology

The study was undertaken with a view:

- To assess nature and distribution of the vegetation in the area.
- To assess the frequency, frequency class, relative frequency, abundance, density, diversity index.
- To evaluate the dominant species of plant and animal.
- To list the endangered species (both flora and fauna).
- To mark the wetlands and other ecologically sensitive areas such as national parks/ sanctuaries
- To assess the effect of construction and operation of the project on existing ecology
- To recognize the diversity indices of the terrestrial and aquatic communities.
- To Assess the spawning and feeding habitats of aquatic species with respect to time and location.

Aquatic Ecology

The study was carried out in the project site aiming at:

- Inventory of different aquatic species (plankton (phyto & zoo), benthos, fishes).
- Population density of the macro invertebrates and fishes in the river.
- To identify the feeding and breeding grounds of economically important fishes.
- To assess the existing status of endangered species.

5.12.2 Methodology

Floral Study

The vegetation sampling was carried out by using the least count quadrat method and line transects cutting method across different habitats. The line transect method was useful to describe general vegetation pattern over large area and the quadrants are useful for quantification of density and abundance of the vegetation in the study area. The size and number of quadrates needed were determined using the species area curve (Mishra, 1968) and the running mean method (Kershaw, 1973). Summarization of previously used methods and recommendations led to the use of more than often (10x10m) quadrates laid out for sampling the tree stratum and 1x1m quadrates for herbs, grasses and seedlings of tree species. However, for examining the shrub species 3x3m sample plots were laid out. The enumeration of the vegetation was done by measuring both individually in case of woody vegetation, and collar diameter in case of herbs and grasses using the tree caliper and electronic digital caliper. In case of grasses and sedges, each erect shoot is considered by a plant tiller, and the enumeration was done by laying 1m x 1m quadrates at random, further subdivided into 10 x 10 cm segments. Four such segments selected at random were analyzed from each quadrat by counting the tillers individually as per the method used was that of Singh and Yadava (1974).

The vegetation data collected for phytosociological information were quantitatively analyzed for density, frequency, abundance and specific diversity index according to Curtis and McIntosh (1950). The relative values of frequency, density and dominance of all the species were summed up to represent Importance Value Index (IVI). The followings are the formulae to derive frequency, density, dominance, IVI etc.

$$\text{Frequency} = \frac{\text{Total number of quadrats in which species occurred}}{\text{Total number of quadrats studied}}$$

$$\text{Abundance} = \frac{\text{Total number of individuals of species in all quadrats}}{\text{Total number of quadrats in which species occurred}}$$

$$\text{Density} = \frac{\text{Total number of individuals of a species}}{\text{Total number of quadrats studied}}$$

$$\text{IVI} = \frac{\text{Relative frequency} + \text{Relative dominance (basal area)} + \text{Relative density}}{\text{Frequency of the species}}$$

$$\text{Relative Frequency} = \frac{\text{Frequency of the species}}{\text{Total frequency of all species}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Relative Density} = \frac{\text{Density of the species}}{\text{Total density of all species}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Relative Dominance} = \frac{\text{Dominance of the species}}{\text{Total dominance of all species}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Relative Abundance} = \frac{\text{Abundance of the species}}{\text{Total abundance of all species}} \times 100$$

Diversity of the Forest Vegetation

The tree species diversity for each stand in different forest types was determined using Shannon Wiener information function (Shannon and Wiener, 1963), which is:

$$\bar{H} = \sum_{i=1}^S \left(\frac{N_i}{N} \right) \log_{10} \left(\frac{N_i}{N} \right)$$

Where, N_i is the total number of individuals of species i and N is the total number of all species in a stand.

Concentration of dominance

Concentration of dominance (C_d) was measured by Simpson Index (Simpson, 1949):

$$CD = \sum_{i=1}^S \left(\frac{N_i}{N} \right)^2$$

Where, N_i and N were the same as for Shannon Wiener information function. This index ranges from one, if all the individuals belong to one species, to $(1/s)$ if they are equally divided among species (S).

Faunal Study

Terrestrial Fauna

A ground survey was carried out in the impact zone of the proposed project section. Important animal groups: butterflies (insects), birds and mammals inhabiting the area were surveyed.

For sampling butterflies, the standard '*Pollard Walk method*'; for birds '*point sampling*' along the fixed transect (foot trails) and for sampling mammals, '*direct count on open width (20m) transect*', were used on fixed transects. Sampling was carried for 3 ha in each of the tree transects at every site.

Seasonal variation in species diversity of different groups of animals (butterflies and birds) were evaluated using Shannon-diversity Index (H') to know the season of peak diversity in the area amongst the post monsoon seasons studied.

$$H' = -\sum_{i=1}^n P_i \ln P_i$$

(From species 1 to n; n= total number of species)

Where, **P_i** is the proportion of the individual species in the total population.

Aquatic Fauna

Zooplankton

For zooplankton analysis, 20L of subsurface water was strained through 53µ Nytex plankton net and the concentrate was transferred to labelled plankton bottle after rinsing the net with distilled water. The planktons were immediately preserved in 4% neutral formaldehyde solution for subsequent examination and quantification.

Zooplankton samples were observed in a sedimentation chamber under an inverted plankton microscope. Planktons were identified with the help of standard keys and references. For quantification, an aliquot of the concentrate was suitably diluted. After thorough mixing, one ml of the sample was transferred to a clean Sedgwick-Rafter cell and examined under the inverted microscope. Planktons were counted under the various genera identified. Three replicates were taken and averaged. The number of organisms per litre under each genus was calculated by the following formula:

$$\text{No. of organisms } L^{-1} = \text{Vol. of conc. (ml)} \times \text{No. of organism} / \text{Vol. of conc. Examined (ml)} \times \text{Vol. of water filtered (L)}$$

Phytoplankton

Similarly, for phytoplankton analysis, water sample were taken directly from the sites in 100 ml sampling bottles and preserved with Lugol's solution immediately. Then the samples were centrifuged in the laboratory followed by removal of desired amount of supernatant from the centrifuge tube to make the required concentration. Phytoplanktons were then analysed using a compound microscope and haemocytometer in the concentrates. The number of organisms per litre was calculated as follows:

$$\text{No. of organisms } L^{-1} = \text{No. of organism} \times 10^7 / \text{Concentration factor} \times \text{No. of slides examined}$$

Benthos

For the benthic organism study, sediment samples were taken from the bottom of Karon River manually and brought to laboratory for analysis. The samples were washed through sieves to harvest the organisms and then preserved in sampling vials using formaldehyde as preservative. Benthic organisms were enumerated using a simple microscope/ hand lens.

Fishes

Fisheries data has been collected through consultation with local fishermen and throwing nets.

Macrophytes

Macrophytes were studied visually in the field. Photographs were taken for identification assistance. The diversity was noted in visual method (1-5 grade point scale).

Phytoplankton Productivity

Phytoplankton productivity was measured using Light and Dark bottle method of Gaarder and Grann. The dissolved oxygen measurement for this purpose was done by Winkler's Iodometric method.

5.12.3 Flora of the Project Area

General survey of flora has been carried out district in both the districts. On the basis of Survey and secondary data collected from forest office a large variety of Trees, herbs and shrubs found suited to climatic condition. The structure and type of

vegetation depends on climatic conditions and physiographic conditions, as well as requirements of the local inhabitants of the area. The vegetation in the study area is deciduous in nature. Mainly three types of forests were found in the study area.

i. Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests:

These forests are found in the moist region of Terai. They grow in regions that record 100 to 150 cm. of rainfall annually, have an average temperature between 26°-27° C. and have considerable degree of humidity.

A special feature of the forests is that deciduous trees of uneven size grow in higher altitude regions. Lower regions have several species interspersed with Bamboo, Climbers, and ever green shrubs. Main trees are Sal, Ber, Gular, Jhingal, Palas, Mahua, Semal, Dhak, Amla, Jamun, etc.

ii. Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests:

These forests are found in all parts of the plains, and usually in central eastern and western regions. The trees are mostly deciduous. Since sunlight reaches the ground in abundance, shrubs and grasses also grow here. Large tracts of these forests have been cleared for cultivation. Important trees are Sal, Palas, Amaltas, Bel, Anjeer etc. Neem, Peepal, Sheesham, Mango, Jamun, Babool, and Imli (Tamarind) etc. grow along riverbanks and in other moist regions.

iii. Tropical Thorny Forests:

These are mostly found in south-western parts of the State. Such forests are confined to the areas with low annual rainfall (50-70 cms), mean annual temperature between 25°C to 27°C and low humidity (less than 47%). Widely scattered thorny trees, such as Babool, Thorny, Legumes and Euphorbias, are found here. During rains, short grasses are also found here. The trees are generally small, forming open dry forests. Important trees of these regions are Phulai, Khair, Kokke, Dhaman, Danjha, Neem, etc. Various types of resin and gum are also obtained from these trees.

The study area enjoys sub-tropical climatic conditions with four seasons, pre monsoon (March to June), monsoon (July to September), post monsoon season (October and November) and winter season (December to February). List of plant species and its ecological importance based on secondary data is listed below.

Table 5-21: List of Plant Species based on Secondary data in the Study Area

Plant Species	Vernacular Name	Enthanobotanical Values
<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	Neem	Medical, Timber, Fuel
<i>Acacia nilotica</i>	Kikar	Timber, Fuel
<i>Acacia leucophloea</i>	Babul	Timber, Fuel
<i>Albizia lebbek</i>	Siras	Timber, Fuel
<i>Acacia catechu</i>	Khair	Medical, Timber, Kattha
<i>Aegle marmelos</i>	Bel	Food, Timber, Mythological
<i>Bauhinia variegata</i>	Kachnar	Ornamental
<i>Cassia fistula</i>	Amaltas	Aesthetic, Fuel
<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	Shisham	Timber, Fuel
<i>Delonix regia</i>	Gulmohar	Aesthetic, Recreational
<i>Eucalyptus hybrid</i>	Safeda	Timber, Fuel
<i>Emblica officinalis</i>	Amla	Mythological, Fuel Timber,
<i>Polyalthia longifolia</i>	Ashok	Aesthetic, Recreational
<i>Prosopis julifera</i>	Kabuli kikar	Timber, Fuel
<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>	Khajur	Food, MFP (Fan)
<i>Populus sp.</i>	Poplar	Timber
<i>Pongamia glabra</i>	Karanj	Medicinal
<i>Ficus religiosa</i>	Papal	Mythological, Timber

Plant Species	Vernacular Name	Enthanobotanical Values
<i>Ficus benghalensis</i>	Bargad	Timber, Fuel
<i>Holoptelea integrifolia</i>	Papri	Timber, Medicinal
<i>Morus alba</i>	Shahtoot	Food, Timber
<i>Morus raphii</i>	Philkhan	Timber, Fuel
<i>Mangifera indica</i>	Aam	Mythological, Timber, Fuel
<i>Syzygium cumini</i>	Jamun	Food, Timber
<i>Terminalia arjuna</i>	Arjuna	Aesthetic, Recreational
<i>Terminalia belerica</i>	Baheda	Medicinal, Timber
<i>Anisomeles ovata</i>	Jangali Tulsi	Medicinal
<i>Achyranthes aspera</i>	Apmarg	Drugs, Medicinal
<i>Calotropis procera</i>	Aak	Medicinal
<i>Mimosa pudica</i>	Chiumui	Aesthetic
<i>Nerium indica</i>	Kaner	Aesthetic, Recreational
<i>Opuntia dillenii</i>	Nagphani	Medicinal
<i>Sathura matel</i>	Datura	Poison, Medicinal
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Gokharu	Medicinal
<i>Zizyphus numularia</i>	Jahrberi	Food, Fodder
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Dub	Fodder
<i>Desmostachya bipinnata</i>	Dab	Huts
<i>Erianthus munja</i>	Munj	Huts
<i>Saccharum spontaneum</i>	Kans	Huts
<i>Cuscuta reflexa</i>	Amarbel	Medicinal
<i>Butea monosperma</i>	Palash	Aesthetic
<i>Tectona grandis</i>	Teak	Timber
<i>Ocimum gratissimum</i>	Ram Tulsi	Medicinal
<i>Delonix regia</i>	Gulmohar	Ornamental
<i>Calotropis procera</i>	Akman	

Source: Data collected from Forest Deptts

iv. Tree Cutting

The proposed alignment may cause cutting of approximately 2550 trees. The ownership details of trees to be cut is given in **Table-5.22**. The major species present along the alignment are babool, neem, shisam, papal, mango, bargad, kanji, labhera, ashok, sirsa, guler, jamun, ber, eucalyptus, mahua and bel. As these trees are located all along the proposed alignment of 49.69 km, it is assumed that cutting of these trees will not have significant ecological impacts.

Table 5-22 (a): Trees with ownership to be cut

State	Trees to be Cut			Total
	Reserve Forest	Railway Land	Private Land	
UP	706	837	1007	2550

Table 5-22 (b) Summary of type of trees

Type of trees	Trees	Number
Fruit bearing trees	Jamun, Mango, Khajoor	214
Others	Babool, Neem, Shisam, Pipal etc.	2336
Total		2550

5.12.4 Biodiversity Profile

District-wise secondary data collected from Forest Department on tree, shrubs and other species are presented below in **Tables 5.23&5.24:**

Table 5-23: Bio-Diversity Profile of Project Region

S. No.	Botanical Name	Common Name
1.	<i>Butea frondosa</i>	Dhak
2.	<i>Butea monosperma</i>	Palas
3.	<i>Saccharum munja</i>	Munj
4.	<i>Eulaliopsis binta</i>	Baib
5.	<i>Desmostachya bipinnata</i>	Dab
6.	<i>Saccharum spontaneum</i>	Kans
7.	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Doob

Source: Forest Department

Table 5-24: Bio-Diversity Profile of Project Region

Sl. No.	Botanical Name	Common Name
1.	<i>Syzygium cumini</i>	Jamun
2.	<i>Shorea Robusta</i>	Sal, Shakhu
3.	<i>Anogeissus latifolia</i>	Bakli, Dhaura
4.	<i>Mallotus philippensis</i>	Rohini
5.	<i>Modhuca longifolia var. latifolia</i>	Mahua
6.	<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	Sheesham
7.	<i>Ficus religiosa</i>	Peepal
8.	<i>F. auriculata</i>	Timla
9.	<i>F. semicordata</i>	Khainu
10.	<i>F. virens</i>	Pakad
11.	<i>F. benghalensis</i>	Bargad
12.	<i>Acacia catechu</i>	Khair
13.	<i>Albizia lebbek</i>	Siris
14.	<i>Terminalla alata</i>	Asna, Asain
15.	<i>T. bellirica</i>	Bahera
16.	<i>Holoptelea integrifolia</i>	Dhamina
17.	<i>Streblus asper</i>	Sehore
18.	<i>Butea monosperma</i>	Dhak, Palas
19.	<i>Cassia fistula</i>	Amaltas
20.	<i>Lannea coromandelica</i>	Jigma, Jhingan
21.	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	Karanj

Source: Forest Department

5.12.5 Quantitative Analysis of Tree, Shrub and Herb by Quadrature Method

Location No.1: Wair Detour (Start of Detour)

Acacia nilotica was found to be the most dominant species, followed by *Prosopis juliflora*, *Butea monosperma* and *Melia azedarach*. *Parthenium hysterophorus* was very common in the study area. It may be observed that *Acacia nilotica* is the most abundant specie. The overall species diversity index for study area was computed as 0.51.

Location No.2: Parallel Section Ahead of Wair Station

During the study 18 species were observed. *Acacia nilotica* was found to be the most dominant species, followed by *Prosopis juliflora* and *Butea monosperma*. Density and diversity index of different species observed during the studies was 0.695. It may be

observed that *Prosopis juliflora* is the most abundant species followed by *Dalbergia sisoo*, *Delonix regia*.

The diversity, abundance and species diversity index of both locations are given in Annexure No. 5.1.

5.12.6 Quantitative Analysis of Tree, Shrub and Herb by Line Transact Method

Location No.1: Bichaula Reserved Forest (R. F.)

Tree species recorded in the area included *Tactona grandis*, *Cedrus deodara*, *Pistacia integerina* and *Quercus ilex*. The density of *Tactona grandis* (104 trees/ha) was found highest followed by *Cedrus Deodara* (37 trees/ ha) and *Pinus Wallichiana* (21 trees/ha). The IVI of *Olea cuspidata* (38.43) was found maximum.

Table 5-25: Phytosociological analysis of the tree species

S. No.	Name of the Species	Density/ha	Abundance	Frequency (%)	Importance Value Index
1.	<i>Tactona grandis</i>	104	1.1	65	105
2.	<i>Alnus nitida</i>	7	1.0	8	12
3.	<i>Cedrus deodara</i>	25	1.2	25	37
4.	<i>Pistacia integerina</i>	23	1.0	23	22
5.	<i>Punica granatum</i>	21	1.0	21	20
6.	<i>Olea cuspidata</i>	14	1.0	21	41
7.	<i>Pinus wallichiana</i>	21	1.3	26	29
	Total	215			274

Source: Consultant Survey

The common understorey species in the area include *Plectranthus rugosus*, *Rubus lasiocarpus*, *Urtica dioica*, *Daphne oleoides* and *Debraegasia hypoleuca*. Amongst these *Plectranthus rugosus* showed high dominance with density 2163 plants/ha and IVI of 81.7 followed by *Myrsine Africana* (2080 plants/ha; IVI: 61.85). Species diversity index ' was 1.6 .

Table 5-26: Phytosociological analysis of the under storey species

S. No.	Name of the Species	Density/ha	Abundance	Frequency (%)	Importance Value Index
1.	<i>Debraegesia hypoleuca</i>	814	1	76.54	33.22
2.	<i>Prinsepia utilis</i>	997	1.98	39	21.77
3.	<i>Plectranthus rugosus</i>	2663	2.75	76	76.57
4.	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	505	1.08	44.5	19.62
5.	<i>Rubus ellipticus</i>	330	1.1	23	9.02
6.	<i>Myrsine africana</i>	2165	2.5	68.5	56.85
7.	<i>Daphne oleoides</i>	1554	1.22	65.5	41.11
	Total	9028			276.04

Source: Consultant Survey

The common herbs found in the area included *Solanum nigrum*, *Oxalis corniculata*, *Viola serpens*, *Achyranthes bidentata*, *Trifolium repens*, *Malva* sp, *Chenopodium album*, *Plantago* sp, *Dicliptera roxburghiana*, *Euphorbia* spp and *Fragaria vesca*. The species *Thymus linearis* (0.43 plants/m²), *Origanum vulgare* (0.43 plants/m²) and *Euphorbia* sp. (0.43 plants/m²) have the maximum density followed by *Rumex hastatus*

(0.38 plants/m²). *Plantago lanceolata* showed an IVI of 48.97 considerably more than *Euphorbia* sp (30.71) and *Origanum vulgare* (20.91). Species diversity H' was observed to be 1.75.

Table 5-27: Phytosociological analysis of the herbaceous species

S. No.	Name of the Species	Density/m ²	Abundance	Frequency (%)	Importance Value Index
1.	<i>Ajuga bracteosa</i>	0.21	1.46	15	8.36
2.	<i>Euphorbia</i> sp	0.39	1.2	23.33	28.71
3.	<i>Artemisia gmelii</i>	0.21	1.3	26.67	9.41
4.	<i>Chenopodium album</i>	0.11	1.5	7.33	4.7
5.	<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	0.3	2	18	8.7
6.	<i>Origanum vulgare</i>	0.39	1.24	26	16.91
7.	<i>Mentha longifolia</i>	0.09	1.3	7.33	7.88
8.	<i>Micromeria biflora</i>	0.25	1.5	14.67	11.25
9.	<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>	0.06	1.47	4	3.12
10.	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	0.15	1.41	9.67	41.94
11.	<i>Plantago major</i>	0.04	2	2.33	2.71
12.	<i>Poa</i> sp	0.31	1.49	19.67	16.31
13.	<i>Polygonum capitatum</i>	0.2	1.4	11.33	8.3
14.	<i>Rumex hastatus</i>	0.34	1.44	19.33	17.07
15.	<i>Rumex nepalensis</i>	0.21	1.46	10.67	10.25
16.	<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	0.16	1.47	10.67	6.04
17.	<i>Tagetes minuta</i>	0.29	1.52	19.67	14.32
18.	<i>Thymus linearis</i>	0.37	1.46	23.33	14.32
19.	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	0.31	1.6	17.67	12.37
20.	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	0.19	1.63	12	8.24
21.	<i>Viola canescens</i>	0.11	1.2	7.33	4.33
	Total	4.69			240.92

Source: Consultant Survey

5.12.7 Fauna

The domestic animals observed in the study area are mainly mammals and avis as listed in the **Table 5.28**. In absence of natural forest (National parks and Sanctuary), there is a dearth of wild animals in the study area. Peacocks can be easily seen in the study area, even in villages. A list of birds, reptiles, amphibians and rodents based on information gathered from local enquiries and Forest department is presented in **Table 5.29**.

Table 5-28: List of Domestic Fauna Observed in the Study Area

S. No.	Zoological Name	Common Name	Schedule
1.	<i>Bos indicus</i>	Cow	
2.	<i>Bubalus indicus</i>	Buffalo	
3.	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	Nilgai	III
4.	<i>Cains familiaris</i>	Dog	
5.	<i>Capra hircus</i>	Goat	
6.	<i>Equus caballus</i>	Horse	
7.	<i>Equus hemionus</i>	Ass	
8.	<i>Felis domesticus</i>	Cat	
9.	<i>Ovis polio</i>	Sheep	
10.	<i>Sus cristatus</i>	Pig	
11.	<i>Suborder ruminantia</i>	Camel	
12.	<i>Nigicollis</i>	Monkey	
13.	<i>Lepus ruficandatus</i>	Hares	
14.	<i>Vulpes bengalensis</i>	Indian fox	

Source: Consultant Survey & Data from Forest Department

**Table 5-29: List of Birds, Reptiles, Amphibians and Rodents
Observed in the Study Area**

S. No	Scientific Name	Common Name	Schedule
Birds			
1.	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>	Common Kingfisher	IV
2.	<i>Cuculus micropterus</i>	Indian Cuckoo	IV
3.	<i>Columba livia</i>	Rock Pigeon	IV
4.	<i>Corvus splendens</i>	House Crow	V
5.	<i>Eudynamis scolopacea</i>	Asian Koel	
6.	<i>Prinia hodgsonii</i>	Grey-breasted Prinia	
7.	<i>Pycnotus jacosus</i>	Red-whiskered Bulbul	IV
8.	<i>Ploceus philippinus</i>	Baya Weaver	
9.	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	Peafowl	I
10.	<i>Polyplectron bicalcaratum</i>	Peacock pheasants	I
11.	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	Spotted Dove	IV
12.	<i>Grus nigricollis</i>	Crane	I
Reptiles			
1.	<i>Calotes versicolor</i>	Garden lizard	
2.	<i>Varanus monitor</i>	Monitor lizards	
3.	<i>Bangarus caearulus</i>	Karait	
Amphibian			
1	<i>Bufo malanostidus</i>	Toad	
2	<i>Rana cynophlyctis</i>	Frog	
3	<i>Rana tigrina</i>	Frog	
Rodent			
1	<i>Bandicota indica</i>	Bandicoot rat	V
2	<i>Mus muscatus</i>	Mouse	V
3	<i>Ratus ratus</i>	House rat	V
4	<i>Ratufa indica</i>	Squirrel	

Source: Consultant Survey & Data from Forest Department

Endangered / Sensitive Species of Fauna:

As per list of **The Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**, Fauna coming under the **Schedule - I** is treated as endangered species. The **Schedule - I** fauna as per reconnaissance survey are *Pavo cristatus*, *Polyplectron bicalcaratum*, *Grus nigricollis*. Although these are very common species and found in every locality, even in villages, certain steps should be taken to conserve the critical wild life:

1. Programs for the conservation of wildlife will be formulated and implemented outside the protected areas by educating the local communities with help of local public agencies, and other stakeholders including the environment division officers of our company, in order to reduce the scope of man-animal conflict.
2. It will be ensured that human activities on the fringe of the protected areas do not degrade the habitat.

Over all, the status of wildlife in a region is an accurate index of the state of ecological resources, and thus, of natural resources base of human well-being. This indicates the interdependent nature of ecological entities in which wild life is a vital link and a base of eco-tourism. Thus, the importance of conserving and protecting wildlife will be spread among the local people.

5.12.8 Aquatic Ecology

There are no aquatic resources of significance in the study area. The common fishes in the village ponds and low lying areas are summarized below. The Karon river is seasonal.

List of Fishes in the Study Area

Fish species reported in the area are listed in **Table 5.30**. Main fishes are *Notopterus notopterus*, *Catla catla*, *Labeo calbasu*, *Labeo rohita*, *Labeo bata*, *Mystus vittatus*, *Rita rita*, *Barbus spp.* and *Cirrinus raba*.

Table 5-30: List of Fishes Reported in the Study Area

S. No.	Fish Species
1	<i>Notopterus notopterus</i>
2	<i>Catla catla</i>
3	<i>Labeo calbasu</i>
4	<i>Labeo rohito</i>
5	<i>Labeo bata</i>
6	<i>Cirrihinus mrigala</i>
7	<i>Cirrihinus raba</i>
8	<i>Clarius batrachus</i>
9	<i>Wallago attu</i>
10	<i>Heteropneustes fossilis</i>
11	<i>Mystus vittatus</i>
12	<i>Mystus aor</i>
13	<i>Barbus spp.</i>
14	<i>Rita rita</i>

Source: Consultant Survey

Rare and Endangered Species

In reference to Red Data Book of Botanical Survey of India and Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972, no endangered species of flora and fauna that are likely to be affected have been found during the study period.

Ecologically Sensitive Areas

There are no ecologically sensitive locations within the study area.

5.13 SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE STUDY AREA

5.13.1 This section describes about the project area and socio-economic profile of the project affected families. This chapter specifically analyzes the impacts on land and other immovable assets based on detailed measurement survey done after the final designs. Based on the impact on land and structures, a Census Survey was carried out; and the results of the survey established socio-economic status of PAFs. The Census Survey has indicated the nature and characteristics of R&R interventions required to mitigate negative impacts of the proposed project. Details are given in RAP report.

5.13.2 Project area

The proposed DFC Corridor passes through 38 villages of 2 districts in Uttar Pradesh. These Districts are Bulandsahar and Gautam Budh Nagar. The project area is located in the lower Gangatic Plain. The average annual rainfall varies between 662 mm to 863 mm. The rivers and streams of these districts jointly consist of the rivers of Yamuna and Ganga drainage basin. The important crops of the zone are rice, wheat, maize, pearl millet, sorghum, barley, gram, pigeon pea, lentil, groundnut, rapeseed and mustard and sugarcane. Out of 49.69 km of total project length about 36 km is in parallel and about 13 km is in bypass stretch. (Table 5-31)

Table 5-31: Project Area: Salient Features

District	Chainage km		Distribution of length (km)		Total			
	From	To	Parallel	Bypass	Length	Districts	Villages	LA (Ha)
Bulandshahar	1369.82	1394.112	18.59	952	28.11	1	21	126.07
GB Nagar	1394.11	1415.69	17.83	3.75	21.58	1	17	85.60
Total			36.42	13.27	49.69*	2	38	211.67

5.13.3 Findings of the Census and Baseline Survey

The census and socio-economic surveys have been carried out in all 38 affected villages. These surveys were carried out from November 2011 to December 2011. The census identified a total of **1974** project affected families comprising of **5841** persons (PAPs). During the census survey, the data gathered from the census survey reveals that amongst the affected 1974 PAFs, the majority 95.90% will incur impact on agricultural land and 4.10 % families incurring impact on their residential or commercial structures.

5.13.4 Table 5-32 presents extent of loss in terms of loss of area of agricultural land of each PAF.

Table 5-32: Parcel of Plot Affected of each PAFs

Section	Category of Affected Area of Agriculture Land in (Ha.)				Total
	0 - 0.15	0.15 - 0.5	0.5 - 1.0	More than - 1.0	
Khurja Dadri	1523 (80.45%)	313 (16.54%)	57 (3.01%)	0 (0.00%)	1893 (100%)

5.13.5 Identification of Small, Marginal and Landless farmers

Census and baseline survey has ascertained that about 694 landowners are landless, marginal or small. Out of 1893 agricultural PAFs about 0.21% are landless, 15.74% Marginal and 20.71 % are small as given in Table 2.5. The landowners, who have been reduced to the status of small /marginal or landless as a result of DFCCIL land acquisitions, will be assisted as described in the Entitlement Matrix. However; these numbers will be verified by the concern Revenue Department

Table 5-33: Identification of Small and marginal farmers

Section	Total	General	Landless	Small	Marginal	Total
Khurja Dadri	1893	1199 (63.34%)	4 (0.21%)	392 (20.71%)	298 (15.74%)	694

5.13.6 Impact on PAFs losing structure due to the Project

Information given in Table 5-34 indicates the families that will be affected because of loss of structure (residential or commercial) in the project. It can be seen from the Table 2.6 that out of 102 affected families about 96.08% are titleholders and about 3.92% are Kiosks.

Table 5-34: Project Affected Families (PAFs)

Section	Titleholders		Non Titleholders (Squatters, Tenant & Kiosks)				Total
	Resi	Comm	Resi	Comm	Tenants	Kiosks	
Khurja Dadri	52	25	Nil	Nil	Nil	4	81

5.13.7 Displacement due to the Project

Information given in Table 5-35 indicates the families that will be displaced because of this project. Out of 81 project affected families about 76(93.14%) are being displaced. Out of total 76 displaced families, about 61.84% are losing their residence and 32.89% are losing their permanent shops. About 5.26% kiosks are also being displaced.

Table 5-35: Project Displaced Families

Section	Titleholders		Non Titleholders (Squatters, Tenant & Kiosks)				Total
	Resi	Comm	Resi	Comm	Tenants	Kiosks	
Khurja Dadri	47(61.84)	25(32.89)	Nil	Nil	Nil	4(5.26)	76

5.13.8 Impact on Community structures

Apart from individual assets, SIA had identified **14 CPRs** within the proposed ROW. Efforts were made to minimize the impact on these CPRs by reducing Corridor of impact (COI) to minimum (about 17 m). As a result, number of CPRs need relocation will be reduced (Table 5-36). Consultation with the community suggests that these facilities are used by people very often. Therefore these facilities will be replaced in consultation with the communities who are using it, irrespective of ownership of these CPRs. Enhancement of the CPRs along with environmental measures such as plantation of trees is being planned under EA&EMP. Wherever required suitable boundary wall will be constructed to mitigate noise and vibration impact. All these community properties will be enhanced in consultation with community.

Table 5-36: Affected Community Properties Resources (CPRs)

Section	Temple	Mosque	Hospital	School	Others/Burial ground/Samadhi	Total
Khurja Dadri	3	0	0	1	10	14

5.13.9 Socio-Economic Analysis of the PAFs and PAPs

Age-Sex Composition

In the families loosing agricultural land in the project, there are 3374 males (57.77%) and 2476 females (42.23%). Of the total 5228 agricultural PAPs, 2192 are females. It is noticed from Table 5-37 that the sex ratio for this stretch is 731.

Table 5-37 : Age-Sex Composition

Type of Impact	0-6		6-15		15-18		18-45		45-59		59-Above		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Agricultural land	193	114	515	321	238	117	1485	1117	393	334	212	189	3036	2192
Structure	26	22	62	51	33	23	145	130	45	26	27	23	338	275

Type of Impact	0-6		6-15		15-18		18-45		45-59		59-Above		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Total	219	136	577	372	271	140	1630	1247	438	360	239	212	3374	2467

5.13.10 Annual Income Patterns of the PAFs

Information collected during Census survey on income level of each PAFs indicates that PAFs are economically weak. It can be seen from Table 5-38 that out of total 1974 PAFs, about 25% of total PAFs are earning less than 50,000. PAFs earning less than Rs 25,000 have been considered as people 'Below the Poverty line (BPL)' which is about 6.18% of total PAFs.

Table 5-38: Total Annual Income

Section	Income Group (Rs.)				Total
	0 - 25000	25000 – 50000	50000 - 1 Lakh	above 1 Lakh	
Land	111 (5.86)	353 (18.65)	519 (27.42)	910 (48.07)	1893 (100)
Structure	11 (13.58)	12 (14.82)	24 (29.63)	34 (41.97)	81 (100)
Total	122 (6.18)	365 (18.49)	543 (27.51)	944 (47.82)	1974 (100)

*Figure in brackets is percentage

5.13.10 Social Status of the Project Affected Families

Table 5-39 presents information about social status of PAFs. Out of total 1974 PAFs, about 42.10% are general and 50.91% are OBC. About 6.99% are schedule caste. As mentioned in Table 2.11. Schedule Tribe people are not affected by the project.

Table 5-39: Social Status of the PAFs

Section	General	Schedule caste	Schedule Tribe	Other backward caste	Total
Khurja Dadri	831 (42.10%)	138 (6.99%)	0 (0.00%)	1005 (50.91%)	1235 (100%)

Furthermore, the SIA established the proposed project will not impact any tribal groups in the project area. Moreover, the assessment found that there are no tribal specific habitations along the proposed DFC corridor. Therefore, this project triggers the Bank's operational policy (OP 4.12) on involuntary resettlement.

5.13.11 Vulnerability

Table 5-40(a) presents number of PAPs under vulnerable categories as per NRRP 2007. Among the PAPs, there are 932 vulnerable persons. Out of these, 71.78% are people above the age of 50 years. Other significant categories are widows (15.45%) and unmarried girls above the age of 18 years (12.77%). This would become significant while planning for the women's income generation and restoration strategies. These vulnerable categories of PAPs will be supported by the project but within the purview of EM.

From the Table 5-40 (b), it is ascertained that about 122 PAFs are below the poverty line. Under the project (as per EM), BPL families are also considered as vulnerable. Table 2.12(b) present BPL families considered as vulnerable. These families will be assisted to regain their living standard.

Table 5-40 (a) Vulnerability Status of the PAPs

Section	Project Affected Persons					Total
	Disabled / Orphan	Widow	Unmarried Girls above 18 years	Abandoned Women	Person above 50 years	
Khurja Dadri	0(00)	144(15.45)	119(12.77)	0(00)	669(71.78)	932

Table 5-40(b) Vulnerability Status of the PAFs

Section	Project Affected Families BPL		
	Land	Structure	Total
Khurja Dadri	111(90.98%)	11(9.02%)	122(100)

Taking into account the socio-economic vulnerabilities of the PAFs, specific provisions in form of additional assistance have been incorporated in the RAP to ensure that they are not marginalized in the process of development. However, the actual number of these vulnerable people eligible for R&R support will be scrutinized by the implementing agencies. The information provided in the above table shall be reconfirmed and beneficiaries will be identified for provision of R&R assistance through NGOs.

5.13.12 Education Status

Amongst the PAPs, there is a high degree of illiteracy in the project area. About one-fifth (19.60 %) PAPs are illiterate. Another 24.20 % of the PAPs are basic literates. About 16.44% of the total PAPs have studied up to the 8th standard school level (Table 5-41). Amongst PAPs, there are 656 (11.23%) graduates in the area. Less number of professionally educated PAPs points to the lower level of opportunities in the project area. Since about 19.60% of the PAPs are illiterate, special efforts and attention would be required for communicating awareness about social issues resettlement and rehabilitation options, compensation and project related decisions. These efforts will include generating awareness, available income restoration schemes, grievance redressal mechanism, under the project. The facilitating NGOs will be given key responsibility for this.

Table 5-41: Education Status of PAPs

Section	Education level						Total
	Un Educated	Educated	8th	10 th	Inter mediate	Graduate	
Khurja Dadri	1145 (19.60)	1414 (24.20)	960 (16.44)	1012 (17.33)	654 (11.20)	656 (11.23)	5841 (100)

5.13.13 Occupational Background

In the families losing agricultural land, about 18.13% PAPs are housewives who are engaged in daily household work. Another, 12.29% are students, 9.54% PAPs are labourers in the agricultural sector or otherwise. About 4.35% of the PAPs are engaged in business activities (trade and petty business). Many of these businesses people are associated with the small economic activities such as Tiffin centers, tea centers, general stores, etc.

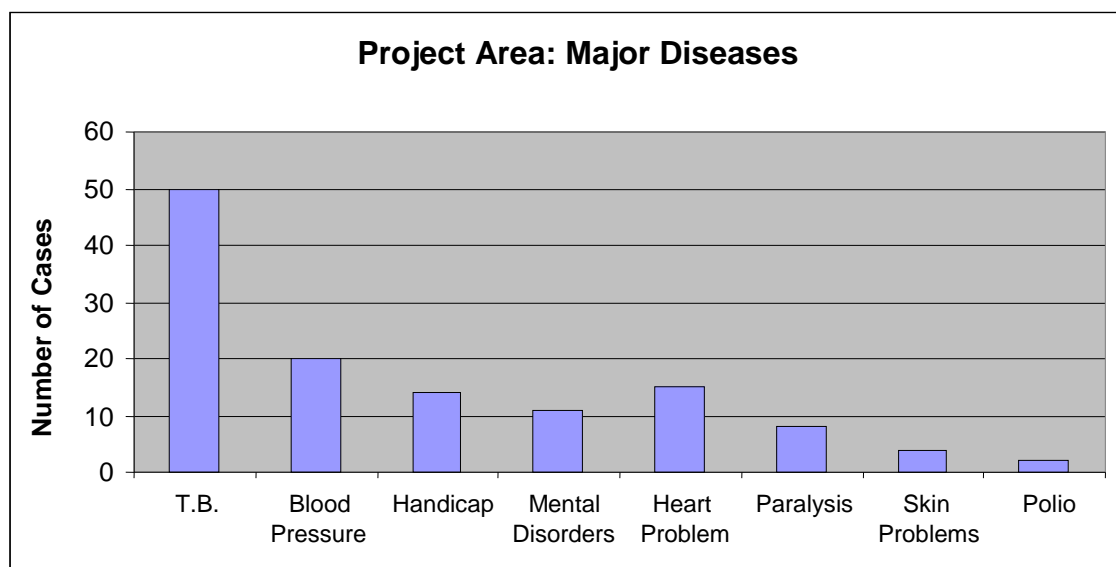
Table 5-42: Occupation Profile of PAPs

Section	Occupation profile(PAPs)								Total PAPs
	Service	Business	Cultivator	Student	House Wife	Labour	Un-Employed	Worker	
PAPs	665 (11.39)	254 (4.35)	1112 (19.03)	718 (12.29)	1059 (18.13)	557 (9.54)	453 (7.76)	1023 (17.51)	5841 (100)

5.13.14 Other Social Status

(i) Illness: The people of the project area are suffering from different diseases. Most common diseases cited are: Tuberculosis, blood pressure, heart problems, paralysis, and skin diseases. Special care has to be taken while implementing the health care system of resettlement and rehabilitation. Most of the diseases cited are illnesses requiring long-term medications like T.B, blood pressure etc., thus incurring costs for the families and increasing the vulnerability of the population.

Figure 5-6: Illness and Diseases reported by PAPs



(ii) Migration: Information of social team suggests that about 39% of the people have migrated at some point in time. About 62% of the migrants have migrated within the district. About 15% have migrated outside the district but within the same state. About 28% of the total migrants migrate in the summer season. Another 36% migrate during winter and rainy seasons.

Annexure 5-1

Quantitative Analysis of Tree, Shrub and Herb by Quadrature Method

Location No.1: Wair (Start of Detour)

A. Diversity, Abundance and Species Diversity Index

S. No.	Name of Species	No. of Quadrature Studies										Total No. of Species (n)	Total No. of Quadrature	Density	Pi = n/N	log Pi	Pi x log Pi	Total No. of Quadrature Occurred	Abundance
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10								
1	<i>Cassia fistula</i>	-	7	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	10	0.2	0.0045	-2.346	-0.011	2.000	0.45
2	<i>Acacia nilotica</i>	4	3	2	6	6	3	11	9	-	1	45	10	4.5	0.100	-1	-0.10	9.000	0.79
3	<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	-	4	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	9	10	0.9	0.020	-1.694	-0.034	3.000	0.30
4	<i>Delonix regia</i>	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	10	0.4	0.009	-2.05	-0.018	2.000	0.40
5	<i>Butea monosperma</i>	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	0.1	0.002	-2.698	0.005	1.000	0.10
6	<i>Bougainvillea glabra</i>	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	5	10	0.5	0.01	-2	-0.02	3.000	0.40
7	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	11	19	21	28	14	15	21	24	21	38	212	10	21.2	0.473	-0.325	-0.15	10.000	2.45
8	<i>Prosopis juliflora</i>	1	2	-	5	2	-	2	-	-	2	14	10	1.4	0.031	-1.51	-0.047	6.000	0.56
9	<i>Zizyphus mauritiana</i>	1	1	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	8	10	0.6	0.013	-1.886	-0.025	5.000	0.23
10	<i>Alanthus exceles</i>	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	4	10	0.4	0.009	-2.05	-0.018	4.000	0.10
11	<i>Madhuca indica</i>	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	0.1	0.002	-2.577	-0.005	4.000	0.10
12	<i>Azardirachta indica</i>	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	5	10	0.5	0.011	-1.96	-0.002	4.000	0.10
13	<i>Capacious Cactus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	10	0.2	0.004	-2.40	-0.009	1.000	0.30
14	<i>Acacia catechu</i>	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	0.2	0.004	-2.40	-0.01	1.000	0.20
15	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	0.1	0.002	-2.69	-0.032	1.000	0.70
16	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	0.1	0.002	-2.69	-0.005	1.000	0.20
18	<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	38	10	3.8	0.085	-0.071	-0.006	1.000	4.20
19	<i>Daucus carota</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	9	-	21	10	2.1	0.047	-1.33	-0.063	2.000	1.40
20	<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	14	10	1.4	0.031	-1.51	-0.047	1.000	1.90
21	<i>Orija Sativa</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61	61	10	6.1	0.136	-0.87	-0.12	1.000	3.25
												448				-0.717			

Species Diversity Index = 0.717

B. Frequency and Frequency%

S. No.	Name of Species	No. of Quadrate Sampled										Total No. of Quadrate Occurred	Total No. of Quadrate Sampled	% Frequency	Frequency Class
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
1	<i>Cassia fistula</i>	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	2	10	20	B
2	<i>Acacia nilotica</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	9	10	90	D
3	<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	3	10	30	B
4	<i>Delonix regia</i>	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	2	10	20	A
5	<i>Butea monosperma</i>	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	10	A
6	<i>Bougainvillea glabra</i>	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	3	10	30	A
7	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	10	10	100	E
8	<i>Prosopis juliflora</i>	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	6	10	60	C
9	<i>Zizyphus mauritiana</i>	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	5	10	50	C
10	<i>Alanthus excels</i>	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	4	10	40	A
11	<i>Madhuca indica</i>	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	10	A
12	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	4	10	40	A
13	<i>Capacious Cactus</i>	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10	A
14	<i>Acacia catechu</i>	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	10	A
15	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	10	A
16	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	10	A
17	<i>Pithecellobium dulce</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	1	10	10	A
18	<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	1	10	10	A
19	<i>Daucus carota</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	2	10	20	B
20	<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	1	10	10	A
21	<i>Orija Sativa</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10	A

Location No.2: Parallel Section Ahead of Wair Detour End

A. Diversity, Abundance and Species Diversity Index

S. No.	Name of Species	No. of Quadrature Studies										Total No. of Species (n)	Total No. of Quadrature	Density	Pi = n/N	log Pi	Pi x log Pi	Total No. of Quadrature Occurred	Abundance
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10								
1	<i>Cassia fistula</i>	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	10	0.6	0.017	-1.769	-0.030	1.000	0.50
2	<i>Acacia nilotica</i>	-	2	2	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	9	10	0.9	0.025	-1.602	-0.040	4.000	0.30
3	<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	4	10	0.4	0.011	-1.959	-0.022	3.000	0.40
4	<i>Delonix regia</i>	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	4	10	0.4	0.011	-1.959	-0.022	4.000	0.50
5	<i>Butea monosperma</i>	3	-	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	8	10	0.8	0.022	-1.66	-0.037	4.000	0.40
6	<i>Thevetia peruviana</i>	2	-	4	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	8	10	0.8	0.022	-1.66	-0.037	4.000	0.35
7	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	5	10	0.5	0.014	-1.854	-0.026	4.000	0.10
8	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	9	16	15	21	43	26	14	15	15	32	206	10	20.6	0.567	-0.246	-0.139	10.000	2.40
9	<i>Prosopis juliflora</i>	2	4	3	-	3	-	2	1	-	-	15	10	1.5	0.041	-1.387	-0.076	6.000	0.38
10	<i>Zizyphus mauritiana</i>	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	0.2	0.006	-2.222	-0.012	1.000	0.20
11	<i>Ficus religiosa</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	10	0	0	0	-0.032	0	0.23
12	<i>Tamrindus indica</i>	-	-	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	6	10	0.6	0.02	-1.699	-0.013	3.000	0.30
13	<i>Alanthus excoles</i>	2	2	6	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	15	10	1.5	0.04	-1.398	-0.050	5.000	0.43
14	<i>Azardirachta indica</i>	2	3	-	3	-	5	-	-	-	-	13	10	1.3	0.036	-1.444	-0.056	4.000	0.50
15	<i>Mangifera indica</i>	2	1	-	3	-	2	-	1	-	-	9	10	0.9	0.025	-1.602	-0.038	5.000	0.30
16	<i>Capacious Cactus</i>	-	1	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	5	10	0.5	0.014	-1.854	-0.040	3.000	0.35
17	<i>Acacia catechu</i>	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	10	0.4	0.011	-1.959	-0.022	3.000	0.15
18	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	-	6	2	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	15	10	1.5	0.041	-1.387	-0.057	4.000	0.55
19	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	8	10	0.8	0.022	-1.658	-0.036	4.000	0.30
20	<i>Solanum melongena</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	1.40
21	<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	10	0.1	0.003	-2.522	-0.008	1.000	2.70
22	<i>Oryza sativa</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	10	2.0	0.006	-2.222	-0.013	1.000	4.50
23	<i>Daucus carota</i>	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	16	-	-	18	10	1.80	0.050	-1.301	-0.065	2.000	2.10
												363					-0.871		

Species Diversity Index = 0.871

B. Frequency and Frequency%

Sl. No.	Name of Species	No. of Quadrate Sampled										Total No. of Quadrate Occurred	Total No. of Quadrate Sampled	% Frequency	Frequency Class
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
1	<i>Cassia fistula</i>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	20	B
2	<i>Acacia nilotica</i>	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	4	10	30	B
3	<i>Dalbergia sissoo</i>	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	3	10	20	B
4	<i>Delonix regia</i>	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	4	10	20	B
5	<i>Butea monosperma</i>	+		+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	4	10	30	B
6	<i>Thevetia peruviana</i>	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	2	10	20	B
7	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	4	10	10	A
8	<i>Parthenium hysterophorus</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	10	10	100	E
9	<i>Prosopis juliflora</i>	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	6	10	40	C
10	<i>Zizyphus mauritiana</i>	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	10	A
11	<i>Ficus religiosa</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	10	30	B
12	<i>Tamrindus indica</i>	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	3	10	20	B
13	<i>Albanthus excels</i>	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	5	10	30	B
14	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	4	10	30	B
15	<i>Mangifera indica</i>	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	5	10	30	B
16	<i>Capacious Cactus</i>	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	3	10	20	B
17	<i>Acacia catechu</i>	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	3	10	20	B
18	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	4	10	20	B
19	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	4	10	20	B
20	<i>Solanum melongena</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	10	10	A
21	<i>Brassica oleracea</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	1	10	10	A
22	<i>Oryza sativa</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	1	10	10	A
23	<i>Daucus carota</i>	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	1	10	10	A

Annexure 5-2

Chainagewise Structures and Common Property Resources in the RoW

Utilities Details

I. Structure

Sl No.	Pole	Distance from Exg. Track CL(mtr.)	Type	Dimension	
				Length (mtr.)	Breadth(mtr.)
1	1370/3	18.50	Railway Quarter no. 1	12.00	8.00
2	1370/5	19.20	Railway Quarter no. 2	21.00	22.50
3	1370/5		Temple No.1	8.00	15.00
4	1370/5	5.10	Khurja Jn. Cabin (West)	20.50	4.50
5	1370/9	34.00	Pucca Res No. 1	35.00	12.00
6	1370/11	35.30	FCCI Godown	24.30	13.50
7	1370/25	32.00	Katcha Res. No.1	3.50	4.00
8	1371/33	21.20	Katcha Res. No.1	16.00	12.20
9	1371/33	40.10	Pucca Res No. 1	21.70	7.50
10	1372/3	32.00	Pucca Res No. 1	21.00	9.00
11	1372/3	32.00	Pucca Res No. 2	19.30	8.30
12	1372/5	32.00	Katcha Res. No.1	17.00	10.70
13	1372/5	28.00	Pucca Res No. 3	31.50	9.50
14	1372/7	51.00	Pucca Res No. 4	8.00	6.00
15	1372/7	48.00	Pucca Res No. 5	7.00	3.70
16	1374/29	42.50	Pucca Res No. 1	10.50	4.50
17	1374/31	42.50	Pucca Res No.2	8.50	4.50
18	1374/34	14.10	Pucca Res No. 3	9.10	5.50
19	1374/35	14.10	Pucca Res No. 4	13.00	6.10
20	1374/35	15.10	Pucca Res No. 5	6.70	6.20
21	1374/35	15.10	Pucca Res No. 6	8.20	2.65
22	1374/36	16.12	Pucca Res No. 7	8.10	3.00
23	1374/37	17.20	Pucca Res No. 8	4.25	3.00
24	1374/37	22.10	Pucca Res No. 9	14.50	5.30
25	1374/37	19.90	Pucca Res No. 10	2.55	2.10
26	1374/37	19.90	Pucca Res No. 11	12.80	8.30
27	1374/37	20.00	Pucca Res No. 12	11.00	7.10
28	1374/37	39.00	Pucca Res No. 13	5.60	4.50
29	1374/37	20.80	Pucca Res No. 14	19.90	5.60
30	1374/37	12.80	Pucca Res No. 15	16.80	12.80
31	1374/37	11.50	Pucca Res No. 16	11.00	8.80
32	1375/0	9.25	Railway Quarter no. 1	6.50	4.45
33	1375/1	21.50	Railway Quarter no. 2	20.00	7.40
34	1375/2	21.10	Railway Quarter no. 3	30.00	12.00
35	1375/3	18.00	Railway Quarter no. 4	10.00	7.80
36	1375/3	15.00	Railway Quarter no. 5	6.80	5.10
37	1375/13	42.00	Pucca Res. No. 1	38.00	12.00
38	1375/19	41.00	Railway Quarter no. 5	10.00	8.00
39	1375/21	15.30	Pucca Comm. Res. No.1	8.50	33.00
40	1380/3	43.61	Pucca Res. No. 1	6.55	14.00
41	1380/5	10.00	Gangrol Booking room	14.20	4.60
42	1380/13	34.14	Pucca Res. No. 2	15.00	3.50
43	1380/15	31.00	Pucca Res. No. 3	3.00	6.00

SI No.	Pole	Distance from Exg. Track CL(mtr.)	Type	Dimension	
				Length (mtr.)	Breadth(mtr.)
44	1380/15	44.74	Pucca Res. No.4	17.50	3.50
45	1382/23	15.90	Pucca Res. No.1	10.20	8.00
46	1382/25	15.80	Pucca Res. No.2	9.50	5.00
47	1382/25	20.50	Pucca Res. No.3	8.80	7.80
48	1382/25	22.40	Pucca Res. No.4	12.80	6.00
49	1384/21	15.00	kacha Commercial No. 1	6.00	5.00
50	1386/27	16.80	Temple 3 Nos.		
51	1392/13	22.60	Pucca Res. No. 1	7.00	3.50
52	1395/3	48.00	Pucca Res. No. 1	35.00	3.00
53	1397/29	13.00	Pucca Res. No. 1	20.20	18.50
54	1397/29	13.00	Pucca Res. No. 2	16.60	18.50
55	1397/29	13.00	Pucca Comm. Res. No. 1	6.00	12.00
56	1397/31	24.00	Railway Quarter no. 1	35.00	14.50
57	1397/31	10.50	Gate lodge	18.00	4.50
58	1397/31	17.80	Railway Quarter no. 2	19.50	12.50
59	1397/31	46.00	Railway Quarter no. 3	15.00	14.50
60	1397/35	46.00	Railway Quarter no. 4	15.00	14.50
61	1397/35	46.00	Railway Quarter no. 5	15.00	14.50
62	1398/1	46.00	Railway Quarter no. 6	15.00	14.50
63	1398/2	46.00	Railway Quarter no. 7	15.00	14.50
64	1398/3	38.00	Railway Quarter no. 8	7.50	11.50
65	1398/3	37.50	Railway Quarter no. 9	25.50	14.50
66	1398/5	34.00	Railway Quarter no. 10	11.70	6.50
67	1398/18	37.50	Pucca Res. No. 2	6.75	15.00
68	1398/18	38.50	Pucca Res. No. 3	18.00	12.00
69	1398/19	29.50	Commercial No. 1	10.60	6.75
70	1398/21	29.50	Pucca Res. No. 3	12.00	10.60
71	1398/21	29.50	Pucca Res. No. 4	15.00	3.20
72	1398/21	29.50	Pucca Res. No. 5	10.00	5.90
73	1399/15	8.90	Commercial No. 1	4.50	4.00
74	1399/16	23.50	Pucca Res. No. 1	4.90	15.50
75	1399/17	23.20	Pucca Res. No. 2	6.00	16.50
76	1406/7	37.50	Pucca Res. No. 1	15.00	6.00
77	1406/9	30.40	Commercial No. 1	21.20	6.50
78	1406/9	32.00	Commercial No. 2	7.40	4.00
79	1406/13	29.20	Commercial No. 3	8.70	8.10
80	1406/15	32.00	Commercial No. 4	17.50	5.00
81	1406/15	34.00	Commercial No. 5	10.20	4.50
82	1406/15	33.00	Commercial No. 6	6.40	5.20
83	1406/16	45.00	Commercial No. 7	32.00	9.00
84	1406/23	47.00	Commercial No. 8	7.00	7.50
85	1407/3	39.10	Pucca Res. No. 1	6.10	5.80
86	1407/3	35.00	School Building	13.00	9.00

II. Bore Well/Hand Pump

SR. No.	Pole	Distance from Exg. Track CL(mtr.)	Type	REMARK
1	1372/13-15	15.00	Bour Well No. 1	
2	1376/3-5	37.00	Bour Well No. 1	
3	1380/13-15	23.47	HAND PUMP	
4	1382.25	14.05	HAND PUMP	
5	1386/27	18.00	HAND PUMP	
6	1406/03	25.50	HAND PUMP	
7	1406/23	45.28	HAND PUMP	

Annexure 5-3

**Environmental Monitoring Photographs
(Fig. 5-1 to 5-12)****Air Sampling Photographs****Air Sampling at Khurja****Air Sampling at Dadri****Air Sampling at Wair****Soil Sampling Photographs****Soil Sampling at Khurja****Soil Sampling at Wair**



Soil Sampling at Dadri

Water Sampling Photographs



Water Sampling at khurja



Water Sampling at Wair



Water Sampling at Dadri

Noise Sampling Photographs



Noise Sampling at Khurja



Noise Sampling at Wair



Noise Sampling at Dadri

CHAPTER 6 : ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES

6.1 BACKGROUND

The present project consists of laying out the double line broad gauge railway line of 49.69km length for freight trains associated facilities such as bridges (4 major bridges, 15 minor RUBs, and 49 minor bridges), electrical facilities including signal, electric sub-stations and junctions & crossing stations etc. The detailed descriptions of the facilities are presented in **Chapter-2**.

6.2 ALIGNMENT

The Khurja-Dadri section of EDFC is a part of section starting at Khurja and ending near Dadri station (km 1415.69). The detours have been planned at two locations namely Khurja Flyover UP line and Wair. The availability of RoW is not sufficient and laying of DFC lines will result into huge demolition of structures leading to huge social impacts. Keeping this in mind two detours have been planned. However, various alternatives considered in finalizing the alignments in parallel and detour section have been analyzed keeping in view environmental, social and technical requirements. The details of the parallel and detour locations are given below in the **Tables -6.1**. Both the detours are on the left side (w.r.t. existing railway alignment from Khurja to Dadri) i.e., south side of the railway track. The parallel alignment is also on left side of existing track. The alignment is not in immediate vicinity as RVNL third line under implementation is in the immediate vicinity.

Table 6-1: Locations of the Parallel Alignment

1	Khurja Jn Station	Wair Detour Start	Parallel	1369.82	1387.420	17.60
2	Wair Detour Start	Wair Detour End	Detour	1387.42/0.00	3.700	3.700
3	Wair Detour End	Boraki Station	Parallel	1390.81	1415.69	24.88
4	Khurja Flyover Up Line Start	Khurja Flyover Up Line End	Detour	-7.350	-0.270	7.080
			Total Length of section			53.26
			Section overlap(Parallel+Detour)			3.57
			Parallel Length			36.42
			Detour Length			13.27
			Net Length of section (In km)			49.69

The alignment on left side is considered keeping in view the feasibility and existing habitations, and cost considerations. The objective of examining various alternatives was to screen the manifest features of the environment and to assess which of the alternative alignments are likely to have the most significant environmental impacts. Three alternatives i.e. parallel alignment, right side alignment and left side alignment have been considered along the critical area, where environmental and social impacts are significant.

6.3 ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives to the Project

The scope of assessing alternatives to the project is limited to the “With” and “Without Project” (means do nothing or status quo) options and the same is analysed below:

‘Without Project’ Option

Physical Environment: In the 'Without project' Scenario, the capacity of timely movement of goods will remain constrained. This will create additional pressure on our already stressed roads. The traffic jams on highways and railways crossing will continue to deteriorate the air quality and Noise levels due to idling of vehicles.

Biological Environment: In the 'Without the project' scenario, no direct impact is anticipated on biological environment. However, the very need of road transportation, and resultant widening of roads may lead to cutting of trees and loss of productive agriculture land.

Socio-Economic Environment: Without the project, the agricultural produce may not move from field to market places in a timely manner, which may result in loss of income to farmers. Public at large will continue to waste time in waiting at traffic jams triggered at railway crossings. The project of this size brings substantial investment, employment, and business opportunities, which in turn contribute improving the socio-economic condition of the area. In absence of the project, the project area will be deprived of such benefits.

(ii) 'With Project' Option

Physical Environment: In the "With project" scenario, the air quality, noise levels are likely to improve around the DFC alignment as well as railway crossings due to the provision of ROB at most of such locations. The project will immensely enhance the much-needed capacity for fast transport of goods from one end to another end of the country. This in turn will reduce the pressure on roads. The air pollution and noise level are likely to increase during construction phase but that will be confined within the close vicinity of construction sites and will be temporary in nature. While it is proposed to use surface water as far as possible during construction phase, the marginal ground water extraction in the area will marginally deplete the ground water potential. However, this impact will be minimised with the provision of water harvesting. With project scenario will also result in reducing likely generation of GHG emissions and hence contributing in preventing global warming.

The construction materials to be used are ballast, sand, subgrade, steel and cement. The usage of these materials will lead to permanent impact at quarry sites of sand and stone. The steel and cement usage will also have indirect impact on natural resources. During operation phase there will be no requirement of these materials. Steel and Cement will be procured from sources which produce steel in environmentally sound production units. Ballast, sand, subgrade will be obtained from local sources where these are extracted through sustainable practices. Proper quarry/borrow area management practices will be adopted to minimise the long term and permanent impacts caused due to project.

Compensatory afforestation and tree plantation shall be taken up by DFCCIL and forest department to mitigate trees loss as detailed in Chapter-10.

The disposal of construction waste at identified location will not have any negative impact because only conventional and non hazardous waste will be disposed off at carefully identified low productive and waste land. These materials will also be used for levelling the low lying areas.

Khurja-Dadri alignment required minimum land acquisition as most of the alignment is in parallel section. This is to minimise impacts on land use and rehabilitation & resettlement plan has been prepared to avoid social impacts. Detailed assessment of detour alignment has been given in subsequent sub-sections.

Biological Environment: in the 'with project' scenario, the overall impact of the project is likely to be insignificant on the biological environment except in terms of loss of trees which will be minimised and also regenerate over a period of time due to proposed compensatory tree plantation. The waste disposal in the water course is likely during construction of bridge.

The construction materials and mud and silt may go into water course if proper protection measures are not taken. In order to avoid or minimise the impacts the construction materials will not be stored near the river bank/ side of water course and silt fencing arrangements will be provided. The completion of superstructure of bridge necessary protection measures will be taken so that no construction material go to the water course. In order to further minimise the impacts, bridge related construction works will be taken up during lean season flow, not in monsoon season.

Socioeconomic Environment: The 'with project' scenario will bring large investment to the project area and host of employment and business opportunities resulting in substantial improvement in the overall socio-economic conditions of the area. This will also ease the problem of traffic jams and long wait at railway crossings due to the construction of ROB's.

The alignment of Khurja-Dadri section of EDFC has been planned in most portion (36.42 km out of 49.69 km) through the Indian Railway own land, this has minimised the impacts on agriculture land, local community, trees, natural resources and ecology. The bridges have been planned parallel to existing bridges and in close proximity, this will avoid impacts on aquatic environment of water bodies.

During the EIA, a number of public consultations have been carried out with the local communities and stakeholders. The overall findings of the meetings are that most of the people consider this project as timely and much needed. They are in favour of the 'With-project' option.

In light of the above & assessment of the available alternatives, the 'With-project' option is deemed as the optimal solution, as far as its feasibility and sustainability during its project life and beyond can be ascertained. It will generate overall positive social, environmental, and economic impacts and their negative impacts can be mitigated through appropriate safeguard measures as defined under the EIA and the social safeguards assessments.

6.3.1 Analysis of Technical and Design Alternatives

The proposed alignment was evaluated based on technical parameters. The mandate was to reduce the land acquisition and social impacts to the extent possible. Keeping this in mind the alignment was kept parallel to the existing Indian Railway track so that surplus railway land could be optimally utilised. This will ensure close coordination with the Indian Railways.

This section being double track alignment and mostly parallel to the existing Indian Railways track, the RoW has been kept minimum possible. At locations of major settlements detours have been proposed to avoid social impacts. The analysis of alternatives of the planned detours has been presented below.

The various alternatives for each detour are discussed below:-

6.3.2 Wair Detour

DFC alignment is proposed parallel to the existing track. RVNL is constructing 3rd track between Aligarh to Dadri at 6m track center from existing track. A busy level crossing is placed at ch. 1389/1-3 which is surrounded by heavy built up area. Existing railway land has been utilized for construction of 3rd line. Proposed DFC alignment is proposed at about 12-15m track center from RVNL 3rd line. If DFC line is planned at 15m track center then there would be more land acquisition in built up area and subsequently more human displacement. To avoid this Wair Detour is proposed. The Wair Detour alternatives are shown in **Figure-6.1**. The comparison of alternatives for different attributes has been provided in **Table-6.2**

Figure 6-1: Wair Detour



Table 6-2: Issues related to Wair Detour

S. No.	Issues	Parallel along existing IR track	On north side of existing IR track	On south side of existing IR track	Recommendation
1.	Land width	10-15 meter additional width is required	Proposed width is 60 meter	Proposed width is 60 meter	The detour is recommended on south side of the existing track.
2.	Acquisition of structures	About 32 structures and 54 families will be displaced	Passes through agriculture land and crosses some utility lines.	Passes through agricultural and barren land	
3.	Issues of ROB	Construction of ROB at LC gate will displace about 100 houses	None	None	
4.	Technical constrains	Need modification of yard	Need additional bridges along the water bodies. HT lines shall have to be shifted four times adding to the cost	Need underpasses at crossing locations	Appropriate measures to mitigate noise and vibration such as appropriate reduction of RoW and construction of noise barriers shall be taken near sensitive receptors
5.	Public Opinion	Not favourable	Not favourable	Favourable, but loss of land and livelihood, need good communication strategies and consultation. Losses are lesser than north side.	
6.	Environmental issues covering noise, vibration and impact on sensitive receptors	Noise and vibration impact on residential and sensitive receptors as there is ribbon development along Wair town.	Impact on the surrounding residential structures due to construction of New track.	Impact are less as alignment avoiding residential structures	
7.	Site suitability for various facilities such as freight stations, electric substation etc.	Not suitable due to congestion along the track specially at Wair station	Suitable as sufficient land will be available along the tracks as detour will have 60 m RoW	Suitable as sufficient land is available along the track	Special attention shall be given on farmers who will lose fertile agriculture land for income restoration
8.	Ecological impact such as tree cutting	Not significant	Not significant	Not significant	
9.	Other impacts	Remaining after demolition (if this option opted) houses in Wair will have impacts of vibration and noise pollution	Increased noise and associated impact on residential structures	Less impacts as entire habitation have been avoided	

6.3.3 Khurja Flyover UP line

DFC alignment is proposed parallel to the existing track. RVNL is constructing 3rd track between Aligarh to Dadri. Adjoining to the RVNL 3rd line there is DFC alignment is proposed at 15m track center from RVNL 3rd line. Khurja Flyover UP line is proposed over the Khurja- Meerut Line of DFC due to Traffic solution of Section.

Khurja Flyover UP line Start at ch -7.350 km & end -0.270 km, mostly running through cultivated land. RUBs of different spans have been proposed to avoid surface crossing. Different span arrangements for proposed RUB are 12.2m to 30.5m x 5.5m for NH, 5.5m x 5.5m for State Highway, 5.5m x 4.5m for Important District Road and 5.5m x 3.5m for small Village Road/ Cart Tracks. Average Embankment height has been worked out to 4 - 7 m due to provision of RUB in Detour Portion. Total Detour Length are 7.080 km, length along the existing track calculated 5.5km. The Khurja Flyover UP line alternatives are shown in **Figure-6.2**. The comparison of alternatives for different attributes has been provided in **Table-6.3**.

Figure 6-2: Khurja Flyover UP line

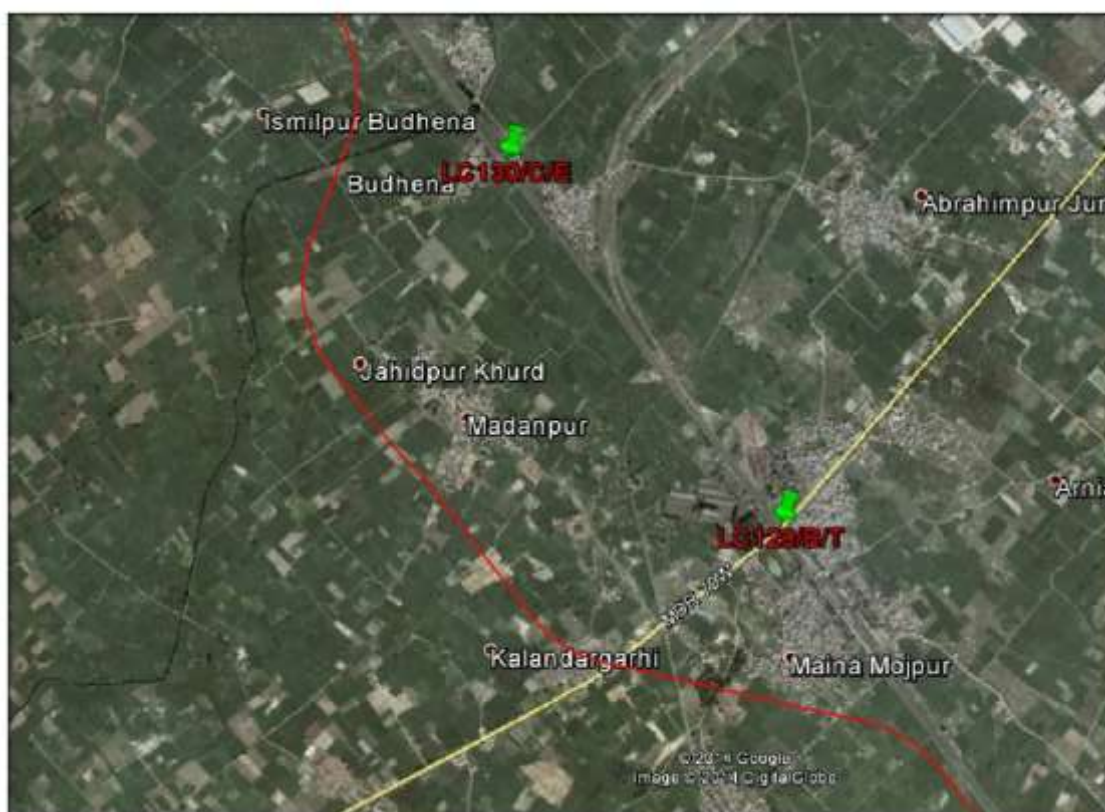


Table 6-3: Issues related to Khurja Flyover UP line

S. No.	Issues	Parallel along existing IR track	On north side of existing IR track	On South side of existing IR track	Recommendation
1.	Land width	10-15 meter additional width is required	Proposed width is 60 meter for new alignment	Proposed width is 60 meter for new alignment	The detour is recommended on south side of the existing track, considering lower impact as compared to parallel or the right side alignment, in which case project has impacts on environmentally & socially sensitive issues.
2.	Acquisition of structures	About 54 structures and 32 families will be displaced	Not possible due to existence of industrial units and other structures on right side. Habitation spread is more on right side	Passes through low grade agricultural and barren land	
3.	Issues of ROB/RUB	No requirement of RUB	More numbers of RUBs and minor bridges in comparison to south side detour	There will be requirement of 5 RUBs and 4 minor bridges	
4.	Technical constraints	The constraint exist at Khurja Junction station. There will be damage to many structures at the station.	The cost of north side detour will be exorbitant due to higher length and additional structures such as RUB, ROB and major/minor bridges	Least length and number of RUBs, major and minor bridges and social impacts.	
5.	Public Opinion	Not favourable	Not favourable as habitation spread is more on north side.	Loss of land and livelihood. This option has least environmental and social impacts.	
6.	Environmental issues covering noise, vibration and impact on sensitive receptors	Noise and vibration impact on residential and sensitive receptors around town	Impacts on the surrounding villages due to construction of new tracks	Impact are less as less structures are impacted	

S. No.	Issues	Parallel along existing IR track	On north side of existing IR track	On South side of existing IR track	Recommendation
7.	Site suitability for various facilities such as freight stations, electric substation etc.	Not suitable due to congestion along the track specially at station	Suitable as sufficient land will be available in the proposed width of new alignment	Suitable as sufficient land is available in the proposed RoW of new alignment	
8.	Ecological impact such as tree cutting	No significant impact	No significant impact	Not significant	
9.	Other impacts	Remaining houses, commercial structures at Khurja will have impacts of vibration and noise pollution	Increase noise and associated impacts on residential and commercial structures	Less impacts, but houses are closed to the proposed line may have some vibration and noise impacts	

CHAPTER 7 : ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 INTRODUCTION

Environmental impact assessment involves prediction of potential impacts by the development of the project on the surrounding area. Based on the baseline environmental status described in earlier sections and the proposed project activities, potential impacts have been assessed and predicted, and appropriate mitigation measures are suggested to avoid / reduce / compensate for the potential adverse impacts of the project and enhance its positive impact. The impact due to development of the proposed Dedicated Freight Corridor has been assessed for the planning phase, construction phase and implementation phase.

7.2 IMPACT ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

To assess the impact of the project, a simple qualitative method that determines potential existence of impact has been employed. Thereby, the judgments related to the magnitude and importance of the impacts caused by the project is presented. This involves development of Matrix having summarized environmental impacts of the DFC project. The following parameters and scale is adopted for developing matrix. Parameters and scale of impact matrix is presented in **Table 7.1**.

Table 7-1: Parameter and Scale of Impact Matrix

Significance	Scale	Remarks	
No impact	E	Positive	Negative
Negligible impact	D	Positive	Negative
Insignificant impact	C	Positive	Negative
Relatively significant impact	B	Positive	Negative
Significant impact	A	Positive	Negative

For the assessment of impacts, the following criteria is adopted

Scale A: If National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, wetland, ecosensitive zone or any designated natural reserve, protected species of any kind are directly affected.

Scale B: If large areas of forest, grassland, cultivable land or any natural environment for tourism are indirectly affected.

Scale C: If impacts are temporary and reversible

Scale D: If impact is hardly measurable

Scale E: No impacts or not applicable to assessment.

Sections below assess the impacts following the above method.

7.3 DESCRIPTION OF EXPECTED IMPACT

The description of impact on natural resources is as follows:

7.3.1 Impact on Topography and Geology

1) Planning Phase

The project has been planned to minimize the impact on topography by avoiding sensitive topographic features such as tunnels, rivers/hills etc. The entire length of alignment does not cross any hillock. There is also no proposal for construction of tunnels. However, impacts due to high embankment are expected. These high impacts will be at the location of RUBs.

2) Construction Phase

- Change in topography is envisaged due to the clearing of land, felling of trees, cutting and filling & due to the construction of structures.
- Construction of railway embankment is not likely to cause aesthetic change in the landscape. However, suitable landscaping and plantation activities, slope protection activities are envisaged to minimize the aesthetic impacts.
- Filling and excavation of earth will be required in the detour stretches, where the track traverses through undulating topography. However, changes will be limited within RoW of the track; hence overall impact will be localized.
- No impact is envisaged on geology due to the project.

3) Operation Phase

During operation phase no impacts on topography and geology are anticipated.

7.3.2 Impacts on Soil**1) Planning Phase**

- The bridges across the water bodies are planned at existing levels to avoid construction of high embankment to minimize soil erosion issue.

2) Construction Phase

- Clearing of land, cutting of trees, excavation of borrow areas are likely to trigger soil erosion. Movement of vehicle / machinery / equipments and working force is also likely to cause soil erosion.
- The detour sections are likely to traverse through agricultural and vegetated areas which will require clearing of the land.
- Soil in the agricultural regions is fertile and consists of alluvial deposits. Thus, loss of fertile soil is likely to occur.
- Borrow areas will be required for the project. Most portion of the DFC is on slightly higher level than ground level. The borrow areas are likely to cause soil erosion and some of the borrow areas may be in agriculture areas. Appropriate measures for borrow area management are suggested in the chapter.
- Pits can be formed due to borrowing, which may cause harm to local residents in the vicinity.
- Debris will be generated due to dismantling of structures. The disposal of these if not proper may have impacts on soil.
- Oil spills from the operation of the diesel generator/ pump and diesel storage, during transportation and transfer, parking places and diesel generator sets may have impacts on soil at location of spillage.
- Operation of the emulsion sprayer and laying of hot mix in service road will have impacts on soil quality.
- Operation of the residential facilities for the labour and officers at construction camp will have impacts on soil quality if these are located on productive agriculture lands.
- Storage and stock yards of bitumen and emulsion may have impacts on soil quality.

3) Operation Phase

- Due to change in land use, impact is envisaged on soil during operation phase. However, the impacts are within the ROW.

7.3.3 Impact on Air Quality**1) Planning Phase**

- Currently the cargo is transported by railway and road. It is estimated one litre of fuel can move 24 ton-km of freight by road, 85 ton-km by rail. Once the DFC is operational, consumption of fuel is likely to decrease which may subsequently

reduce air pollution in the area. Moreover, proposed movement of freight trains would be by electricity, therefore, emissions are negligible. By planning the freight corridor, the overall ambient air quality of the area will improve.

2) Construction Phase

- During the construction phase, the air quality is likely to be affected due to generation of dust from construction activities and gaseous emissions from construction vehicles/ DG set. However, the impact will remain localized, short-termed and reversible.

3) Operation Phase

It is basically an eco-friendly project. DFC will help to reduce dependency on road transportation of goods, thus reducing cause for Green House effect or GHG emission.

- The movement of trucks during loading / unloading may have some impact near freight stations, however, these impacts are localized and concentrated in a specified area only.
- Plantation along the DFC is likely to improve the ambient air quality of the area.

7.3.4 Impact on Ground Water

1) Planning Phase

- No impact is envisaged on ground water in planning phase as water requirement is very nominal.

2) Construction Phase

- During construction phase pollution of groundwater is likely to occur due to seepage and runoff from construction site. However, the impact will be negligible. The total water requirement during construction period will be 3600 cubic meter per kilometre spread over the construction period of about 3 years. The daily requirement per kilometre length during the construction period will be 3300 litre and will be met through the local water supply. There will be no appreciable impact on ground water. The labour camp, which may be established during construction period, should have proper sanitation facilities and discharge of wastewater through soak pit. Hence, no impact is predicted on ground water quality.
- The impact on water resources due to the proposed project is tabulated in **Table 7.2.**

Table 7-2: Impact on Water Resources due to the Proposed Project

Impacts due to construction	Indicators	Remarks
Loss of water body	Water body affected	No impact in parallel section. In detour section no water pond is being impacted.
Loss of other water sources	Number of well affected	Some tube-well and hand pumps may be shifted / compensated
Alteration of drainage, runoff, flooding	No. of cross drainage channels	May have impact on detour section, sufficient cross drainage structures are proposed
Depletion of ground water recharge	Decrease in water table depth	Not appreciable impact as water requirement is not significant
Use of water supply for construction	Quantum of water used	Not significant
Contamination from fuel and lubricants	Nature and quantum of contaminations	Not significant

Impacts due to construction	Indicators	Remarks
Contamination from improper sanitation and waste disposal in construction camp	Area of camp/disposal site and proximity to water bodies/channels	Proper sanitation facilities at construction camp will minimize it

3) Operation Phase

- No impact is envisaged on water quality during the post construction phase as no Wastewater will be generated during operation. However, the facilities near the stations may release sewage water which shall be disposed off in a properly designed treatment facilities.

7.3.5 Hydrological Condition (Rivers / Canal and Lakes)

1) Planning Phase

- No impact is envisaged on hydrological cycle during planning phase.
- There is no perennial river crossing the present alignment. The village ponds have been avoided while planning the alignment of detour sections
- The alignment does not cross any significant water course / channel. The Karon river being crossed is seasonal. The bridge on this has been planned exactly parallel to the existing bridge to minimize ecological impact.

2) Construction Phase

- Drainage and flooding problem during construction due to stockpiling of materials, debris and construction of temporary approach road and yards would have impact of temporary nature.
- Local drainage may be affected during construction phase due to formation of embankments. The slope of project alignment is towards east. During the construction phase the embankment should be designed in such a way that the natural drainage pattern is not disturbed in order to avoid any water logging in the low lying area.

3) Operation Phase

- Local drainage is likely to be affected due to the formation of Railway Embankment as embankment will be an impediment for free flow of storm water. However, sufficient number of cross drainage structure will minimize the impact.

7.3.6 Flora

1) Planning Phase

- Tree plantation of local species is proposed during planning stage at appropriate places along the alignment.

2) Construction Phase

- The construction activity involving clearing of site, felling of trees, settlement of construction camps and office is likely to affect the flora of the area.
- The proposed alignment may cause cutting of approx. 2193 trees. The major species present along the alignment are babool, neem, shisam, papal, mango, bargad, kanji, labhera, ashok, sirsa, guler, jamun, ber, eucalyptus, mahua, etc..
- Acquisition of the forest land and construction activity likely to disturb the habitat.
- The trees species likely to be affected do not fall under the rare, threatened and/or endangered category, and are common in the region.

3) Operation Phase

- No impact envisaged on flora during post construction phase. However, development of the green belt is suggested near stations and maintenance of plantation may be undertaken by Railway Dept. Plantation carried out along the

alignment and as compensatory afforestation is likely to enhance the ecological condition of the area.

7.3.7 Fauna

1) Planning Phase

- No impact on fauna in planning phase as there is no wildlife sanctuary / national park is falling in the proposed alignment. The area has only domesticated fauna. There is no presence of any wild life or sanctuary within a distance of 10 km.

2) Construction Phase

- **Nilgai-Boselaphustragocamelus** is the most common wildlife found in the study area. Construction activity is likely to affect the movement of the animal. However, to compensate, sufficient number of underpasses are provided at the detour section.
- Felling of trees is likely to affect the avifauna. However, the impact is not significant.
- Any construction near water bodies may impact the aquatic life. However no major water bodies are significantly affected due to this project.
- The impact on habitat is likely to be permanent, as the DFC will fragment the area which will restrict the movement of animals on either side.

3) Post Construction Phase

- The movement of freight train is likely to restrict the movement of animal on either side of the track, specifically in the detour section.
- Possibilities of collision of domestic animals with freight train.
- Disturbance of domestic animals due to the noise produced during the passage of trains.

7.3.8 ASI Protected Monuments

There is no presence of ASI protected monuments within 300 m of proposed alignment of Khurja –Dadri section of DFC.

7.3.9 Other Sensitive Structures

A number of sensitive structures likely to have impact as described in Table 4.2. Sensitive receptors include school, and hospitals. Some will have impact due to noise and vibration at the time of railway operation. Appropriate mitigation measures shall be undertaken as suggested in Chapter-8.

7.3.10 Impact due to Construction of Freight Station, Electric-sub Stations, various Signaling Facilities etc.

There is one TSS and two SSPs proposed in the alignment which have been indicated in para 2.6.7 of Chapter 2. No major impact is expected because these facilities are planned on barren / agriculture land along the alignment and limited land is required for their construction. However, safety features shall be provided along these structures as per the railway manual and safety norms.

7.3.11 Occupational Health and safety

(a) Rail Operation

(i) Train/Worker Accident

Railway workers near rail lines are always at risk of accidents due to moving trains. A set of following mitigative measures can be taken:

- Training to workers on personal track safety procedures
- Blocking train traffic on lines where maintenance is occurring. If blocking is not feasible, use of automatic warning system shall be installed.

(ii) Noise and Vibrations

Crewmembers are usually exposed to higher noise levels from locomotives, rolling stocks and machinery and repeated mechanical shocks and/or vibration.

- Reduction of internal venting of air brakes to a level that minimizes noise without compromising the crew's ability to judge brake operation.
- Use of PPE if engineering solutions are not feasible.
- Use of dampers at the seat post to reduce the vibration experienced by the operator.
- Installation of active vibration control system for locomotive suspension, cabs or seat post.

(iii) Fatigue

Locomotives engineers and other railway workers are often required to work irregular working hours resulting in fatigue. Fatigue, particularly of drivers, signallers, maintenance workers is critical to safe operation of Railways, which if not given proper attention may pose serious safety risk to workers/passengers and general public.

Railway operators should schedule rest periods at regular intervals and during night hours, to the extent feasible, to maximize the effectiveness of rest breaks.

(iv) Electric and Magnetic Fields

Railway workers on electric railway systems may have a higher exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMF) than the general public due to working in proximity to electric power lines. There is no conclusive link between occupational EMF exposure and adverse health effects

(v) Maintenance of Rolling Stock

Occupational hazards typically associated with locomotive and railcar maintenance activities may include physical, chemical, and biological hazards as well as confined space entry hazards. Physical hazards may be associated with work in proximity to moving equipment and machine safety, including work-portable tools, and electrical safety issues. Chemical hazards may include potential exposures to a variety of hazardous materials (e.g. asbestos, PCB, toxic paint, heavy metals, etc). Biological hazards may include potential exposures to pathogens present in sewage storage compartments. Confined spaces may include access to rail tank and grain cars during repair and maintenance.

(vi) Community Health and Safety

The impacts associated with community health and safety is (i) general rail safety, (ii) transport of dangerous goods, (iii) level crossing safety and (iv) pedestrian safety. The impacts and mitigative measures of level crossing safety and pedestrian safety have already been discussed in previous sections. The other two have been described in following paragraphs.

General Rail Operational Safety

Any slippage in operation may cause threat of serious injury or the potential loss of life due to train collision with other trains or road vehicle and derailment. Recommended actions to avoid any such risk are:

- Regular inspection and maintenance of the rail lines and facilities to ensure track stability and integrity in accordance with national and international track-safety standards.
- Implementation of an overall safety management program that is equivalent to internationally recognized railway safety programs

Transport of Dangerous Goods

- Proper screening, acceptance and transport of dangerous goods will be made in line with the international standard applicable for packaging, marking and labeling of containers.
- Use of tank cars and other rolling stocks that meets the national and international standards.
- Preparation of spill prevention and control and emergency preparedness and responsive plans based on an analysis of hazards, implementation of prevention and control measures.

Pedestrian Safety

Trespassers on rail lines and facilities may incur risks from moving trains, electrical lines and equipment, and hazardous substances. Measures to minimize, prevent or control trespassing include

- Posting of clear and prominent warning signage at potential points of entry to track areas (e.g. stations and level crossing).
- Installation of fencing of other barriers at stations ends and other locations to prevent access to tracks by unauthorized persons.
- Local education, especially to young people, regarding the danger of trespassing.
- Designing stations to ensure the authorized route is safe, clearly indicated, and easy to use.
- Use of closed – circuits television to monitor rail stations and other areas where trespassing occurs frequently, with a voice alarm system to deter trespassers.

7.4 ENVIRONMENTAL MATRIX

Based of the potential impacts on natural resources in planning construction and operation phase an impact matrix has been created. The scale of impact is discussed above under individual parameter with mitigation measures. The Environmental Impact Matrix for pre-construction and construction stages are provided in **Table 7.3 and 7.4** respectively.

Most of impacts are localized, insignificant and temporary in nature, except those related to noise and vibration during the operation phase.

Table 7-3: Impact Matrix (Pre-Construction & Construction Stage)

S.No.	Items	Overall Evaluation on the Project	Pre-construction Stage			Construction Stage											
			Surveying of Planned Areas and Sites	Selection of the Project Location and Sites	Land Acquisition and Resettlement	Extraction of Building Materials (stones, aggregates, sand, soil, etc.) at Quarries and Borrow Areas	Earth Moving: Cutting and Filling of the Construction Works	Preparation of Construction Plants, and Warehouses, Work Camps, etc.	Operation of Construction Plants, Machines and Vehicles for Construction Works	Construction Works for railway line and related structures						Localized Employment Opportunities of the Construction Works	Localized Business Opportunities Related to the Construction Works
										(A) Construction Works for Railway Lines and Installation of Related Facilities (signals, rails, etc.)	(B) Construction Works for ICDs and Freight Logistic Parks	(C) Construction Works for Stations (Terminal, Junction and Crossing)	(D) Construction Works for ROBs and RUBs	(E) Construction Works for Bridges	(F) Construction Works for Tunnels		
1	Topography and Geology	C	D	D	D	C	C	C	C	C	C	D	D	C	E	E	C
2	Soil	B	D	D	E	B	B	C	C	C	C	B	D	D	E	E	E
3	Groundwater	C	D	D	C	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	E	E	E
4	Hydrological Condition	D	E	E	E	D	E	D	D	D	D	D	D	C	E	C	C
5	Fauna, Flora and Biodiversity	D	D	C	C	C	C	D	C	C	D	D	D	D	E	D	D
6	Protected Areas / Sanctuaries	E	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	E	D	D
7	Landscape	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
8	Local Meteorological Conditions	E	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
9	Global Warming	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D

Table 7-4 :Environmental Impact Matrix (Post Construction Phase)

S.No.	Project Activities / Items of the Environment Subject to Positive / Negative Changes	Traffic conditions of passenger trains	Logistic conditions of goods, raw materials, agro & industrial products	Traffic condition of roads	Operation & maintenance of railway lines & related structures	Employment opportunities (whole country / local level)	Freight oriented business opportunities	Passenger oriented business opportunities	Promoting development of surrounding areas	Increase in settlers & vision to the project area
1	Topography and Geology	C	D	D	D	D	C	C	C	C
2	Soil	E	D	D	E	D	E	C	C	C
3	Groundwater	E	D	D	C	D	D	D	D	D
4	Hydrological Condition	E	C	C	C	D	C	D	D	C
5	Coastal and Marine Environment	Not Applicable								
6	Fauna, Flora and Biodiversity	D	D	C	C	C	C	D	C	C
7	Protected Areas / sanctuaries	E	D	D	D	E	D	D	D	D
8	Landscape	E	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
9	Local Meteorological Conditions	E	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
10	Global Warming	E	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D

Table 7-5: Scaling of Impacts on Natural environment due to DFEC Section from Khurja-Dadri Section

IDENTIFICATION, PREDICTION & EVALUATION OF IMPACT

S.No.	Natural Environment Contents	Scaling	Reasons (during construction phase)	Reasons (after-construction phase)
1	Topography and Geology	C/ D	C-During construction marginal changes in Topography are likely to take place because of excavation, construction of bridges, embankment etc. 2) No significant change in Geology is anticipated as requirement of construction material is not significant.	D: Negligible impact, no change is expected.
2	Soil Erosion	C/D	C-During construction marginal effect on soil because of erosion is likely to take place due to the loss of upper crust of soil in the local area. The impact will be marginal only since the project is linear in nature.	D: Negligible impact
3	Ground water	D	D: Negligible impact is likely to occur There will be requirement of about 3300 litres/day for every km of length	D: Only marginal impact is supposed to be felt. As there will be requirement of water for operation of stations.
4	Hydrological Condition	D	D: negligible, no river involved	D: no significant impact.
5	Costal and Marine Environment	E	E: No impact	E: No impact
6	Fauna, Flora and bio diversity	D	Loss of marginal herbal cover. This will be due to cutting of trees and removal of vegetation from ROW	D: Only marginal impact is supposed to be felt.
7	Protected areas, Natural/ecological reserves and sanctuaries	E	E: Negligible impact, no such area is getting directly affected. It is not within 10 km radius	D: Negligible Impact
8	Landscape	D	D: Negligible impact	D: Negligible impact.
9	Local meteorological condition	E	E: No impact	D: Negligible impact
10.	Global Warming	E	E: No impact	Positive impact as shifting of freight transportation from road to rail will decrease the emission of greenhouse gaseous
11.	Air Pollution	D	D : Negligible impact	Positive impact due to shifting of freight transport from road to rail as rail transport requires six times less fuel as compared to road

7.5 IMPACTS DUE TO VIBRATIONS

Vibration is a complex phenomenon. Railway vibrations are generated by motion of heavy loads on tracks. Vibrations become more complex as speeds of motion change. Further complications are introduced by complex scenarios of multiple trains running in the same or opposite directions to each other. Vibrations require a medium for their transmission. Any variation in the medium present between the track and point of impact plays a significant role and complicates the assessment further.

Most studies in developed countries have ignored the variation due to multiple factors. Type of trains, speed has always been considered by them. However impact of variation in medium (ground) between the track and point of impact has mostly not been included in these studies. It did not bring inaccuracy in their estimations and prediction since a wide strip on both sides of the track was of only one kind / medium. They did not have the variety of the magnitudes we see in India. The advantage of this simplicity was easy to use of formulae and correlation in those studies.

We have included factor of variation in this medium in our studies and therefore been able to follow an assessment of impact that is more close to the ground scenario along the corridor.

In our study we have depended heavily on live data from real vibrations caused by the trains. From this data, we have picked up the highest vibration generating trains / speed / load / ground and situations. These are all live values and are not estimation. Having picked up these values, graphical extrapolation is used to estimate the vibration levels for train speed of 100 kmph. Thereafter, standard mathematical calculations have been applied to estimate the vibration levels due to multiple trains running together.

In chapter 4.5 we had provided a detailed justification for using Japanese 'standards' JIS Z8735 and JIS 1510'. We have further explored the Laws relating to Factory Act, labor laws and laws for occupational health for co-relating norms. We have, however, not found any standards or limits relating to building vibrations or human annoyance due to vibrations. Most these laws cover are the whole body or hand arm vibrations caused by tools and equipment used by the workers. So we have remained aligned to Japanese standards quoted above and have used 'Db' as units of measurements. This unit also helps in calculating combined effect of two adjacent vibration levels by way of simple formula. The formula used is

$$L_{max_{eq}} = L_{max_{track1}} - L_{max_{track2}} + L_{max_{track3}}$$

As No of variables existing in this study are over a dozen we have not used co-relational equations to estimate as we expected it to introduce mathematical errors in the calculations. Instead we depended on Real time values and graphical assessment and extrapolation.

Methodology

We have therefore channeled our study in following steps

- 1- Identification of Impacts of Freight trains having different kinds of wagons.
- 2- Identification of category of train (wagons) causing highest vibrations.
- 3- Identification of impact of train speeds on vibrations
- 4- Identification of impact of train axle loads on vibrations
- 5 -Identifying highest vibration level from above data
- 6- Extrapolating this highest level of vibration for train speed of 100 km / hr
- 7- Calculation of change in this value of vibration of single train due to presence of multiple trains running together
- 8- Purifying this highest value for any effects of medium variation between the

track and measurement point

9-Predicting the Maximum vibrations for plain route and for populated areas

10-Transposing vibration levels so estimated on to Sensitive Receptors identified and predicting the impact.

Identification of Impacts:

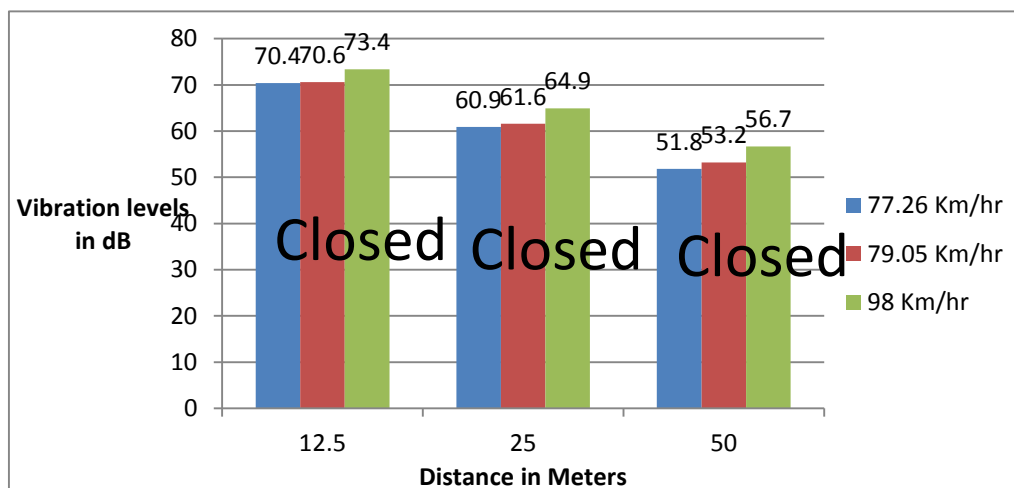
We have identified several kinds of impacts from the data collated in previous chapters. Typical these impacts could be of following types

- 1) **Impacts in Plane areas** ie travel of Vibration; reverberations at 90 degree to the track will affect all the buildings, archeological Monuments, inmates of the building. These variations in vibrations could be due to following factors;
 - Distances from the track
 - Speed and
 - Axle loads
 - Train Crossings
- 2) **Impacts due to train crossings** ie trains while crossing each other or while running parallel to each other in 2 or more numbers cause overall vibrations to increase or reduce. This aspect is to be taken into consideration for estimating maximum impacts in each of the above two situations
- 3) **Impacts in Populated Areas** ie travel of Vibrations, reverberations through the variety of ground conditions existing between the track and point of measurement / impact assessment. Varieties existing included mix of plain, embankment, hard standing platform of building floors, and roads. .

Impacts in Plain areas vis a vis distances from the track

We have compared the existing distance based vibration levels being generated by the trains running on the existing tracks. For the four categories of freight trains considered by us, the levels of vibrations generated in plane areas are provided in the figures below.

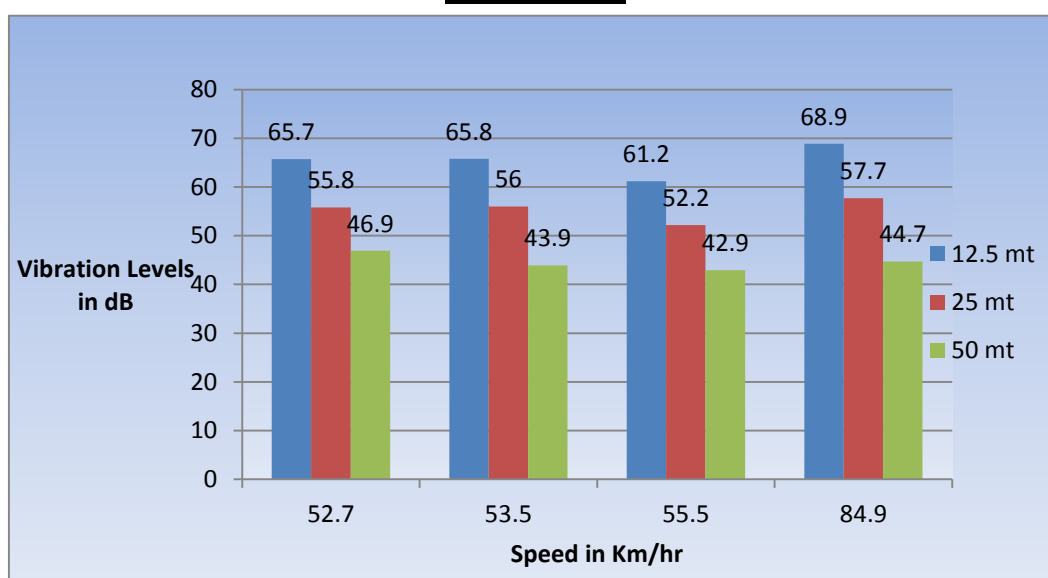
Closed Wagon



Tanker and Cargo



Open Wagon



From the graphs above, we can select the highest vibration levels of all the categories of train for one distance (say 12.5 or 25 or 50 meters) as the upper limit for that distance, for estimating the impact at 90 degree to the track. This is tabulated below.

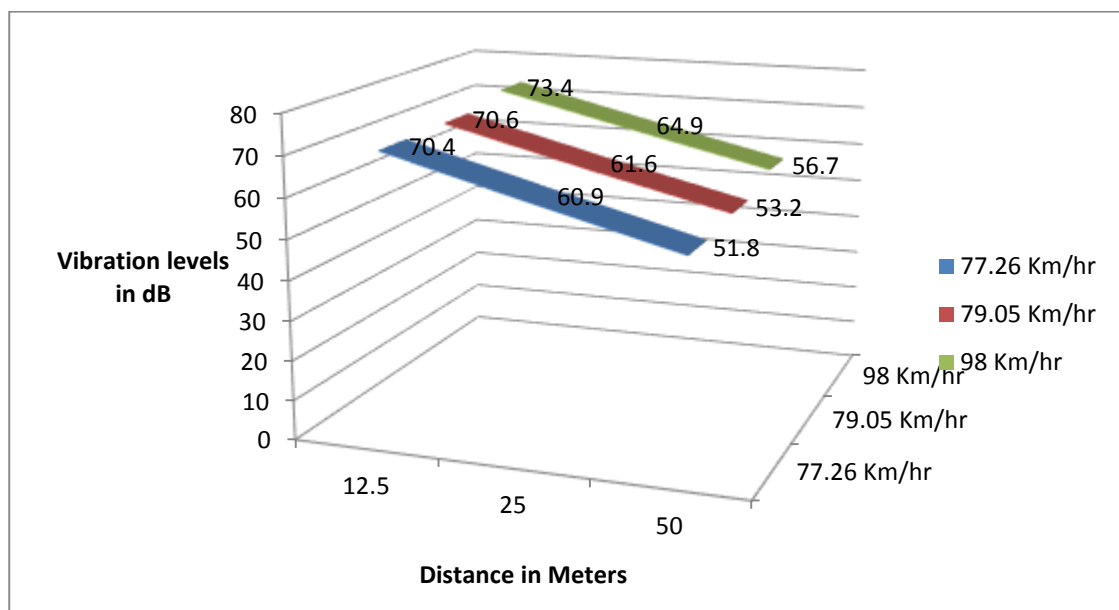
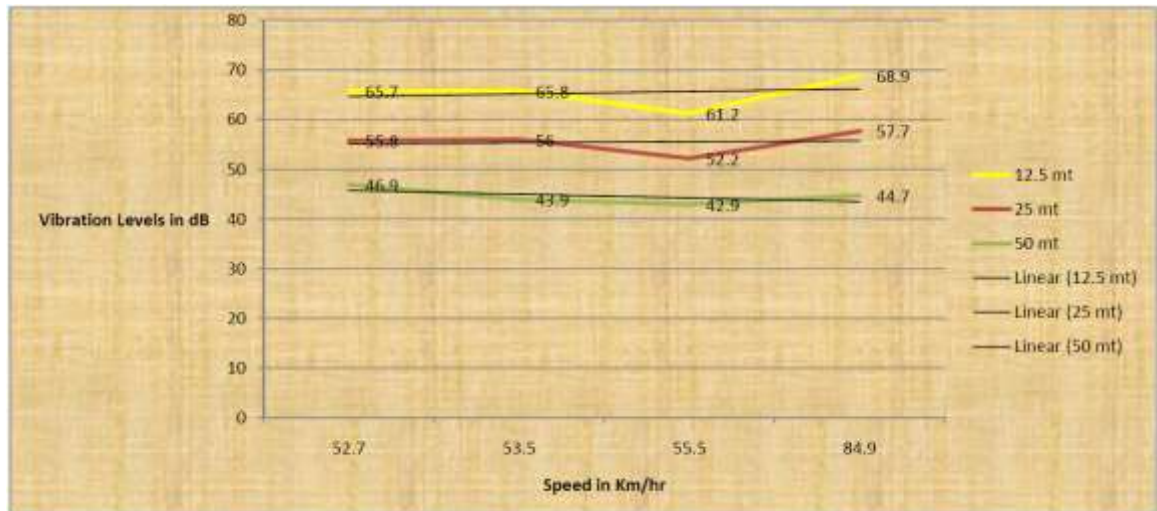
Table 7-6: Highest Vibration Levels for All Category of Trains

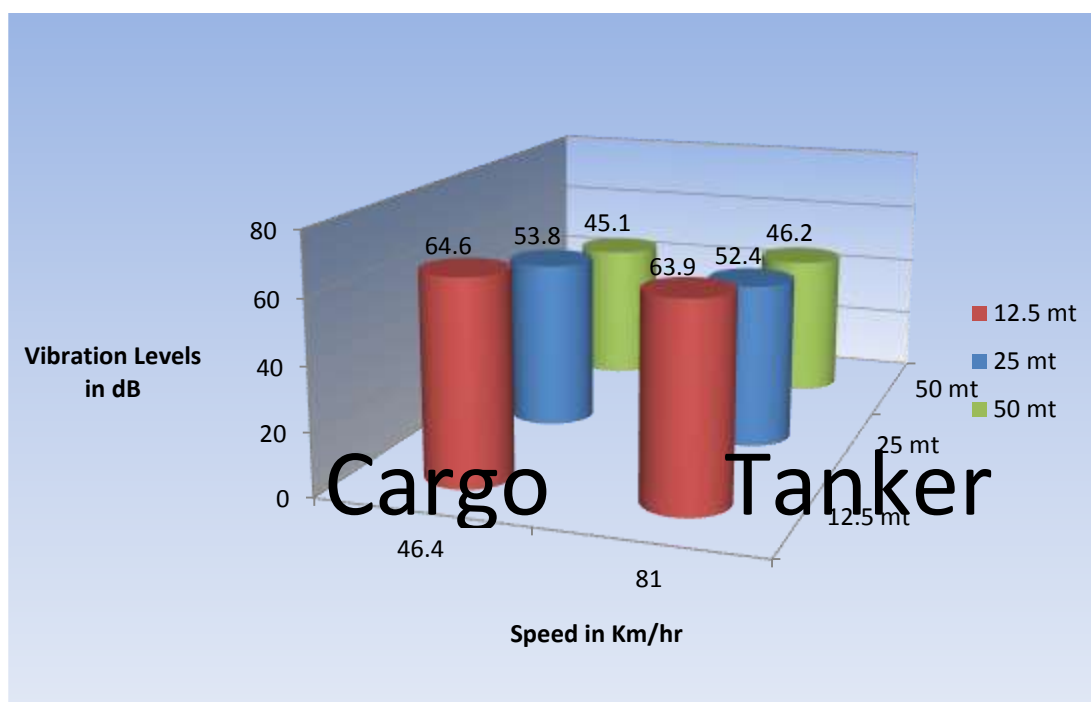
Distance	Maximum dB
12.5	73.4
25	64.9
50	56.7

These values for all the three distances coincidentally correspond to only one categories of freight train that is **Closed Wagon**; Graph for this is produced below:

Impacts with speed and axel load were also similarly evaluated. These were identified for

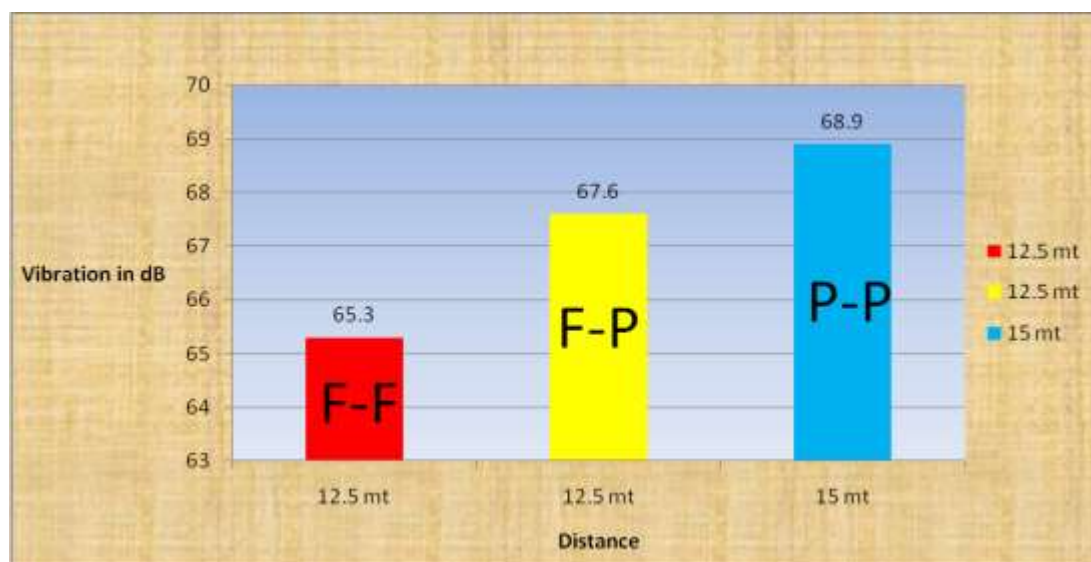
- maximum speeds of trains in each category as well as for
- maximum vibration in these categories and are as placed below:





Impacts of Two Train Crossings

The data available includes several occasions of crossings of trains. These are in the form of Passenger – Passenger crossing (P-P), Passenger – Freight crossing (P-F), Freight – Passenger Crossing (F-P) and Freight – Freight crossing (F-F). These crossings are representation of similar crossing likely to take place on DFC on parallel tracks. F-F crossing is representation of similar crossing on detours.



From graphs above it is inferred that in parallel section maximum vibrations occur when two Passenger trains cross each other. The expected level is 68.9 dB at 15 Meters. For detour section this will be a crossing between 2 freight trains. Using the graph for vibration amplitude versus distance from the track, its value can be extrapolated.

Impacts in populated areas on residential / commercial / Industry/ Social structure. It is quite possible to generate similar charts for residential/ industrial / commercial complexes including sensitive receptors. However it will not be completely appropriate to use these graphs for assessing impacts on other buildings etc along the track. The variation will be due to dis-similarities of the grounds between the railway track and point of measurement for different structures considered for estimation of impacts. Additionally impact of vibration caused by road traffic and other movements in corresponding locations may further complicate the estimation. Therefore the data collected for such location has also been assigned as reference vibration levels for typical structures interfacing the track and the measurement point, The reference data is appended below in **Table-7.7**:

Table 7-7: Suggested Vibrations Interfacing Structures For Sensitive Receptors

S. No	Name of Location	Distance(m) from EDFC Track	Lmax	Interfacing Structure
1	School at Khurja(km 1369.82)	5	80.9	Relocation
2	School at Dankaur (km 398.200)	10	76.2	Relocation
3	College at Wair at km 1389.55	500	36.3	No need for any mitigation

These reference vibration levels for different interfacing ground studies can be transposed to impacted structures under assessment at any location with similar interfacing structure.

Prediction of Impacts

The Vibration measurements carried out fall into two groups broadly: For the portion of corridor that will run parallel to the existing track and portion of the corridor that will go through the detours. Parallel track, running of the trains will engage maximum of five parallel tracks. Of these two would be occupied by the freight trains and three by Passenger trains (including RVNL line under implementation). The corridor will be completely together and will be parallel to the existing track. Average distance between the centre of passenger and freight trains is expected to be 23 meters

The levels of vibration on 2 tracks have been examined in previous section. Since the 3rd track scenario was not available for actual evaluation in locations where trains were running at reasonable speeds, we have mathematically calculated the same. Vibrations on parallel tracks for trains running together on these tracks have also been evaluated below.

Of all possibilities, maximum vibrations will be generated by the various combinations of trains running on 3 closest tracks as these trains have maximum influence of individual vibrations on each other. From the graphs of two trains crossing each other as placed in previous section, we notice the highest Vibration Level for two train crossed is 68.9 dB for Passenger – Passenger combination. This is however very much below the levels caused by single freight train running on the nearer track. The reason for this phenomenon to occur is the fact that both the trains are running opposite to each other and are therefore canceling effect of vibration waves generated by them individually.

Calculations

Check for vibrations for 100 Km/Hr train speed:

By examining the trend of change in Vibration Levels with the increase in speed in the graphs in previous sections we notice that in most cases the vibration levels increase

with increase in speed. We have extrapolated this trend of vibration of freight container & estimated the **vibration level at 100 km/hr to be 71.4 dB**. This however is lower than the maximum vibration level for single freight train being considered by us and therefore not relevant

Check for multiple train running:

From the measurements and graphs as discussed earlier the maximum level of Vibrations occurring for any Freight container Train on any track and at 12.5 mts from the center of the concerned track (Container) = **75.3 dB**

The Mathematically Attenuated value calculated for vibration at 35 meters in reference to the train running on the 3rd track = **72.8 dB** (Refer variation of vibrations with distance for containers)

Combined effect of these two Vibration Levels at the same measurement location that is 12.5 meters from the nearer track can be calculated as follows.

$$L_{max_{eq}} = L_{max_{track 1}} - L_{max_{track 2}} + L_{max_{track 3}}$$

In the light of this discussion for predictions, **75.3 dB** as highest vibrations for freight trains have been used in our calculations below.

Predicted Vibration Levels for multiple trains running together– These estimations workout as below.

On DFC side of parallel Track

1. On the freight corridor side, two freight trains running in opposite directions with a gap of 5 meters from each other.
 - Highest value of Vibration level by one freight train = **75.3dB**
 - This level attenuated to 17.5 mts for second freight train = **71.5 dB**.

For these trains running in opposite directions, resultant level is difference of the 2 vibration levels.

$$L_{p_{F-F}} = 10 \cdot \text{LOG} (10^{(75.3/10)} - 10^{(71.5/10)}) = 72.9 \text{ dB}.$$

2. One freight train running closer to the 12.5 mts measurement point in the same direction from a passenger train 10 mts away
 - Highest value of Vibration level by one freight train = **75.3**
 - Highest value of Vibration level of passenger train attenuated to 35mtrs = **72.9**

Since both the trains are running in same direction the relevant level will be addition of the two levels

$$L_{p_F} + L_{p_{Psngr}} = 10 \cdot \text{LOG} (10^{(75.3/10)} + 10^{(72.9/10)}) = 77.2$$

3. A Freight train running on the 2nd track farther from the 12.5 meter measurement point and a passenger train running opposite to its direction in the third track.
 - Highest value of Vibration Level of Passenger train attenuated to 35 meters = **72.9**
 - Highest Value of Vibration level by one Freight train attenuated to 20 meters = **71.5**

Since the trains are running in opposite directions. Therefore, resultant value is difference of the 2 vibration levels.

$$L_{p_{F-P}} = 10 \cdot \text{LOG} (10^{(72.9/10)} - 10^{(71.5/10)}) = 67.3 \text{ dB}$$

4. The next scenario is for vibrations on parallel tracks for three trains running together on the first three Tracks.
 - Highest Value for the Vibration Level by Freight – Passenger in First and Third Track running in same direction: **77.2**
 - Highest Value of Vibration level by one Freight train running in 2nd track attenuated to 20 meters = **71.5**

Since this is a scenario of parallel running of the trains in composite manner

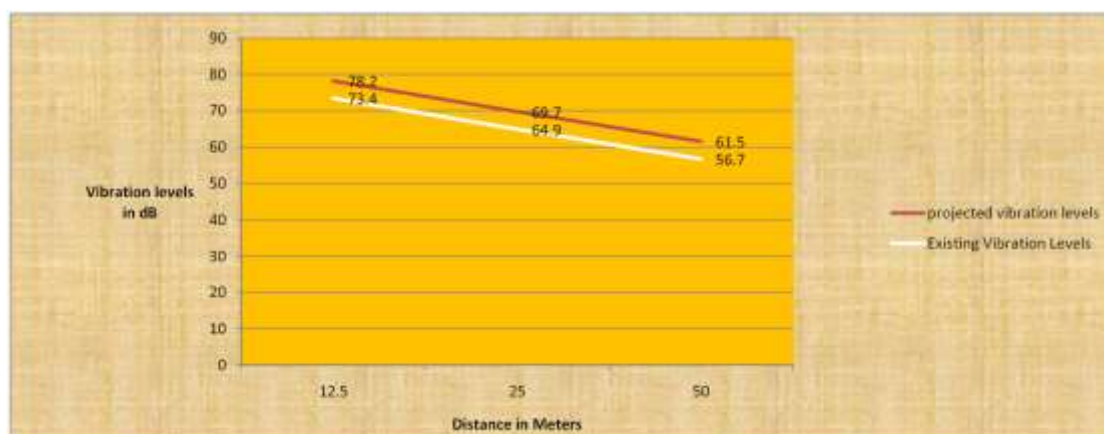
$$L_{p \text{ F-F-P}} = 10 \cdot \log(10^{(71.5/10)} + 10^{(77.2/10)}) = 78.2 \text{ dB}$$

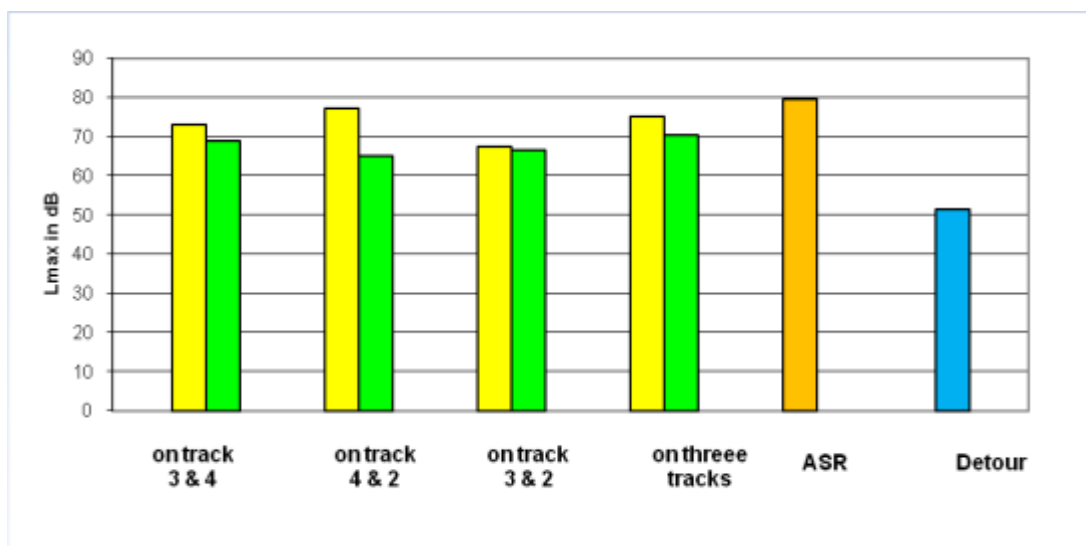
On Passenger Track Side

5. On the other side of all four tracks the situation will be driven by passenger train in similar four possibilities. The evaluated highest Lmax for these four possibilities are:
 - i. 2 Passenger trains running on track 4 and 3 opposite to each other = **68.9 dB**
 - ii. 1 Passenger in track 4 and one freight on track 2 both in same direction = **65.1 dB**
 - iii. 1 Passenger on track 3 and one freight on track 2 both in opposite direction = **66.5 dB**
 - iv. 2 Passengers on track 4 and 3 and one freight on track 2 = **70.4 dB**
6. The other less effective combinations would be different mixes of trains running on, third and fourth tracks.

From all the above calculations we consider the worst case scenario for plain routes and select the maximum vibration levels as upper limit expected to be encountered, The maximum possible vibrations as calculated above = **78.2 dB**. It occurs when 2 freight and one passenger trains run together on first 3 track of DFC track side.

We display below graphically the predicted values for various distances from the track along with the graph for freight train vibrations for the similar distances.





Predicted highest Vibration Levels for the Detour track – These estimations workout as below

For the detour locations the scenario will always be two Freight trains crossing each other in opposite directions for which we have calculated highest Vibration level as **71.5 dB** at 12.5 meters measurement point, when the interfacing ground is plain ground.

However this value is lower than the highest Vibration Levels generated by running of Single Freight train.

Therefore predicted highest vibration levels for the detour portions = **75.3dB** at 12.5 meters from nearer track for freight containers.

Evaluation of Impact

Based on the predicted values, evaluation of the impacts has been carried out in following steps:

1. We have examined the Japanese standards for Permissible Vibration values in Habituated and Plane areas. The pictorial information in this regard which also includes the level of complaints received by procure department of railway vibration in 2006 is displayed below;

Standard of Vibration Intensity (decibel)	
90	Violent shaking of house and falling of unstable things
80	Shaking of house and rattling of doors and paper doors
70	Perceived by many people and slight movement of doors and paper doors
60	Perceived only by people at rest
50	Rarely perceived by human beings

Vibration level	<p>The vibration level is determined by the amplitude and speed of vibration. Human beings perceive vibration in a complex manner. Therefore, vibration is corrected so that it can be measured on the same basis even if human perception of the vibration is different. The vibration level is also expressed by the unit of "decibel."</p>
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From the extract above it is apparent that standards 70 dB vibration level defines the acceptability criteria in general, however in densely habituated areas the lower level

will have to be allowed based on these criteria the permissible limits for vibrations are provided below.

As worked out in the prediction process above, various highest vibration levels likely to occur in different portions of the DFC are as below:

Plain route: 78.2 as against permissible levels of 70dB at 12.5 m distance

Populated areas 78.2 as against permissible levels of 65dB at 12.5 m distance

Therefore vibration levels have to be reduced by

8.2 dBs - for Plain areas

13.2 dBs - Populated areas

8.2 to 13.2 dBs - plain / SR area

In case of detour sections the ROW has been kept as 60 m. The alignment is far away from habitations; hence no vibration impacts are anticipated.

Prediction of Impacts on Sensitive Receptors

Prediction of Impacts on Sensitive Receptors based on the methodology described above has been carried out. The SRs have been identified during survey of the track alignment. From these listed receptors, those falling within the track alignment have been eliminated as they would require removal replacement or shifting. The balance receptors have been listed and predicted levels have been estimated. These details are given in **Table 7.8**.

Table 7-8: List of sensitive Receptors and Predicted Vibration Levels dB(A) on them

S.N.	Type of Receptors	Name	Location/ Chainage Nearby	Parallel / detour	Distance from the centerline of the DFCC alignment (Meter)	Side (w.r.t Kanpur to Khurja)	Predicted max Vibration before mitigation
1	Educational	School	Khurja at km 1369.82	Parallel	5	L	81
2	Educational	School	Dankaur km 1398.2	Parallel	10	L	77
3	Educational	College	Wair at km 1389.55	Parallel	500	L	37
4	Educational	School	Dadri at km 1415	End Point	20 m	L	74

Accordingly, first two have been recommended for relocation and third one does not need any mitigation as is too far to have any impact due to vibration.

7.6 PREDICTION AND EVALUATION OF IMPACTS ON NOISE ALONGSIDE RAILWAY LINES

The detailed railway noise survey was conducted at 04 locations in the entire stretch. The result shows that during train operation along the railway track the noise level always exceeds the statutory limit; however, at detour locations the noise levels are less and within the statutory limits. For the prediction purposes, the highest noise level i.e. 100.4dB (A) recorded at 12.5m from the centre of the existing track used as a reference for maximum noise level prediction. The Leq noise level recorded at 12.5 m is around 97 dB(A) from the centre of the track is taken as reference for Leq noise level prediction.

Examination of Prediction Method

1) Railway Noise

Regarding railway noise generated by conventional trains (local trains, express trains and limited express trains), main causes include (1) traction movements, (2) structures and (3) machines equipped to the train. Among them, the traction movement contributes to the generation of noise greatly.

Several types of prediction equations were proposed for various types of railway track structures, such as the elevation, embankment and cutting.

Therefore, prediction was carried out applying the actual data of railway noise level, running speed (V) of trains, and the distance from center of the nearest railway track (D).

Based on the obtained data of railway noise, the empirical equation was extracted by using a simple regression and correlation analysis. The following equation is used for noise prediction.

Assuming V is constant, D is only one variable, and the empirical equation is shown below. A predicted railway noise level is shown in the below table.

$$L_2 = L_1 - 20 \log D_2/D_1 \quad \text{----- (1-1)}$$

$$L_{Aeq} = 10 \log (10^{N_1/10} + 10^{N_2/10} + 10^{N_3/10} + \dots)/T$$

Where,

L_1 and L_2 are the noise levels at D_1 and D_2 distance.

N_1 , N_2 , N_3 are the noise pressure levels at a different time interval. T is the number of reading.

(Reference: JICA Study on DFCC Corridor)

1) Condition of Prediction

Following conditions are assumed:

- Type of traction: electrified traction (electric locomotive)
- Running operation: 150 trains/direction/day with the same time interval (approximately one train for every five minutes)
- Maximum running velocity: 100 km/h
- Majority of the existing railway line structures is the embankment structures with approximately 2 to 5 m high from the ground level at the site.
- Railway noise and vibration generation level due to planned dedicated freight train; remains the same as the existing freight train,
- DFCC plan would have various factors contributing to reduction in railway noise.

2) Prediction and Evaluation Points

- a) Sites along the existing railway lines within the parallel sections of the DFCC Project.
1. Sites along the planned detour routes where no railway noise was observed as a reference point of the background level monitoring.

Prediction and Evaluation Results

1) Prediction of Railway Noise Levels

Estimated noise levels (L_{Aeq}) were evaluated by using comparative and trends from (i) the ambient noise standard in India, (ii) existing ambient noise levels at SR and (iii) existing railway noise at SR. The noise level predicted are presented in **Table 7.9**.

Table 7-9: Prediction of Noise Level on Sensitive Receptors

S.N.	Type of Receptors	Name	Location/ Chainage	Parallel / detour	Distance from the centerline of the DFCC alignment (Meter)	Side (w.r.t Kaurara to Chamraula)	Predicted max noise, dB(A)	Predicted Leq Noise Level, dB(A)	Remarks
1	Educational	School	Khurja Km 1369.82	Parallel	5	L	98	72.0	Relocation recommended
2	Educational	College	Wair	Start of Wair Detour	500	L	59	54	Noise mitigation not required due to adequate Distance
3	Educational and Residential, and Commercial	Mixed	Km 1415.69	Parallel (end Point)	20	L	77	73	Noise barrier wall recommended
4	Residential	Residential	Ajayabpur (km 1406.46)	Parallel	20	L	75	71	Noise barrier wall recommended
5	Educational	School at Dankaur (km 1398.2)	Km 1398.2	Parallel	10	L	88	83	Relocation Recommended

Analysis of Evaluated Results

The noise levels have been predicted at all the sensitive receptors located up to 150 m from the centre of the proposed track. The predicted noise level shows that noise level is considerably high at all the locations up to 100 m from the centre of the track. However, no barrier has been considered during the prediction, therefore, the actual noise level may be less due to attenuation of noise. The noise levels were also monitored at four sensitive receptors and combined impact due to the proposed DFCC project is given in **Table 7.10**.

Table 7-10: List of Sensitive Receptors

S. No.	Sensitive Receptors	Monitored Noise Level		Resultant Noise Level		CPCB Standards		Remarks	Distance (m) from Track
		Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night		
1	School at Khurja km 1369.82	65.4	48.4	72	66	50	40	Exceeds the CPCB noise standards	5
2	Wair College km 1389.55	49.8	44.0	52	46	55	45	Too far away	500
3	School at Dadri km 1415.69	66.2	52.4	67	59	50	40	Exceeds the CPCB noise standards	20
4	School at Dankaur km 1398.2	68	55.0	70	63	50	40	Exceeds the CPCB noise standards	10

Unit- Leq, dB (A)

Note: All sensitive receptors except sl. No. 2 have been recommended for relocation.

As predicted in the table, the noise levels are going to exceed considerably near the proposed track at detour section. The noise levels at all the locations are exceeding the specified limits of CPCB. The impacts of noise levels due to construction of detours will be reduced at the habitations such as Wair and Khurja Flyover up line.

CHAPTER 8 : MEASURES FOR THE MITIGATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

8.1 DESCRIPTION OF MITIGATION MEASURES

The mitigation measures to mitigate the negative impacts due to the development of proposed EDFC section from Khurja to Dadarion various elements of the environment during various phases of the project are described hereunder.

8.1.1 Mitigation Measures of Land Environment

Land acquisition, soil erosion and contamination of soil have emerged as major impact on land, especially in rural areas. Proposed DFC will result in economic growth in the region over time.

Table 8-1: Mitigation Measures for Land Environment

S. No.	Item	Impact	Impact (Reason)	Mitigation / Enhancement
1.	Change in topography	Negligible impact	Due to embankment raising	Turfing will be provided on the slopes
2.	Change in geology	Direct, long term, marginal impact	Extraction of materials (borrow earth, coarse & fine aggregates)	No blasting is envisaged All quarries outside study area and only licensed quarries having redevelopment plan will be used.
3.	Change in seismology	No impact	Since marginal impact geology have been identified therefore no impact on seismology	All project related structures will be complied with earthquake safety factor
4.	Change in Land Environment			
a.	Loss of land	Direct, long term negative impact for acquired land	Land acquisition change in land use pattern	Land requirement been minimized as maximum length under parallel section. Only two small detours (Khurja Flyover up line and Wair) proposed.
b.	Generation of debris	Negative impact	May contaminate air, water and land, if not disposed properly	Debris may be generated during construction. Its disposal dumping sites will be identified during implementation.
c.	Soil erosion	Low , direct, long term negative impact	Slopes and spoils near the bridges Construction of new bridges and culverts quarry and borrow areas	Embankment protection with turfing Residual spoil will be disposed properly silt fencing will be provided near water coases specially at locations of distributories., Karon river and canal
5.	Contamination of soil	Direct, long term negative impact	Discarded bituminous waste during service road construction.	Measures to prevent soil pollution will be in place. Hazardous Waste (Management and

S. No.	Item	Impact	Impact (Reason)	Mitigation / Enhancement
			Oil & diesel spills Emulsion sprayer and wastage material from hot mix plant Residential facilities for the labor and officers Routine and periodical maintenance	Handling Rules, 1989) to be enforced. Oil interceptor will be provided for accidental spill of oil and diesel Rejected material will be layed in village roads or as directed by engineer Septic tank will be constructed for waste disposal
6.	Soil quality	Limited impact restricted to area where DFC alignment proposed	To see the Effectiveness of planned mitigation measures Any unforeseen impact due to accidental spillages	Measures will be revised & improved to mitigate / enhance environment due to any unforeseen impacts Spilled material will be recovered and contaminated soil will be disposed off as per provisions Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling Rules) 2000

Plantation programme will be carried out to improve the aesthetic look of the construction area. The plantation all along the proposed DFC will be carried out to improve aesthetic look along the existing as well as detour locations. It is proposed to plant 4386 trees.

8.1.2 Mitigation Measure for Borrow Area Management

Borrow areas will be finalized either from the list of locations recommended by DPR consultants or new areas identified by contractor. The finalization of locations identified by DPR consultant or identified by contractor depends upon the formal agreement between landowners and contractor and its suitability from civil engineering angle as well as environmental considerations. Meeting the guidelines/notifications as stipulated from time to time by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, and local authorities, as applicable shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor.

Besides this certain precaution has to be taken to restrict unauthorized borrowing by the contractor. No borrow area shall be opened without permission of the Engineer/EO. The Engineer in addition to the established practices, rules and regulation will also consider following criteria before approving the Borrow area.

- i. Avoid any embankment slippage, the borrow areas will not be dug continuously, and the size and shape of borrow pit will be decided by the Engineer. Redevelopment of the borrow areas to mitigate the impacts will be the responsibility of the contractor. The contractor shall evolve site-specific redevelopment plan for each borrow area location, which shall be implemented after the approval of the Engineer-in-Charge.
- ii. Ensure that the spills, which might result from the transport of borrow and quarry materials do not impact the settlements. It will be ensured that the excavation and carrying of earth will be done during day-time only. Unpaved surfaces used for the haulage of borrow materials will be maintained properly. Borrowing of earth shall be carried out at locations recommended as follows:

- **Non-Cultivable Lands:** Borrowing of earth will be carried out upto a depth of 2 m from the existing ground level.
Borrowing of earth shall not be done continuously. Ridge of not less than 8m width shall be left at intervals not exceeding 300 m. Small drain shall be cut through the ridge, if necessary, to facilitate drainage. Borrow pit shall have slope not steeper than 1 vertical in 4 horizontal.
- **Productive Land:** Borrowing of earth shall be avoided on productive/ cultivable lands. However, in the event of borrowing from productive land, under the circumstance as described above, topsoil shall be preserved in stockpiles. The conservation of topsoil shall be carried out as described in this chapter. At such locations, the depth of borrow pits shall not exceed 45 cm and it may be dug out to a depth of not more than 30 cm after stripping the 15 cm top soil aside.
- **Elevated Land:** At locations where private owners desire their fields to be levelled, the borrowing shall be done to a depth of not more than 2 m or up to the level of surrounding field.
- **Borrow pit along Roadside:** Borrow pits shall be located 5m away from the toe of the embankment. Depth of the pit should be such that the bottom of the pit shall not fall within an imaginary line of slope 1 vertical to 4 horizontal projected from the edge of the final section of the bank. Borrow pits shall not be dug continuously. Ridge of not less than 8 m width should be left at intervals not exceeding 300 m. Small drain should be cut through the ridge to facilitate drainage.
- **Borrow pit on the Riverside:** The borrow pit shall be located not less than 15m from the toe of the bank, distance depending on the magnitude and duration of flood to be withstood. Flood zone of the river should be considered.
- **Community / Private Ponds:** Borrowing can be carried out at locations, where the private owners (or in some cases, the community) desire to develop lands (mostly low-lying area) for use as fishponds.
- **Borrow Area near Settlements:** Borrow pit location shall be located at least 1 km from villages and settlements. If unavoidable, they shall not be dug for more than 30 cm and shall be provided with drainage.

After identification of borrow area based on guidelines, contractor will fill reporting format as under and submit the same for approval to the “Engineer” Once approved the contractor will adhere to the recommendation for borrow area to the satisfaction of Engineer.

- (1) In no case the depth of borrow area should exceed 2m from the existing ground level.
- (2) Borrow pits slope should be maintained, no steeper than 1 Vertical: 2 Horizontal.
- (3) Water pooling to be avoided/managed so that no disease spread or mosquito breeding due to water stagnation.
- (4) Precautionary measures as the covering of vehicles will be taken to avoid spillage during transportation of borrow material.
- (5) The unpaved surfaces used for the haulage of borrow materials shall be maintained properly for dust suppression.
- (6) Haulage of material to embankments or other areas of fill shall proceed only when sufficient spreading and compaction facility is operating at the place of deposition, to minimize dust pollution.
- (7) During rains appropriate measures shall be taken to minimize soil erosion, silt fencing shall be provided as directed by Engineer/EO.

The Contractor will keep photographic records of various stages i.e., before using materials from the location (pre-project), for the period of borrowing activities (construction Phase) and after rehabilitation (post development), to ascertain the pre and post borrowing status of the area.

8.1.3 Mitigation Measures to Minimize Soil Erosion

1) Construction Phase

- Suitable protection measures consisting of bio-engineering techniques such as plantation of grass and shrubs may be provided to control erosion. The measures shall be applied along the slopes at high embankment where bridges will be constructed.
- Borrow area may be finalized considering ecological sensitivity of the area. Agriculture land shall be avoided for the borrow area as far as possible. Priority may be given to degraded area for excavation of borrow material. Rehabilitation of borrow area may be undertaken under the project.
- Construction work may be avoided during rainy season to evade erosion and spreading of loose material.
- Top soil removed from agricultural land may be stored separately in bund area and utilized during plantation or refilling of excavated area.
- Selection of borrow areas may be done considering the waste land available nearby in the district.
- A separate borrow area management plan may be made providing location, ownership details, timing of borrowing and rehabilitation measures.

2) Post-Construction Phase

- No impact is envisaged on soil during post implementation phase. Any damage or breach in embankment shall be repaired immediately.

8.1.4 Mitigation Measures to Improve the Ambient Air Quality

1) Pre Construction Phase

The dust generation due to pre-construction activities will be temporary in nature and localized. This will be effectively countered by sprinkling of water.

2) Construction Phase

In this stage, there are two major activities, **first** one is construction activities at working zone, which cause primarily dust emission and **second** are from operation of the construction plant, equipment and machinery, which cause production of gaseous pollutants. The specific mitigation measures include:

- Loose earth will be stored under cover or water will be sprinkled time to time.
- Hot Mix Plant and Crushers will be located at least 1 km from habitations and in down wind direction.
- Vehicles delivering fine materials like loose soil and fine aggregates shall be covered to reduce spill on road.
- Water will be sprayed on earthworks, temporary haulage and diversion on a regular basis.
- Batch type hot mix plant fitted with the bag filter / cyclone and scrubber will be installed for the reduction of the air pollution.
- Pollution control system like water sprinkling & dust extractor and cover on the conveyor will be installed for the crushers.
- All vehicles, equipment and machinery used for construction will be regularly maintained to ensure that the emission level conform to the UPPCB/CPCB norms.
- Air pollution monitoring plan has been delineated for construction phase separately for checking the effectiveness of the mitigation measures adopted during the construction phase of the Contract. The monitoring will be taken up as per this plan.

- Air quality monitoring shall be conducted during construction period as per CPCB norms. The location and frequency of air monitoring are covered in Chapter-9.
- Impact on air quality is likely to be temporary and reversible.

3) Operation Phase

- Air quality of the area is likely to be improved as reduction in emissions due to shifting of freight from road transportation to railway transportation.
- Plantation along the DFC is likely to improve the air quality of the area.

8.1.5 Mitigation Measures for Water Quality

Due to the proposed project there will be some direct and indirect long term impacts on the water resources. Table below presents the major adverse impacts on the water resources and the mitigation measures proposed.

Table 8-2: Mitigation Measures for Water Quality

S. No.	Item	Impact	Impact (Reason)	Mitigation/Enhancement
1.	Loss of water bodies	Negligible as no major water bodies is being impacted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part or acquisition of source of water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land acquisition to be minimized with provision of retaining walls • No village pond being impacted in Wair and Khurja Flyover UP lines • Relocation of ground / surface water sources
2.	Alternation of cross drainage	Negligible impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is proposal for 4 minor bridges on Khurja Flyover UP line and 5 minor bridges Wair detour • Widening of minor bridges and culverts • Three major bridges planned in parallel section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of new bridges and widening of existing bridges and culverts there will be an improvement in the drainage characteristics of the project area • Adequate cross drainage structures have been planned on Khurja Flyover UP line and Wair detours
3.	Runoff and drainage	Direct impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siltation of water bodies • Reduction in ground recharge due to increased paved surface • Increased drainage discharge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silt fencing to be provided • Recharge well to be provided to compensate the loss of precious surface water resources • Continuous drain is provided, unlined in rural area and lined in built up areas.
4.	Water requirement for project	Direct impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water requirement for construction activity. • Water requirement of labour • Water requirement during operations at yards and stations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor will obtain approvals for taking adequate quantities of water from surface and ground water sources from the relevant authorities and follow statutory guidelines. This is required to avoid depletion of water resources. The project area is rich in ground water.
5.	Water Quality			
a.	Increased sedimentation	Direct impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased sediment laden run-off after the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines for sediment control will be enforced

S. No.	Item	Impact	Impact (Reason)	Mitigation/Enhancement
			nature & capacity of the watercourse	
b.	Contamination of water	Direct adverse impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bitumen wastes • Oil & diesel spills • Emulsion sprayer and laying of hot mix • Production of hot mix and rejected materials • Residential facilities for the labour and officers • Routine and periodical maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention will be taken to prevent pollution going into water body and ground water. • Hazardous Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000 to be enforced • Oil interceptor will be provided for accidental spill of oil and diesel • Rejected material will be layed in village roads or as directed by engineer • Septic tank will be constructed for waste disposal
6.	Water quality monitoring	Periodical checkup of surface and ground water quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To check the efficacy of mitigation measures • Any unforeseen impact due to accidental spillages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures will be received & improved to mitigate / enhance environment due to any unforeseen impact

Contamination of water

- Oil interceptor will be provided at Construction camp sites and at Parking areas at Stations and other facilities.
- Construction work close to the stream or water body will be avoided during monsoon.
- The effluent standard notified under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986 will be strictly adhered to . All wastes arising from the project will be disposed off in a manner that is acceptable to the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (SPCB).
- Relevant provisions of the Factories Act, 1948, the Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 will be adhered to .
- Construction labourers' camps will be located at least 1000m away from the nearest habitation.
- Unless authorised by the local sanitary authority, arrangements for proper disposal of excreta at the workplace with a suitable method approved by the local medical health or municipal authorities will be provided.
- Approach roads to river and other surface water bodies need to be closed permanently to avoid vehicle washing and to avoid major pollution sources. This applicable to all areas including the secondary construction sites.
- Water quality shall be monitored regularly near the construction site.

8.1.6 Noise Environment – Mitigation Measures

Environmental noise particularly railway noise, is a complex phenomenon because its intensity and characteristics vary with time depending upon the frequency and speed of the trains. The noise has been identified a major impact in the project.

Table 8-3: Mitigation Measures for Noise Environment

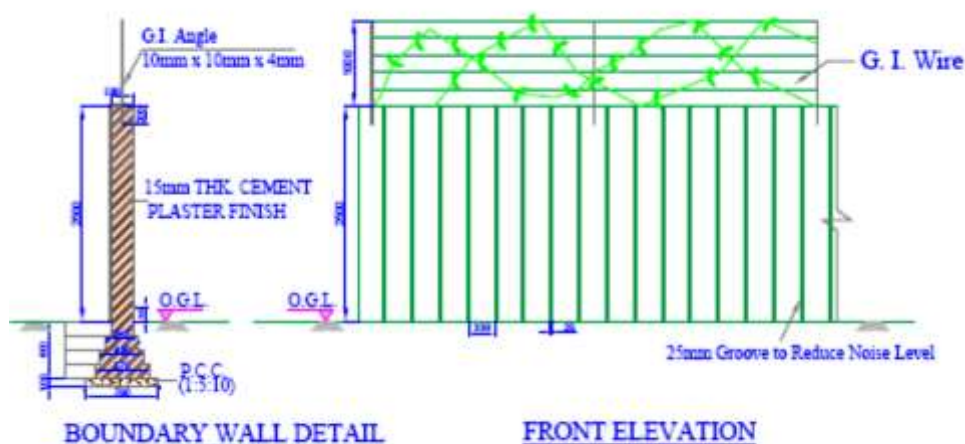
S.No.	Item	Impact	Impact (Reason)	Mitigation / Enhancement
1	Sensitive receptors	Direct impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in noise pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two schools close to DFC alignment have been recommended for relocation.
2	Noise pollution (pre-construction)	Direct impact, short duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Man, material and machinery movements Establishment of labor camps onsite offices, stock yards and construction plants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area specific and for short duration Machinery to be checked & complied with noise pollution regulations. Camps to be setup away from the settlements. No construction activity during night time at habitations in the parallel sections
3	Noise Pollution (Construction Stage)	Temporary impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stone crushing, asphalt production plant and batching plants, diesel generators etc Community residing near to the work zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camps to be setup away from the settlements, in the down wind direction. Noise pollution regulation to be monitored and enforced. Temporary as the work zones will be changing with completion of construction
4	Noise Pollution (Operation Stage)	Insignificant impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> due to increase in traffic (due to improved facility) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will be mitigated through automatic signaling and installation of noise barriers at habitations
	Noise Pollution Monitoring	Periodical noise will be monitored	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To check the efficacy of mitigation measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures will be revised & improved to mitigate/ enhance environment due to any unforeseen impact.

8.1.7 Sensitive Receptors – Mitigation Measures

School, hospital and cultural properties etc. have been identified particularly those close to DFC alignment and likely to have impact due to the project. As evident from predicted noise level that value is exceeding the specified limit at places. In order to bring the noise level within the limit, noise barrier may be considered at the identified sensitive locations. Thus noise level may be reduced by 10 to 15 dB (A). This barrier will accommodate the long term impact of the DFC traffic movement. List of sensitive receptors along the project corridor is presented in table below.

Table 8-4: Mitigation Measures for Noise Sensitive Receptors

S. No.	Chainage	Name of Receptor	Distance from the proposed track (m.)	Impact	Mitigation / Enhancement
1	Educational	School at Dadri	20	Direct impact, high noise level	Noise barrier shall be created of 200 m length as per the conceptual drawing shown below
2	Educational	School at Khurja	5	Direct impact, high noise level	Relocation Recommended
3	Educational	School at Dankaur	10	Direct impact, high noise level	Relocation Recommended



8.1.8 Mitigation Measures for Noise during Construction Phases

- Noise standards will be strictly enforced for all vehicles, plants, equipment, and construction machinery. All construction equipment used for an 8-hour shift will conform to a standard of less than 90dB (A). If required, high noise producing generators such as concrete mixers, generators, graders, etc. must be provided with acoustic enclosure.
- Machinery and vehicles will be maintained regularly, with particular attention to silencer and muffler, to keep construction noise level to minimum.
- Workers in the vicinity of high noise level will be provided earplug/ ear muff and engaged in diversified activities to prevent prolonged exposure to noise level of more than 90dB(A) per 8 hour shift.
- During construction vibratory compactors will be used sparingly within the urban areas. In case of complaints from roadside residents, the Engineer will ask the site engineer to take suitable step of restrict the working hours even further or use an alternative roller.
- Proposed tree and shrub plantations planned for avenue plantation especially close to settlement, may form an effective sound buffer during the operation stage.

- People will be convinced / educated to prevent sensitive land uses from developing up adjacent to the project corridor.

8.1.9 Mitigation Measures for Hydrological Impact

1) Construction Phase

- Provision of temporary drainage arrangement due to construction activities shall be made by contractor and suitable and strict clause shall be incorporated in general or special conditions of the contract document for effective implementation.
- Silt fencing may be provided near water bodies.
- Proper drainage may be planned in the area to avoid water logging.

2) Implementation Phase

- Local drainage is likely to be affected due to formation of Railway Embankment.
- Cross drainage structures shall be provided at appropriate locations

8.1.10 Mitigation Measures for Flora

1) Construction Phase

- Felling of trees shall be undertaken only after obtaining clearance from the Forest Dept.-forest areas, Railway Dept and local bodies outside forest area.
- Trees falling outside the ROW shall not be felled.
- Compensation for trees felled must be provided before initiating construction activity.
- Fruit bearing trees shall be compensated including 5 years fruit yield.
- Labour camps and office site shall be located outside and away from the forest area.

2) Post Construction Phase

- No impact envisaged on flora during post construction phase however, development of green belt is suggested near stations and maintenance of plantation may be undertaken by Railway Dept. The plantation carried along alignment and as compensatory afforestation is likely to enhance the ecological condition of the area. There is proposal to plant 10 trees per km on either side of rail track.

8.1.11 Mitigation Measures for Fauna

1) Construction Phase

- Crossing passages must be made for animal movement by provision of under pass followed with some plantation so that it resembles with the habitat.
- Borrow areas can be also developed as pond with grass and shrub planted around it.
- Silt fencing may be used near water body to avoid top soil runoff into the water bodies.
- Construction activity may be avoided during night hours in the forest area.
- Poaching must be strictly banned in the forest area. It may be ensured by the contractor that no hunting or fishing is practiced at the site by any of the worker and that all site personnel are aware of the location, value and sensitivity of the wildlife resources.
- Awareness programme on Environment and Wildlife Conservation may be provided to the work force. Forest Act and Wildlife Act may be strictly adhered to .

2) Post Construction Phase.

- Fencing may be provided along DFC in areas to avoid collision, wherever feasible.

8.1.12 Landscape

1) Construction Phase

Landscaping Plan may be formulated for restoration, leveling and landscaping of the area once construction activities are over. This may involve the following:-

- The stockpiles may be designed such that the slope does not exceed 1:2 (vertical to horizontal) and the height of the pile restricted to 2 m.
- Stockpiled topsoil may be used to cover the disturbed areas and cut slopes. The top soil shall be utilized for redevelopment of borrow area, landscaping along slope, incidental space etc.
- Incorporation of suitable and effective contractual clause for rehabilitation and restoration of borrow area and other temporary work and landscaping it with surrounding area immediately after its use.
- Landscaping of surrounding area with plantation, ornamental plants may be planted near stations.

2) Post Construction Phase

No impact envisaged on landscape in operation phase; however the green belt development is suggested.

8.1.13 Mitigation Measures for Vibration

In order to mitigate the negative impacts due to noise and vibration the impact area are divided in four broad categories;

- Areas identified in Reconnaissance Survey as sensitive residential, commercial industrial or social site.
- Area identified as reference location for carrying out measurements of vibration along EDFC
- Area having building and structure within existing or proposed railway land.
- Building and structure of importance for ASI or other similar historical importance.

For all these target location following scheme shall be applied:

- i. Targets falling within the ROW - Pick out and exclude all such target locations from consideration of mitigation measures. These buildings and structures may be relocated.
- ii. Targets located at distance falling in no impact zone are also be removed from the list of location requiring mitigation measures. For this trend line of attenuation of vibrations with distance for each type of location has been established. Using this trend distance for permissible vibration level has been identified. All locations farther to this distance have been isolated from assessment of mitigation measures.
- iii. Targets that have special character due to historical or archeological or religious importance have to be considered in special manner irrespective of level of impact assessed in their case.

Based on the above, the identified target location have reduced from >5 to 1 as listed in the table. The school at Dadri will need mitigation measures to reduce the impact.

The following mitigation measures are recommended.

It has been found that the vibration level originates at the interaction of rail and wheel because of various factors which include the following

- The construction of Wagon
- Condition of Wagon , rail and wheel
- Design , engineering , superiority in terms of track support system, soil condition and embankment height

Efficient Track and wheel maintenance: Effective maintenance of track and wheel can reduce noise and vibration levels. The Condition of the rails and wheels, if not maintained in good condition, will add to vibration level. Some maintenance procedures that are particularly effective at avoiding increases in ground-borne vibration are:

- Rail grinding on a regular basis. Rail grinding is particularly important for rail that develops rail irregularities which in their turn cause impact and low frequency excitation.
- Wheel truing to re-contour the wheel, provides a smooth running surface, and removes wheel flats. The most dramatic vibration reduction results from removing wheel flats and out of roundness.
- Implement vehicle reconditioning programs, particularly when components such as suspension system, brakes, wheels, and slip-slide detectors are involved.
- Install wheel-flat detector system to identify vehicle which are most in need of wheel truing. These systems are becoming more common on railroad and intercity passenger system, but are relatively rare on transit system.
- Install wheel geometry measurement device (e.g. laser based system installed at entrance of depot) with possibility of detecting out of roundness, difference of wheel diameter of wheels on the same axle, wheel wear. **(Vibration is reduced substantially)**

Therefore we estimate that a reduction of vibration up to **7.5dB** could be achieved as compared to highest Vibration level measured on existing tracks. In such case, predicted vibration level will come down by around 7.5 dB through maintenance efficiency and planning alone.

The DFCC has already designed to operate on elevated embankment of 2m or more. This means that at least 1 m additional height all along the corridor due to embankment. Researches and studies have shown the height of embankment increases the attenuation rate by **1- 2 dB** per meter height of embankment. Therefore at least **1- 2dB** (for one meter additional height of embankment) will be reduced for entire corridor. In portion of track where no embankment exists currently, this reduction will be possible where it is 2 meter high and reduction will be around 2-3 dB. Therefore, taking a conservative estimate, this inbuilt measure will provide reduction of Vibration levels by **2dB**.

In view of the above, it can be concluded that overall vibration will be reduced considerably.

As discussed earlier in the evaluation process maximum vibrations permissible on any site is

Plain route or detour upto: 70dB

Sensitive Receptors: upto 65 dB

There are very few habitations along the parallel section such as Ajayabpur, Dankaur ,etc. The vibration levels at these will be reduced to 68 dB. The school at Dadri at a distance of 20 m will require some mitigation measures

Therefore, additional mitigation measure is required to take care of balance impact of 9 dBs on near the end point.

Resilient Fasteners: Resilient fasteners are very common fastening equipment used in modern track constructions. We feel these must also be included in design of track installation by DFCC. If so, these become another existing resource that will help mitigation of the impact of vibration. These fasteners are used to fasten the rail to concrete track slabs. Indian Railways are already using Resilient Fasteners to reduce vibration. EDFC project will use better version of the same and they will be replaced based on the lifecycle. Standard resilient fasteners are rather stiff in the vertical

direction, usually in the range of 40 kN/mm (dynamic stiffness), although they do provide vibration reduction compared to classical rigid fastening system. Special fasteners with vertical dynamic stiffness in the range of 8 kN/mm will reduce vibration by as much as 15 dB at frequencies above 30 Hz. (Conservatively these could **reduce vibrations by 5 to 10 dB**)

Rail and baseplate pads for rail resilient rail fasteners are used on trams, subways, light rail and main line train.

Therefore, this resource alone will be able to provide balance mitigation of track vibration. Therefore it is felt that no additional mitigation measure is required to be considered.



8.2 MITIGATION MEASURES FOR DISPLACED CPRS.

Mitigation measure and compensation for displaced Common Property Resources (CPRs) has been given in below:

Table 8-5: Mitigation Measures for Common Property Resources

S.No	Common Property Resource	Mitigation Measures
1.	2 wells, 3 tube wells and 5 Handpumps in entire stretch.	The CPRs falling in Govt. Land will be relocated for those on private land necessary compensation will be paid.
2.	01 Religious structures in entire stretch in parallel and detour section is falling in proposed land to be acquired.	The religious structures will be relocated in consultations with locals and with proper rituals. Necessary provisions budget have been made for the relocation.

8.3 MITIGATION MEASURES FOR ASI PROTECTED STRUCTURES AND CHANCE FINDS

There is no protected ASI structure within a distance of 300 m from the proposed RoW of Khurja-Dadri section.

Uttar Pradesh being rich in archeological sites. There may be chance find in the form of coin or relics and some under ground structure. In case of identification of any of the chance finds mentioned above, during excavation, the contractor will stop the work and will report to DFCC. The DFCC intum will inform Department of ASI. Pending decision from ASI work will remain suspended.

8.4 MITIGATION MEASURES FOR NOISE DURING CONSTRUCTION PHASES

Noise standards will be strictly enforced for all vehicles, plants, equipment, and construction machinery. All construction equipment used for an 8-hour shift will conform to a standard of less than 90dB(A). If required, high noise producing generators such as concrete mixers, generators, graders, etc. must be provided with noise shields.

Machinery and vehicles will be maintained regularly, with particular attention to silencers and mufflers, to keep construction noise levels to minimum.

Workers in the vicinity of high noise levels will be provided earplugs/ earmuff, helmets and will be engaged in diversified activities to prevent prolonged exposure to noise levels of more than 90dB(A) per 8 hour shift.

During construction vibratory compactors will be used sparingly within the urban areas. In case of complaints from roadside residents, the engineer will ask the site engineer to take suitable steps of restricting the work hours even further or use an alternative roller.

Proposed tree and shrub plantations planned for avenue plantation especially close to settlements, may form an effective sound buffer during the operation stage.

People will be convinced / educated to prevent sensitive land uses from developing up adjacent to the project corridors.

8.5 WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

During construction, water requirement will be met by the Contractor mostly from surface water with prior permission from Ground Water Board or Irrigation Dept. respectively. In case, water is sourced from privately owned bore well formal agreement will be done with bore well owner/ operator. Efforts will be made to use treated recycled water and rain water harvesting to recharge ground water. A water management plan for construction activities is given at **Annexure 10.4**. Contractor will develop its own plan for adoption during construction after due approval.

8.6 SEISMIC RISK MANAGEMENT

Earthquakes and earthquake damage are quantified by specifying magnitude and/or intensity. Magnitude is a measure of earthquake size based on the amplitude of seismic waves recorded instrumentally and is a characteristic of the earthquake at its source. Magnitude is stated as a decimal, typically to the nearest tenth. Intensity is a measure of the intensity of ground shaking at a particular location, determined according to criteria based on observations involving varying degrees of subjectivity. Several intensity scales have been formulated. In general the lower intensities are based on perceptions of ground motion and the higher intensities on the extent of damage. Intensities for an earthquake usually decrease, with increasing distance, from a maximum near the source to the minimum value in the scale.

Damage to the railway and adjacent areas include severe liquefaction and lateral spreading of embankments which are likely to result in vertical and horizontal track geometry issues, abutment movement caused by embankment liquefaction, severe track buckle.

DFC project Khurja-Dadri alignment falls under Seismic Zone- III/ IV in Uttar Pradesh. Rules of Indian Railways. IRC 6, published by the Indian Road Congress, deals with highway bridges and its seismic loading provisions have been modified in 2006, to bring them in line with the IS 1893(Part 1):2002. Bureau of Indian Standards code, IS 1893(1984) has provisions for highway as well as railway bridges. Existing Bridge Rules of the Indian Railways has derived its seismic loading provisions from IS 1893. These rules have been revised by RDSO and circulated in January, 2015. Following Codes/ Rules/ Guidelines are followed:

Formation/ Embankment : It is designed as per RDSO-GE-0014 for heavy haul loading. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Specification for Bridge works, 4th edition. Report on "Guidelines for use of Geosynthetics on Railway Formation including specifications" (Provisional) Report No. RDSO/2007/GE:G-0009 (D) July 2008. Concept and Design of Reinforced Earth Structures Report No. GE:R-73 June-2005, Ministry of Railways guidelines for Earthwork in railway Projects, guidelines No. GE:G-1.

8.7 MITIGATION MEASURES FOR TERRESTRIAL ECOLOGY

Flora: About 3688 trees are to be planted against cutting of 1844 trees on private, railway/ Govt. land and these will be planted by the forest department for which money has been deposited with the Forest Department. Plantation will be done on available railway, DFCC land after the design of the embankment and the stations is finalized. Plants/ saplings will be maintained by the Contractor for three years from the year of planting & thereafter by DFCCIL. In addition, Forest Dept. will plant almost 1412 trees in lieu of diversion of 3.49 Ha. reserve forest land in patches in which 706 trees are to be cut for the project. DFCCIL will deposit demanded money to the forest department towards compensatory afforestation as well as maintenance of the trees. A tree plantation plan is given at Annexure 10.5. Measure to be taken during the work as described below. Following table gives details of plantation:-

Table 8.6 : Trees to be Cut & Compensatory Plantation

State	Trees to be Cut			Total	Compensatory Plantation	
	Reserve Forest	Railway Land	Private Land		By Forest Department	By DFCCIL
UP	706	837	1007	2550	3688	1000

During Construction: During the construction the contractor will ensure that no tree or vegetation is disturbed other than those marked for felling. In order to minimise impacts on terrestrial ecology, the contractor will ensure that no construction waste is disposed off in open / grazing land /agriculture land. The environmental expert of PMC will conduct a training program for the construction workers for sensitization including not to hunt the animals and damage trees. The contractor will make available LPG or kerosene for cooking so that workers do not depend on fuel wood for cooking.

The compensatory plantation will be carried out and survival rate will be monitored and any short fall below 95 % will be made up before the onset of next monsoon.

During Operation : During the operation phase the DFCCIL either through the appointed contractor or through its own resources will monitor survival rate of trees for the first three years. By this time the plants will grow and will sustain through natural process.

Fauna: Necessary civil design features like an underpass to allow movement of animals across the tracks shall be ensured.

8.8 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The project involves construction of 1 ROB and 46 RUBs (both major & minor) which is likely to cause traffic congestion and idling of vehicles during the construction phase. The traffic is to be managed by providing suitable alternate routes to reduce the idling time in consultation with the local administration. It shall be done as per the railway guidelines. Suitable information dissemination campaign shall be taken up in the area to build awareness.

A guideline on Traffic Management is given at Annexure-10.7. Contractor will develop its own traffic management plan accordingly and implement during construction.

CHAPTER 9 : PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND DISCLOSURE

9.1 INTRODUCTION

The Public Consultation meetings for the Dadri-Khurja Section of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor were conducted in the affected villages November – December 2011. The consultations were conducted along with social team who is conducting SIA of the project. The villages were selected keeping in view of environmental sensitivity and likely to be affected due to the project. The overall objective of public consultation was to provide information to the stakeholders and collect feedback on environmental issues from them at village level.

9.2 OBJECTIVES OF PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Public consultations intend to obtain people's participation in the project. It is an ongoing process which can improve communication, interaction and joint decision making between different stakeholders. Through public participation, all parties are well informed about the project, likely impact on environment & society as well range of views on issues and mitigation proposals. Most importantly, a good public participation process will result in better decision making process which is sensitive and responsive to public concerns and values.

It is widely acknowledged that public participation process should vary according to the size, complexity and level of interest in any one issue, policy or plan.

The broad objectives of Public Consultation Meetings (PCMs) were as follows:

- ▶ To understand the view of the people affected and Public living in surroundings of alignment
- ▶ To identify all major environmental characteristics of the villages to enable planning and implementation.
- ▶ To resolve the issue related to environment i.e. air, water, soil, noise pollution and vibration
- ▶ Disseminate information to the lowest possible hierarchy in the social system

9.3 METHODOLOGY OF ORGANIZING MEETINGS

These meetings were organized at village level through DFCC project office at Meerut and Delhi. Technical drawings and maps were procured from CPM office Meerut and these were used while disseminating information and responding to the queries of the stakeholders/ participants. Pre information for consultation was given by EIA and SIA field team to the villagers and stakeholders.

The details of the identification of villages, participants, methodology for conducting the meetings and issues emerged during the meetings are briefly described below:

Table 9-1 Schedule and Dates of Consultations

A. Selection of villages

S.No.	Name of Village and Date of Consultation	Environmental Issues Emerged During PCM
1	Ajayabpur Village in parallel section, Tehsil Dadri District Gautam Budh Nagar on 28/11/2011	Noise pollution Safety of children Vibration in Habitation
2	Rithauri Village in parallel section, Tehsil Dadri District Gautam Budh Nagar on 28/12/2011	Safety Tree cutting

S.No.	Name of Village and Date of Consultation	Environmental Issues Emerged During PCM
3	Jamalpur Village, Tehsil Sadar Gautam Budh Nagar on 12/12/2011	Noise Impact on Village, Affect on public utilities, wells, hand pumps and tube wells. And compensation
4	Khairali Hafizpur Tahsil Sadar District Gautam Budh Nagar on 21/12/2011	Acquisition of Agriculture land ,safety issue, ,drainage problem, and employment
5	Wair Village District Buland Shahar on 30/12/2011	Safety Issue, Huge resettlement Issue, compensation and borrowing of earth

B. Participants

In the selected villages, the information was disseminated through the contact person of the project office of DFCC office in advance and the village head / influential persons was requested one day in advance to arrange the meeting by informing others in his village and nearby villages at a pre-determined place, date & time.

C. Methodology of conducting the meeting

The consultants team with the help of the technical designs of the proposed project introduced the project and its relationship with the concerned village/villages. The Environmental Engineer introduced the subject of Environment like air, water, noise, vegetation plantation, trees, birds, animals etc and possible or likely impact of the new DFCC tracks on environment. The participants expressed their views/ opinions openly w.r.t. the project & their villages.

The stakeholders turn by turn expressed their views and opinions and sometimes raised issues. Their misconceptions about the project were clarified by the Consultants & DFCC officials. The deliberations during PCMs were recorded in proforma sheet.

During the deliberations some participants were agitated and wanted that project should not pass through their villages. The project team members provided & explained all information and requested them for suggestions for making the project environment friendly. The record of the participants covers gender, profession etc.. It requires special mention here that few participants were apprehensive to reveal their identity.

D. Issues and concerns emerged from the consultation

The issues and concerns shared and mitigation suggested in a tabulated form are given below in **Table -9.2:**

Table 9-2: Issues Raised During Consultations and Incorporation In Project Design

S. No.	Date	Venue	Issues Shared	Mitigation Measures	Remarks
1	28-11-2011	Ajayabpur Village	1. Noise and vibration issue due to additional DFCC tracks 2. Safety of children would be affected as DFC track will extend in habitation of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise and vibration mitigation planned in EIA/EMP Underpass not possible due to Engineering reasons 	

S. No.	Date	Venue	Issues Shared	Mitigation Measures	Remarks
			village on left side 3. Locals demanded underpass for animal crossing 4. Compensation at 2011 circle rates	• Compensation planned at market rate	
2	28-12-2011	Rithauri Village	1. Private trees requires to be cut should be compensated 2. Tree cutting should be minimized and compensatory plantation should be taken up 3. Necessary facilities for crossing such as foot over bridges should be planned	1. The compensation for private trees will be included in compensation by revenue authorities 2 The tree cutting will be limited in RoW and compensatory plantation will be taken up 3- The safety features have been planned in the design	
3	12-12-2011	Jamalpur Village	1. Compensation should be paid as per quality of land 2. The hand pumps and wells affected should be relocated in consultation with locals 3. Increased noise and safety issues	• Compensation will be decided by the revenue authorities • Wells and hand pumps in community use will be relocated in consultation with locals. • Necessary safety measures have been built in to the project design	
4	21-12-2011	Khairali Hafizpur	1- Agriculture land acquisition 2- Safety Issue for animal Crossing 3- Drainage Issue	1- Land acquisition marginal as DFC tracks planned parallel to existing on left side	

S. No.	Date	Venue	Issues Shared	Mitigation Measures	Remarks
			4 –Employment to Project affected persons	2- Adequate cross drainage structures planned 3- Cross drainage structures will act as underpass during non monsoon 4 –RUBs planned for local roads being crossed 5- The decision to provide employment has yet not been taken	
5	30-12-2011	Wair Village on Detour	1-Agriculture land acquisition for Detour 2- Borrowing of earth for construction work 3- Compensation should be paid first before taking possession	1- The detour length is small and agriculture land acquisition has been minimized 2- The earth will be procured from identified borrow areas. The borrow areas will be operated with the consent 3- compensation will be paid before taking possession of land	

SUMMARY AND MAJOR FINDINGS

1. At most places stakeholders raised the concerns about noise level and suggested to construct boundary wall as noise barrier near the rail track, schools and habitation.
2. Villagers at Jamalpur demanded that common property resources such as well hand pumps and tube wells should be relocated in consultation with locals and existing ones should be dismantled only when new ones are ready.
3. In some cases issue of children's safety was raised. They apprehended that accident will increase due to the project and birds, animals & humans would be affected. They drew attention to especially Peacock and Neelgaai. They also asked for mitigation measure against noise.
4. Villagers suggested for sufficient underpasses to cross the track so that accident involving animals/birds are avoided/reduced
5. Local residents demanded that those would be rendered landless, should be provided employment by the DFCC in addition to compensation.
6. Many participants suggested for wall near the DFC track to protect animals, human lives and reduction of noise level. Boundary wall was a major suggestion.

- 8 Majority of the queries were related to land compensation. The villagers demanded that compensation should be paid as per market rate.
- 9 Participants demanded clarification on Ministry of Railways Job announcement.

CHAPTER 10 : ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

10.1 INTRODUCTION

Environmental Management Plan is an implementation strategy to mitigate and offset the potential adverse environmental impacts of the project and enhance its positive impacts. Based on the environmental baseline conditions, planned project activities and impacts assessed earlier, this section enumerates the set of measures to be adopted in order to minimize adverse impacts. The process of implementing mitigation and compensatory measures, execution of these measures, agencies responsible for the implementation of these measures and indicative costs are discussed in this chapter.

The project has overall positive impacts by providing a competitive, cost effective, congestion free reliable mode of dedicated freight service. It will certainly reduce the load on the roads and facilitate fast transfer of goods. Railway being an eco-friendly mode will also enhance or at least will not degrade the environmental quality.

The development of DFC entails civil work, including excavation, filling, construction of RUB/ROB, bridge and cross drainage structures, and utility shifting etc., which are likely to cause adverse impacts on natural and social environment. When the impacts can not be fully avoided, appropriate mitigation measures are suggested to minimize and compensate the potential adverse impacts and enhance positive impacts. Most of the impacts are temporary in nature and are limited to the construction phase. These impacts can potentially be minimized and managed by proper planning and execution. The environmental management plans includes activities for pre-construction, construction and operation phases.

10.2 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROCESS

Environmental management is based on the potential impacts assessed for the project. Assessment of potential impacts is based on the review of secondary data substantiated by site visits i.e. environmental monitoring, public consultation, household survey and discussion with concerned Govt. Dept. The implementation of Environmental Management Plan (EMP) requires the following:-

- An organizational structure
- Assign responsibilities
- Define timings of implementation
- Define monitoring responsibilities

10.3 EMP DURING CONSTRUCTION & OPERATION

The project activities will be executed in a phased manner, pre-construction phase, construction phase and operation phase. The major activities to be undertaken are described below.

10.3.1 Design & pre-construction stage

Seismic Risk Mitigation Measure

Khurja-Dadri section falls in Seismic zone- III/IV. Therefore adequate measures will be taken during design stage for the stability of the double track section in the event of an earthquake.

Rules of Indian Railways. IRC 6, published by the Indian Road Congress, deals with highway bridges and its seismic loading provisions have been modified in 2006, to bring them in line with the IS 1893(Part 1):2002. Bureau of Indian Standards code, IS 1893(1984) has provisions for highway as well as railway bridges. Existing Bridge

Rules of the Indian Railways has derived its seismic loading provisions from IS 1893. These rules have been revised by RDSO and circulated in January, 2015. Following Codes/ Rules/ Guidelines are followed:

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10.3.2 Construction Phase

The environmental issues during construction stage generally involve environment, safety and public health issue. The contractor is required to comply with the laws with respect to environment protection, pollution prevention, forest conservation, resettlement and safety and any other applicable law. Environmental pollution during the construction phase will be less but control of pollution during this phase is of considerable importance. The EMP is an executable part of project, and the activities are to be guided, controlled, monitored and managed as per the provision provided. Following activities require attention during construction phase.

1. Land Acquisition / Diversion Plan

Acquisition of land is indispensable for construction of DFC. The proposed alignment traverses through settlements and agriculture areas. The total land acquisition is limited to 211.67 Ha. .At the outset as a part of the Land Acquisition Plan, the Right of Way (RoW) along the entire DFC alignment has to be established and confirmed from the State Forest, Agriculture and Land Revenue Departments.

- Diversion of forest land, if any(specially crossing of alignment at NH/SH) will be carried in compliance to Forest Conservation Act, 1980.
- The acquisition of land and private property shall be carried out in accordance to the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP).

It has to be ensured that all R & R activities including the payment of the compensation may be reasonably completed before construction activities start, on any section of the DFC. No construction work will start before total compensation has been paid to the PAPs.

2. Utility Shifting Plan

There are some utility services along the proposed DFC alignment such as electric lines, telephone lines, cable line, pipe lines etc which may be shifted on consultation with the concerned department before commencement of construction activity. There are road crossing with the DFC. Construction of bridges will be required to maintain their utility. These structures will be shifted in consultation with the concerned departments.

3. Construction / Labour Camp Management

- During the construction phase, the construction / labor camp will be located along the project area. Large numbers of labour are likely to move into the project area. A proper Construction Camp Development Plan will be formulated to control degradation of the surrounding landscape due to the location of the proposed construction camp. The contractor must provide, construct and maintain necessary living condition and ancillary facilities. These must be included in contract documents provided to the contractor.
- Sufficient supply of potable water shall be provided at camps and working sites. If the drinking water is obtained from the intermittent public water supply, then

storage tanks must be provided. All water supply storage may be at least 15 m away from the toilets or drains.

- Adequate and clean washing and bathing facilities must be provided that also have sufficient drainage.
- Adequate sanitary facilities shall be provided within every camp. The place must be cleaned daily and maintain strict sanitary conditions. Separate latrine shall be provided for women. Adequate supply of water must also be provided.
- The contractor must ensure that there is proper drainage system to avoid creation of stagnant water bodies.
- Periodic health check up may be conducted. These activities may be provided by the construction contractor in consultation with State Public Health Department.
- At every camp, first aid facilities with suitable transport shall be provided to take injured or ill person to the nearest hospital.
- Adequate supply of fuel in the form of kerosene or LPG may be provided to construction labourers, to avoid felling of trees for cooking and other household activities. No open fires may be allowed in camps.
- The sites shall be secured by fencing and proper lighting.
- The construction contractor may ensure that all construction equipment, Vehicle and machineries may be stored at a separate place / yard. Fuel storage and refilling areas may be located 500 m away from the water bodies and from other cross drainage structures.
- All the construction workers shall be provided with proper training to handle potential occupation hazards and on safety and health which include the following:-
 - Environmental awareness programme
 - Medical and first aid
 - Engineering controls, work practices and use of various personal protective equipment
 - Handling of raw and processed material
 - Emergency response
- Construction / labour camps may be located away from forest areas, settlements, cultural heritage and historical sites and water bodies and dry river beds.
- It shall be ensured by the construction contractor that the camp area is cleared of the debris and other wastes after the completion of construction. On completion of construction, the land and surrounding area shall be restored back to its original/organised form.

4. Borrow Area Management Plan

An appropriate Borrow Area Management Plan will be formulated to control the degradation of the surrounding landscape due to the excavation work. The national standard which applies to the manual borrowing of earth is the IRC-10:1961.

- Borrowing of earth shall not be done continuously. Slopes of edges shall be maintained not steeper than 1:2
- Top soil (15 cm) from all areas may be preserved in stockpiles and utilized for redevelopment of borrow/quarry areas.
- Borrow pit shall be developed as far as possible from the river side, where the inner edge of any borrow pit should be not less than 15 m away from the toe bank. As per as the borrow pits on the rear on landside are considered, it is to be avoided. Where it is unavoidable a berm, at least 25 m wide shall be left between borrow pits and toe bank. The toe of the bank on the rear side shall have a cover of 0.75

m to 1.25 m over the saturation line drawn at a slope of 1:6 from the high flood level on the river side.

- Borrowing of earth shall not be carried out on productive/ cultivable land. In the event that such an occasion arises, the contractor has to obtain permission from the supervising engineer.
- Sources of borrow areas will be identified by the construction contractors in consultation with Engineer.
- No borrow area will be opened without the prior permission from the local administrative bodies like Village Panchayats, State Department of Irrigation, Agriculture and State Pollution Control Board as the case may be..
- Reclamation of borrow area shall be mandatory and must be included in the agreement made with the construction contractor.
- Borrow pits may be located at least 1 km away from the villages and settlements.
- All borrow pits may be reclaimed: -
 - The quarry and borrow area shall be reclaimed back. The pits formed shall be backfilled by construction waste and site shall be stabilized.
 - Spoils may be dumped with an overlay of stocked piled top soil with respect to MoEFCC/SPCB guidelines.
 - Borrow and quarry pits can be also be developed as ponds and be used for aquaculture as per local requirement. These can also serve as park or picnic/recreation spots.
 - Landscaping of borrow and quarry area may be done, and the grasses, shrubs and tree species may be planted around the reclaimed area. Ornamental plants can also be planted on the access route.
 - Reclamation of borrow area may included in the agreement of the construction contractor.

5. Quarry Management

A guideline is prepared and annexed at 10.6 for the contractor to develop its own plan for implementation during construction.

6. Construction camps

A guideline on 'Siting, management and development of construction camps' is annexed at 10.2. The contractor will prepare its own plan and implement during construction phase.

7. Public Health and Safety

The contractor is required to comply with all the precautions required for the safety of the workmen. The contractor must comply with all regulation regarding scaffolding, ladders, working platform, excavation, etc.

- The contractor must supply safety goggles, helmets, earplugs and masks etc. to the workers and staff.
- Adequate precaution must be taken to prevent danger from electrical equipment. Necessary light and fencing must be provided to protect the public.
- All machines and equipment used for construction purposes must conform to relevant Indian Standards (IS) codes. This equipment must be free from patent defects, in good working condition, regularly inspected, and properly maintained as per IS provisions.
- All labourers working on mixing of asphaltic material, cement, lime mortars, concrete etc should be provided with protective footwear and protective goggles. Workers involved in welding work shall be provided with welder's protective eye shields.

No men below the age of 18 years or women of any age will be employed to work with paint products containing lead in any form. Face masks must be supplied to workers when they use any form of spray paint or work with surfaces that have been dry rubbed and scrapped with lead paint.

- All reasonable measures must be taken to prevent any damage to the public from fire, floods, etc.
- All necessary steps shall be taken to prompt first aid treatment for injuries that may be sustained during the course of work.
- The contractor shall conform to all anti malarial instructions, including filling up of borrow pits.
- Work that affects the use of side roads and existing accesses must not be taken without providing adequate provision. Any damage to the existing public utilities like access roads shall be restored/repared to the satisfaction of the locals.
- On completion of the works, all the temporary structures may be cleared away, all rubbish disposed, excreta and disposal pits or trenches filled in and effectively sealed off and the entire site left clean and tidy.
- Prevention to Silicosis will be undertaken as explained under 'Silicosis Reduction Strategy' is annexed at 10.1. This is also a part of 'SHE' manual enclosed to the contract document.
- DFCCIL's Safety, Health and Environment (SHE) Manual will be referred. SHE manual deals with safety during construction, relevant Acts/ Rules and electrical safety as well among others. Construction contractor will develop site specific SHE plan according for implementation.
- Safety aspects for electrical facilities will be as per electrical safety & provisions in DFCCIL's SHE Manual.

6. Traffic Management

A guideline is prepared and annexed at 10.7. The contractor needs to prepare own traffic management plan accordingly and implement during project implementation.

7. Compensatory Plantation and Green Belt Development

Forest area of 3.49 ha is being diverted for the project and involves cutting of around 2550 trees. To compensate the loss of trees, compensatory plantation of approx. 4688 trees (3688 by Forest Dept. for which payment is already made + 1000 by Contractor) are required to be done. This can be carried out in the vacant spaces of the yards, crossing stations. Forest Department will undertake compensatory afforestation on 6.98 ha of degraded forest land in lieu of 3.49 ha. reserve forest in patches which will be acquired. A plantation plan is placed as Annexure 10.5. The plantation plan will further enhance the environmental quality through

- Mitigation of air pollution problems
- Attenuation of noise level
- Maintain the Green area and improve aesthetics.

It is most important to chalk out a long-term approach to keep the air in the area clean. One such measure is using the plants for absorbing and trapping the air pollutants. The hypothesis that trees are important particulate sinks is supported by evidence obtained from studies dealing with diverse particulate matter including pollen, salt, precipitation, dust and other unspecified particles. As far as gaseous pollutants are concerned, substantial evidence is available to support the fact that plants in general, and trees in particular, function as sinks for gaseous pollutants. This is achieved through various physiological processes occurring within the plant system.

The gaseous pollutants are transferred from the atmosphere to vegetation by the combined forces of diffusion and flowing air movement. Once the gaseous pollutants

come in contact with the plants, they may be bound or dissolved on exterior surface or taken up by the plants via stomata. If the surface of the plant is wet and if the gas is water soluble, the former process can be very important. As a matter of fact, plants act as bio filters for the air pollutants and play a major role in safeguarding the environment and controlling the increasing level of air and noise pollution.

10.3.3 Operation Phase

During operation phase, the noise and vibration control along the sensitive and residential area is most important. Regular monitoring will be done for these parameters, and appropriate measures as suggested in the report shall be implemented.

10.4 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN & RESPONSIBILITIES

Table 10.1 presents summary of Environmental Management Plan (EMP) with the objective to minimize adverse environmental impacts as discussed. The table covers all possible environmental issues involved in the project and the necessary mitigation measures. Taking appropriate mitigation measures for the construction phase is the responsibility of the construction contractor, and of the construction projects' Environmental Engineer who will supervise the implementation of the EMP.

The mitigation measures during the operation phase will be implemented by Environmental Management Unit (EMU) of Railway Dept / DFCCIL, which includes an Environmental In-Charge who will supervise the implementation of EMP. Thus, the overall responsibility of the implementation of mitigation measures will be with the Construction Contractor during the construction phase and with the Railway Dept during operation phase. The details of Environmental Management Programme and Environmental Management Unit (EMU) are discussed in the subsequent paragraphs.

Table 10-1: Environmental Management Plan

S. No.	Environmental Issue	Action to be Taken	Implementa- tion By	Supervisi- on By
Pre-construction phase				
1.	Removal of Trees	2550 Trees in ROW will be felled for the project and compensatory afforestation on DFCCIL's available land will be done as per the conditions of clearance. Out of 2193 trees, 214 are fruit bearing trees, compensation will be paid as per Entitlement Matrix.	Construction contractor or other agency	DFCCIL
2.	Forest land diversion	3.49 Ha. reserve forest in patches will be diverted under FCA 1980 for the project and compensatory afforestation along with providing double area of land as per condition of FCA clearance will be done.	DFCCIL	Forest Dept.
3.	Land Acquisition /Division	211.67 Ha. land will be diverted for the project and compensation will paid as per RAA 2008 & latest land acquisition rules.	DFCCIL	Revenue Dept / DFCCIL

S. No.	Environmental Issue	Action to be Taken	Implementation By	Supervision By
4.	Seismic risk management measures	The section falls in seismic zone-III/IV. Therefore adequate measures will be taken during design stage as per relevant codes.	DFCCIL	Engineer/PMC
5.	CPRs	14 CPRs are identified as per RAP which will be relocated. Relocation shall be completed before construction work is taken up.	Construction Contractor	DFCCIL
Construction Phase				
1.	Soil	Suitable protection measures consisting of bio-engineering techniques such as plantation of grasses and shrubs & check dams, may be provided to control erosion. Borrow areas may be finalized in concern with ecological sensitivity of the area. Agriculture land should not be used as far as possible. Priority may be given to degraded area for excavation of borrow material. Rehabilitation of borrow area may be taken under the project. Construction work may be avoided during rainy season to evade erosion and spreading of loose material. Top soil removed from agricultural land may be stored separately in bunded areas and utilized during plantation or refilling of excavated area.	Construction Contractor	Engineer
2.	Water requirement	Water requirement for construction will be largely met from surface water drawn from nearby river or canal thus minimizing extraction of ground water. CGWA report of 2013 identified ground water level in the project area as semi-critical to moderate.	Construction Contractor	Engineer
3.	Water Bodies	Provision of temporary drainage arrangement due to construction activities shall be made by Contractor and suitable and strict clause shall be incorporated in General Conditions of Contract document for its effective implementation. Silt fencing shall be provided near water bodies. Proper cross drainage structure may be planned at the crossing of the canal in consultation with Irrigation Department. Proper drainage may be planned in the area to avoid water logging.	Construction Contractor	Engineer

S. No.	Environmental Issue	Action to be Taken	Implementation By	Supervision By
4.	Flora	<p>Felling of 2550 trees must be undertaken only after obtaining clearance from the Forest Dept. forest areas, Railway Dept and local bodies outside forest areas</p> <p>Trees falling outside the ROW shall not be felled.</p> <p>Compensation shall be provided before initiating construction activity.</p> <p>Labour Camps and office site may be located outside & away from Forest area</p> <p>4688 trees will be planted as compensation to trees felled. Forest Dept. will plant 3688 trees for which payment is already made & contractor will plant 1000 trees. Green belt development will be undertaken as per Tree Plantation Plan at Annexure- 10.5</p>	Construction Contractor	Engineer
5.	Fauna	<p>Crossing passages shall be made for wildlife near forest areas such as under pass followed with some plantation so that it resembles with the habitat of wildlife and facilitate crossing of wildlife in forest area.</p> <p>Closed Borrow areas can be also developed as ponds with grasses and shrubs planted around it.</p> <p>Silt fencing shall be used near water bodies to avoid runoff into the water bodies.</p> <p>Construction activity may be avoided during night hours in forest area.</p> <p>Poaching must be strictly banned in the Forest area. It may be ensured by the Contractor that no hunting or fishing is practiced at the site by any of the worker and that all site personnel are aware of the location, value and sensitivity of the wildlife resources.</p> <p>Awareness program on Environment and Wildlife Conservation may be provided to the work force. Forest Act and Wildlife Act 1972 may be strictly adhered to.</p>	Construction Contractor	Engineer
6.	Archaeological structure / article and Chance Find	<p>No ASI protected monument / structure is interfered by this DFC project. However, the contractor will remain watchful for any 'chance find' in the project area. If they notice coin, artifact, relics or structure during construction, then he will inform DFCC through PMC/Engineer. DFCCIL in</p>	Construction Contractor	Engineer

S. No.	Environmental Issue	Action to be Taken	Implementation By	Supervision By
		turn will inform ASI. Pending the decision work will remain suspended. The coil/artifact/relics will be preserved safely and will be handed over to ASI.		
Pollution Monitoring				
1.	Air	<p>Adequate dust suppression measures such as regular water sprinkling on construction sites, haul & unpaved roads particularly near habitation shall be undertaken to control fugitive dust. Plantation activity will be undertaken at the construction sites</p> <p>Workers may be provided with mask to prevent dust related problems</p> <p>Trucks carrying soil, sand and stone may be duly covered to avoid spilling.</p> <p>Low emission construction equipment, vehicles and generator sets may be used</p> <p>Plants, machinery and equipment shall be handled so as to minimize generation of dust.</p> <p>All crusher used in construction should confirm to relative dust emission devises</p> <p>Air quality monitoring may be conducted at construction sites.</p>	Construction Contractor	SPCB / Engineer
2.	Water	<p>Silt fencing may be provided near water bodies to avoid spillage of construction material.</p> <p>Discharge of waste from construction / labour camp into water bodies may be strictly prohibited.</p> <p>Construction methodologies with minimum or no impact on water quality may be adopted, disposal of construction wastes at designated sites and adequate drainage system may be provided.</p> <p>Project design may take care of irrigational canal and proper culverts may be proved so that irrigation setup is not disturbed</p> <p>Construction activity may be prohibited during</p>	Construction Contractor	-do-
3.	Soil	<p>Asphalt emulsifier must be handled with caution and any leakage detected must be immediately rectified.</p> <p>Construction work shall not be done during rainy season to avoid erosion and spreading of loose material</p>	Construction Contractor	-do-

S. No.	Environmental Issue	Action to be Taken	Implementation By	Supervision By
		Top soil removed during excavation work should be utilized stored separately in bunded area and should be utilized during plantation or refilling of excavated area.		
4.	Solid Waste	Construction work shall be carried in such a way that minimum or no solid waste is generated at construction site. Extra earth material produced may be utilized for refilling of borrow areas. Rainy season may be avoided to minimize spreading of loose materials. Solid waste management may be framed for camp areas. Dustbins may be provided in the Camps. Proper sanitation facilities must be provided in Camp by the Contractor.	Construction Contractor	-do-
5.	Noise & Vibration	Modern technologies producing low noise may be used during construction. Construction equipment's and vehicles must be in good working condition, properly lubricated and maintained to keep noise within permissible limits. Temporary noise barriers installed at settlements and forest area, if required Noise barrier shall be provided at the location specified in Chapter-7. Plantation may be carried at the work site. Head phones, ear plugs to be provided to the workers at construction site. Noise level monitoring must be conducted during construction phase. All vehicles, equipment and machinery used in construction should be fitted by exhaust silencers. Equipments shall be maintained regularly and soundproof gadgets shall be used. Portable sound barriers shall be installed near sensitive locations near settlements and Forest area, if required Provision of ear-plugs to heavy machinery operators Plantation along the DFC should be maintained.	Construction Contractor	-do-
6.	Land Subsidence	Plantation must be carried to control erosion	Construction Contractor	-do-
7.	Bottom Sediment	Silt fencing may be provided to avoid runoff into the river. Construction activity shall be taken in dry season to avoid spreading of	Construction Contractor	-do-

S. No.	Environmental Issue	Action to be Taken	Implementation By	Supervision By
		construction material and minimize impact on water quality		
Operation Phase				
1.	Maintenance Plantation	Provision for maintenance of plantation shall be made for at least three years. Plantation may be taken to replace dead sapling. Survey of survival of plants may be taken annually. Lopping of branches may be undertaken to remove obstruction, if any	DFCCIL	DFCCIL
2.	Air Quality	Plantation shall be conducted and maintained along DFC. Green belt development with proper species shall be undertaken on priority basis. AAQ monitoring at all Junction station sites and along DFC under the guidance of SPCB	DFCCIL	SPCB
3.	Water Quality	Waste Collection facility shall be provided at all Junction station. Proper drainage system shall be provided at all Junction station. Water quality monitoring at the Junction stations under the directives of SPCB	DFCCIL	SPCB
4.	Noise & Vibration	Noise and Vibration monitoring may be conducted in operation phase at Sensitive Receptors (SRs) mentioned in Chapter-7.	DFCCIL	SPCB

10.5 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

The environmental monitoring shall be undertaken during construction and operation phases as per the following details:

Table 10-2: Proposed Monitoring Programme

Construction Phase

S. No.	Environmental Component	Parameter	Standards	Location	Frequency	Implementation	Supervision
1	Air Quality	PM2.5, PM10, CO, NOx, SO2	CPCB standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khurja (km 1369.82) Wair (km 1389.95) Dadri (km 1415.69) 	3 times in a year (once in every season except monsoon) during construction period	Construction Contractor	DFCCIL/ Engineer
2	Water Quality	As per IS:10500 standards	CPCB standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karon river (km 1375.39) Khurja (1369.82) Start of Wair detour (km 1389.55) Dadri(km 1415.69) 	Once in a season During construction period (Excluding Monsoon Season)	-do-	-do-
3	Noise	Noise level on dB (A) scale	CPCB standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khurja (km 1369.82) Wair (km 1389.95) Dadri (km 1415.69) 	3 times in a year (once in every non monsoon season during construction period)	-do-	-do-
4	Soil Quality	Parameters are NPK, Sodium Absorption Ratio, Oil & Grease	CPCB Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Khurja (km 1369.82) Start of Wair Detour (km 1389.55) Dadri (km 1415.69) 	Once in a year during construction period	-do-	-do-

Operation Phase

S. No.	Environmental Component	Parameter	Standards	Location	Frequency	Implementation	Supervision
1	Noise	Noise level on dB(A) scale	CPCB standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khurja (km 1369.82) • Wair (km 1389.95) • Dadri (km 1415.69) 	3 times in a year (once in every non monsoon season) for 3 years	DFCCIL through contractor	DFCCIL
2	Ambient Air quality	PM2.5, PM10, CO, NOx, SO2	CPCB standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khurja (km 1369.82) • Wair (km 1389.95) • Dadri (km 1415.69) 	3 times in a year (once in every non monsoon season) for 3 years	-do-	-do-
3	Vibration level	Vibration on dB scale respectively	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khurja (km 1369.15) • Start of Wair Detour (km 1389.15) • Dadri (km 1415.69) 	3 times in a year (once in every non monsoon season) for 3 years	-do-	-do-
4	Plantation	Survival rate	Survival rate may be calculated annually. Minimum 75% survival should be maintained. Any loss should be made up during monsoon	At compensatory afforestation site and along Khurja-Dadri Section of EDFC	Annually for 3 years	-do-	-do-

10.6 ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK

The proposed project will be implemented by DFCC through its Environmental Management Unit (EMU). The EMU will be coordinating with the field level implementing agencies such as the Independent Engineer, Contractor and field level DFCC officials. Role and responsibilities of important officials is mentioned below.

Table 10-3: Roles and Responsibilities of Officers

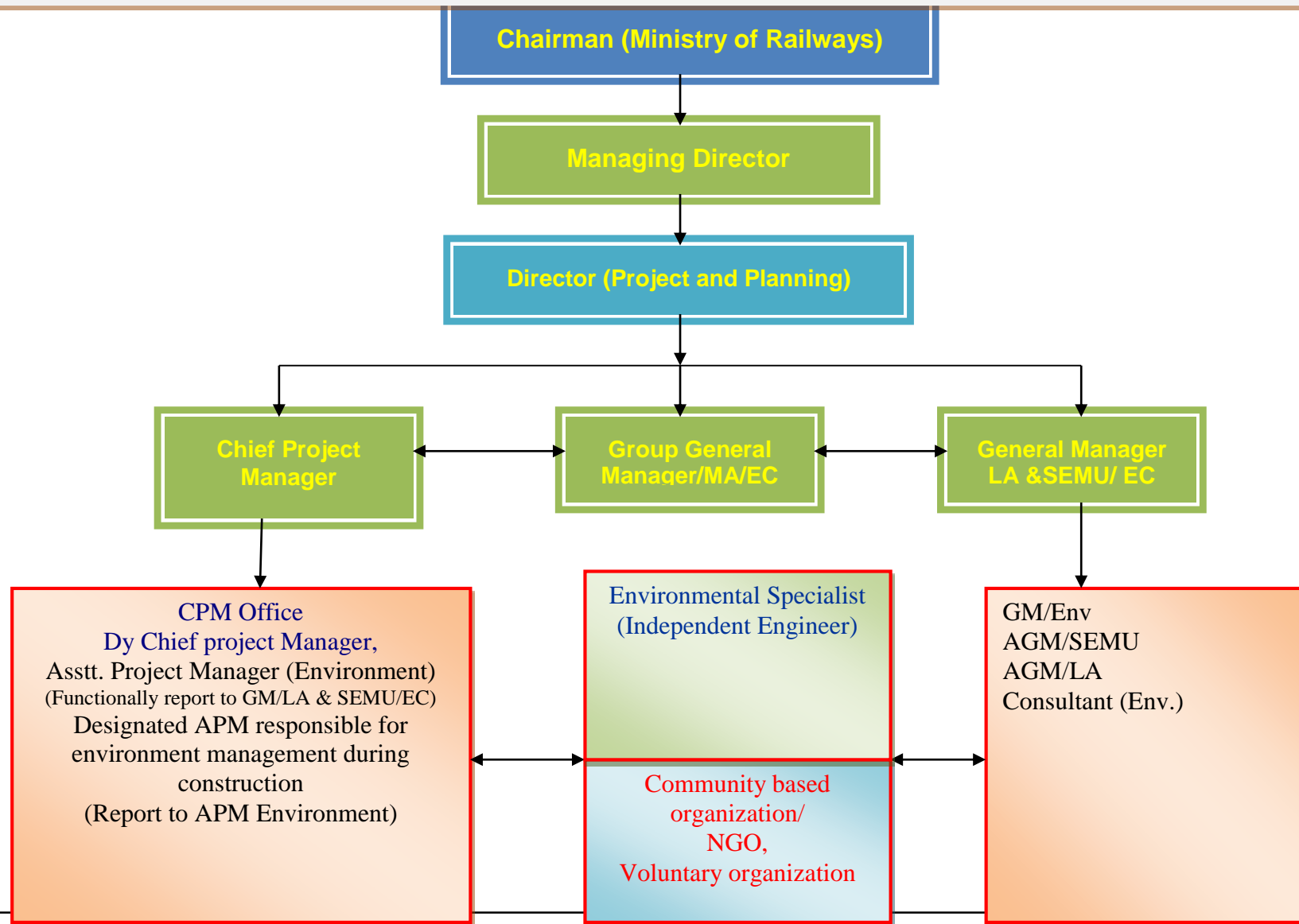
Officer	Responsibility
General Manager/ LA & SEMU/EC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the project implementation • Ensure timely budget for the EMP. • Coordination with different state level committee, to obtain regulatory clearances. • Participate in state level meetings • Monthly review of the progress. • Reporting to various stakeholders (World Bank, Regulatory bodies) on status of EMP implementation
Chief Project Manager (DFCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall responsible for EMP implementation • Coordination with PIU Staff (EMU & DFCC). • Responsible for obtaining regulatory Clearances • Review of the progress made by contractors • Ensure that BOQ items mentioned in EMP are executed as per Contract provisions.
Deputy Chief Project Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting need-based site inspection and preparing compliance reports and forwarding the same to the Environmental Management Unit (EMU) • Programming necessary training program on environmental issues.
Engineer (Supervision Consultant/ PMC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as an "Engineer" for supervising EMP implementation • Responsible for maintaining quality of EMP envisioned in detail Project Report • Maintaining progress reports on EMP implementation • Periodic reporting to PIU-DFCC about the status of EMP implementation • Work in close coordination with Asst. Project Manager (package unit) and contractor.
Asst. Project Manager (Environment) CPM's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working as site-representative of Chief Project Manager • Conducting regular site inspection to all onsite and offsite works • Maintaining records of all necessary statutory compliance, to be obtained from contractor. • Maintaining records of EMP implementation including photographic records • Attending environmental and social training programs • Preparing periodic reports on EMP implementation and forwarding to EE

Officer	Responsibility
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APM (Env) will technically report to GM/SEMU at DFCC HQ
Designated APM (Env)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He will be responsible for implementation and monitoring of EMP, safeguard policies of WB and report to APM (Env).
Environment & Safety Manager of Contractor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As detailed below

For ensuring that EMP is implemented as per provision in the document, Contractor shall nominate a qualified and experienced Manager from the commencement to completion of the project.

The responsibilities of Environment & Safety Manager of Contractor will include the following:

- Directly reporting to the Project Manager of the Contractor;
- Discussing various environmental/social issues and environmental/social mitigation, enhancement and monitoring actions with all concerned directly or indirectly;
- Prepare Contractor's Checklist, traffic management plan and safety plan as part of their Work Program;
- Ensure Contractor's compliance with the ESMF stipulations and conditions of statutory bodies;
- Assist the project manager to ensure social and environmentally sound and safe construction practices;
- Conducting periodic environmental and safety training for contractor's engineers, supervisors and workers along with sensitization on social issues that may be arising during the construction stage of the project;
- Preparing a registers for material sources, labour, pollution monitoring results, public complaint/grievance redress, and as directed by the Engineer;
- Assisting the DFCC on various environmental monitoring and control activities including pollution monitoring;
- Preparing and submitting monthly/bio-monthly reports to DFCC on status of implementation safeguard measures ; and
- Will be responsible for getting and maintaining the approvals or clearance for various departments and Environmental office.

ORGANIZATION FRAMEWORK EMP IMPLEMENTATION BY DFCCIL

10.7 ENVIRONMENTAL BUDGET

The cost of compliance of environmental issues must be included in the Bill of Quantity for the implementation of EMP, although most of the aspects will be covered under the head engineer such as:

- Embankment
- Sign boards along construction sites
- Noise barrier
- Underpass for animals
- Culverts for irrigation canals

However, there are issues that are independently covered under the Environmental Budget such as plantation along DFC, monitoring, enhancement measures, noise barrier, sanitation facility at labour camp, and solid waste disposal at site. The shifting and enhancement cost of sensitive receptors such as temple, school, health facilities, etc shall be covered in R & R under community development. Mitigation measures proposed in the EMP will be implemented by the contractor. The works to be undertaken by the contractor have been quantified and the quantities included in the respective BOQ items such as earth works, slope protection, noise barriers, road safety features and shrub plantation.

Provisional quantities have also been included for additional measures that may be identified during construction and for site fencing, which will depend on the contractors work methods and site locations. Items and quantities have also been included for enhancement measures.

More general environmental management measures to be followed by the contractor have been included in the specifications and in this EMP. These cannot be quantified and are to be included in the contract rates.

The budgetary provisions for the implementation of the environmental management plan of the project are presented in **Table 10.4**

Table 10-4: Cost Estimates for Environmental Management

Sl. No.	Item	Unit	Rate (in INR)	Quantity	Cost (in INR)	Remarks
A. PRE-CONSTRUCTION PHASE						
1.	Tree Felling Permission	Number	100	2550	2,55,000	Covered under regulatory clearances
2.	Forest Clearance and land diversion cost	ha	-	3.49 Ha	8,58,000	Covered under forest clearances & as per conditions
3.	Acquisition of land required for construction	Ha	-	211.67	126,39,00,000	Covered under project LA cost
4.	Utility Shifting	-	-	LS	50,00,000	Covered under regulatory clearances, engineering cost
Sub-Total (A)					127,00,48,700	
B. CONSTRUCTION PHASE						
1.	Mitigation Measures other than Good Engineering practices					
1.1	Oil interceptors at camps	Number	30,000	4	1,20,000	Will be provided near storage, vehicle repair section in construction camp
1.2	Soak pits for construction camp	Number	20,000	2	40,000	
2.	Tree Plantation and Protection					
2.1	Avenue plantation including compensatory plantation					
2.1.1	Plantation with brickguard and maintenance of 4386 trees for 3 years (100% survival)	Number	2000	4688	93,76,000	
2.1.2	Permanent protective tree guard	Number	1750	4688	82,04,000	
3.	Monitoring of Environmental Attributes during Construction Phase					
3.1	Monitoring of Air Quality	Per sample	10,000	45	4,50,000	

Sl. No.	Item	Unit	Rate (in INR)	Quantity	Cost (in INR)	Remarks
3.2	Monitoring of Water Quality	Per sample	6,000	60	3,60,000	
3.3	Monitoring of Noise Level	Per sample	3,000	45	1,35,000	
3.4	Monitoring of Soil Quality	Per sample	6,000	45	2,70,000	
3.5	Vibrations	Per sample	20,000	20	4,00,000	
Sub Total (B)					1,93,55,000	
C. ITEMS COVERED UNDER THE RAP BUDGET						
1.	Relocation of private properties			LS	10,00,000	Covered under RAP Budget
2.	Relocation of private water points (wells, tanks, water taps and hand pumps)			LS	5,00,000	
3.	Relocation of graveyards, statues, motor sheds			LS	10,00,000	
4.	Relocation of other community assets including temples, majar, mosque, school etc.			LS	10,00,000	
Sub Total (C)					35,00,000	
D. OPERATION PHASE						
1.	Monitoring of Noise Level	Per sample	3,000	27	81,000	Initial Three years Monitoring
2.	Monitoring of vibration Level	Per sample	30,000	7	2,10,000	Initial 3 years Monitoring
3	Monitoring of Air quality	Per sample	10,000	10	1,00,000	Initial 3 years Monitoring
4	Monitoring of water quality	Per sample	6000	27	1,62,000	Initial 3 years Monitoring

Sl. No.	Item	Unit	Rate (in INR)	Quantity	Cost (in INR)	Remarks
5	Monitoring of soil quality	Per sample	6000	10	60,000	Initial 3 years Monitoring
6.	Noise mitigation measures in form of noise barrier at sensitive receptors and habitations	m	5,000	200	10,00,000	
		relocation	10,00,000	2	20,00,000	
Sub Total (D)					36,13,000	
E. GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICES						
1.	Dust suppression			LS	6,50,000	Covered under contractors quoted rate under construction cost
2.	Erosion control measures (Turving / Pitching / Seeding & Mulching)			LS	2,50,000	
3.	Provision of cross drainage & side drainage structures			LS	2,00,000	
4.	General borrow area management and maintenance of haul road related to borrow areas			LS	7,50,000	
5.	Air / noise pollution control measures in construction equipments			LS	50,000	
6.	Management and disposal of scarified waste bituminous material			LS	50,000	
7.	Provision of inforatory signs			LS	30,000	
8.	Cattle crossings			LS	1,00,000	
9.	Management of quarries			LS	30,00,000	
10.	Redevelopment of borrow area			LS	1,50,000	
11.	Construction camp management cost			LS	10,00,000	
12.	Safety measures for workers			LS	1,00,000	
Sub Total (E)					63,30,000	
F. TRAINING & MANPOWER						

Sl. No.	Item	Unit	Rate (in INR)	Quantity	Cost (in INR)	Remarks
1.	Training	Number	100,000	4	4,00,000	Twice in a year during construction period
2.	Provision of environmental expert	Number	100,000	2	2,00,000	
Sub Total (F)					6,00,000	
G.Common Property Resources						
1.	Relocation/ Compensation for CPRs	Number		14	24,00,000	CPR relocation included in RAP Report.
Sub Total					24,00,000	
Grand Total (A+B+C+D+E+F+G)					130,58,46,700 say, 1305 million	

Annexure 10-1

Silica Exposure Reduction Strategies for Dedicated Freight Corridor – EDFC Project

PART 1 – GENERAL APPLICATION

1.1 Description

- A. This addendum specifies minimum environmental health and safety equipment, practices and procedures to minimize exposures to airborne silica dust during quarry operations, stone crushing, transport, and site construction. The scope of this section is limited to dust controls and employee protection in these environments.
- B. This addendum shall take precedence over overlapping requirements in the Technical Specification unless otherwise stated.
- C. This document is an integral part of the contract and the contractor has the responsibility to fully implement it. Any request to deviate from any specified requirement shall be made in writing to the project sponsor.
- D. This addendum supplements all local, regional and national laws and regulations concerning the location, environmental emissions, and occupational safety in these operations. If regulatory requirements are more stringent, or require more frequent verification than outlined in this standard, then the regulatory provisions shall take precedence and become the de facto requirement in that jurisdiction.
- E. Contractor(s) shall provide a copy of the licensing documentation (NOC/ Consent to Establish) for each facility from where they purchase crushed stone including each quarry, stone crusher mill, and hot mix plant indicating they meet all applicable requirements.

1.2 General Site Requirements Quarries:

- Operator must establish a reliable source of water with adequate capacity and pressure to run all dust suppression systems at the quarry site;
- Operator must establish a reliable source of power for all mechanical equipment at the stone quarry site;
- Residential areas and temporary employee housing must be located a minimum of 100 meters from any quarrying operations;
- Stone drilling, cutting and conveying operations shall be equipped with either continuous wet suppression system or dry dust collectors designed and operated per minimum requirements below.
- Dust controls in quarries must include water fed compressed air drilling equipment, enclosed screens; enclosed transfer points, covered conveyors, and chutes.
- Wet the surface of rock materials with a hose before blasting operations.

1.3 General Site Requirements Stone Crusher Mills and Hot Mix Plants:

- A. Contractor shall submit a detailed plan for any temporary stone crusher or hot mix plant sites intended to be utilized for this project. The plan shall show adjacent areas within 100 meters and depict all structures and roadways. All temporary sites must meet

all requirements specified in this addendum and must obtain a Consent to Establish/ (NOC) from the applicable authorities.

B. Temporary or permanent stone crusher sites or hot mix plants must meet all of the following requirements:

- Site must be at least 250 meters from National and State Highways and 500 meters from schools, educational institutions and religious places.
- Establish green belt zone as required by applicable local requirements;
- Residential areas and temporary employee housing must be located a minimum of 200 meters from any stone crushing equipment or operations;
- Operator must establish a reliable source of water with adequate capacity and pressure to run all dust suppression systems installed at the stone crusher site;
- Operator must establish a reliable source of electricity for powering all mechanical equipment and pollution controls installed at the stone crusher site;
- Crushing, screening, and conveying operations shall be equipped with either continuous wet suppression system or dry dust collectors designed and operated per minimum requirements below.
- Crushing, screening, and conveying operations must be enclosed with sheet metal or other rigid material. Do not use cloth or plastic enclosures.
- Roadways inside the crusher mill shall be metalled, paved or otherwise treated with chemical suppressants for dust suppression.
- Waste dust materials from stone crushing operations shall be stored in closed containers or closed structures.
- Lorries exiting the site must be cleaned with shovel and broom to minimize dust being tracked off site.
- Minimize drop heights to storage piles;
- Windbreak walls that are at least six times longer than its height shall be in place.
- Regularly remove and safely dispose of waste materials (rock dust) from the plant site in covered lorries;
- Fugitive emissions including emissions from stockpiles, conveyors and other areas shall be minimized as far as practicable. Emissions from these sources shall be substantially free from visible dust emission.

1.4 General Site Requirements Construction Sites:

The following requirements shall be implemented during the following operations:

- Stockpiling;
- Earth moving/ earth works, grading, and leveling;
- Transfer from stock pile to work site;
- Final placement; and
- Laying the track.
- Operator must establish a reliable source of water with adequate capacity and for all dust suppression required at the construction site;
- Regularly remove and safely disposing of waste materials (rock dust) from the site in covered lorries;
- Waste dust materials from stone crushing operations if used for fill shall be covered within 4 hours;
- Minimize spillage of raw materials. Promptly clean up all spillage and accumulations of dust.

- Fugitive emissions including emissions from stockpiles and other areas shall be minimized as far as practicable. Emissions from these sources shall be substantially free from visible dust emission.

1.5 General Environmental Protection:

The Contractor shall take steps to protect the environment and surrounding populations from silica dust hazards. Ensure that the water required for dust suppression operations is sourced from a supply that will not impact the quality or availability of water in the surrounding environment. Follow all State requirements for siting criteria and obtain consent from applicable state pollution control board. Ensure that emissions, surface discharges and site closure practices shall comply with all applicable laws including but not limited to:

- The water (prevention and control of pollution) act 1974; no. 6 of 1974.
- The air (prevention and control of pollution) act, 1981; no. 14 of 1981.

Part 2 - Technical Requirements to Minimize Airborne Dust Emissions

2.1 General

The handling of raw materials, products, wastes or by-products should be carried out as to minimize the release of airborne dust. Use Table 1 below for guidance in employing dust suppression methods.

Table 1: Feasible Control Measures for Open Dust Sources

Fugitive Emission Control Measure

Source	Enclosures	Wet Suppression	Chemical Stabilization	Green Belt	Surface Cleaning	Wind Break Walls
Unpaved roadways and staging areas		X	X			
Storage piles	X	X	X			X
Stone crushing operations	X	X		X	X	X
Paved roadways and staging areas					X	
Exposed areas	X	X	X	X		X
Batch drop operations	X	X				X
Continuous drop operations	X	X				X

2.2 Wet Methods: Water spray Dust Suppression Systems for Stone Crushing Mills

Details of system components for all stone crusher facilities:

- A. Minimum number and locations of pressure spray nozzles:
 - 1 nozzle on the top of the crusher
 - 2 nozzles at the delivery point of crushing material
 - 1 nozzle on the bottom of the vibrator screen or rotary screen
 - 2 nozzles within the storage hopper
 - 1 nozzle at the delivery point of raw materials
 - 1 nozzle at the bottom of the dust hopper
- B. A water pump with adequate motor horsepower and discharge pressure as required for optimal performance of spray nozzles.
- C. Covered water storage tank, with a manhole type maintenance provision. The cover should prevent atmospheric dust from entering the tank. The tank can be located at the ground level. Water from a bore well or other source could be pumped to fill the tank periodically.
- D. Centrifugal monoblock type self-priming pump capable of delivering 3 to 5 kg/cm² pressure and 72 liters per minute.
- E. 100 stainless steel mesh online water filter with two parallel cells. Parallel cells should be set up in order for to allow connections to be reversed such that one cell undergoes backwash cleaning while the other cell is in operation. Only filtered water should be supplied to the spray nozzles.
- F. Chemical surfactants or wetting agents may be added to water used in the spraying systems.
- G. All spraying systems used for dust suppression shall be maintained in good condition. The flow rate and operating pressure of the spraying liquid/solution shall be sufficient to suppress dust emissions from the corresponding sources. The spraying system shall be able to cover the areas of emission points concerned.
- H. All water spray equipment shall be operational during all stone crushing operations at the site.
- I. No domestic showers, sprinklers, or other general water spray devices may be substituted for pressure misting nozzles. Nozzles may be hollow cone, solid cone or fan type.

2.3 Dry Methods: Dust Extraction Systems for Stone Crusher Mills/ Hot Mix Plants

Details of system components:

- A. Minimum requirements for dry dust capture and collection systems:
 - Hood or enclosure to capture emissions;
 - Dust collector that separates particulates (e.g. centrifugal dust collectors); and
 - Duct to transport particulates in air stream from dust collector to air pollution control device (e.g. baghouse).
- B. Capture hoods shall be installed over all crusher units and screens. Enclosures shall surround all sources of dust to the extent possible.

- C. Dust collector shall be connected in-line via an enclosed duct to a cyclone and baghouse for dust removal.
- D. Air handling system shall be a suitable size to prevent the escape of untreated airborne dust. Maintain minimum airflow as per design. A minimum draft velocity of 1 meter/ second shall be maintained through all open hoods.
- E. Inspect bag filters routinely and at least once per month for damage and clean, repair or replace as needed.

2.4 Dust Containment Enclosures for Stone Crusher Mills and Hot Mix Plants:

Particulate emissions shall be controlled by installing dust containment enclosures at the following locations:

- A. Primary crusher discharge area
Enclosure shall cover discharge areas to all conveyor belts or secondary crusher.
- B. Vibratory screen
All vibratory screens shall be totally enclosed. Screen houses shall be rigid and reasonably dust tight with self-closing doors or close-fitted entrances and exits for access. Where conveyors pass through the screen house, flexible covers should be installed at entries and exits of the conveyors to the housing.
- C. Conveyor belts (optional)
The enclosures should be complete from all the four sides and roof. There should not be any open windows/openings etc. Any opening should be kept closed during operation. The gaps should be sealed using gaskets or wool type packing etc. Crusher enclosures shall be rigid and be fitted with self-closing doors and close-fitting entrances and exits. Where conveyors pass through the crusher enclosures, flexible covers should be installed at entries and exits of the conveyors to the enclosure.
- D. Inlet hopper
The inlet hopper shall be enclosed on three sides.
- E. Rotary dryer
The plant rotary dryer in a hot mix plant.

Malfunctioning or breakdown of equipment leading to abnormal emissions shall be dealt with promptly. In any case, the abnormal emission due to equipment failure shall be stopped as soon as practicable. The dust collection system shall be routinely inspected and maintained in good condition and shall be used as required. The owner shall conduct an inspection of the dust control system at least once per month.

2.5 Minimize Fugitive Dust From Roadways and Stock Piles

Minimize fugitive dust emissions from all sites where crushed rock is stored. Particulate emissions from unpaved roads and stock piles shall be controlled with the application of suitable compounds to minimize the control of dust. Petroleum-based products, waste oils or other waste products shall never be used for this purpose. Acceptable compounds for this purpose include:

- Acrylic polymers;
- Solid recycled asphalt;
- Chloride compounds (calcium chloride and magnesium chloride);
- Lignin compounds (lignin sulfate and lignin sulfonate powders);
- Natural oil resins (soybean oil); and
- Organic resin emulsions.

Contractor shall provide a product information sheet prepared by the manufacturer or distributor indicating the chemical composition, application instructions, and other environmental, safety and health considerations 30 days in advance of its intended application to Engineer's Representative. The product information shall be reviewed and approved in writing before the contractor proceeds to apply it on the project site.

2.6 Minimize Fugitive Dust From Heavy Equipment and Road Transport Vehicles

Minimize fugitive dust emissions from all vehicles when loading, unloading and operating vehicles on project sites, staging areas, or stone crusher mills. Settled dust and particulate emissions from lorries used to transport stone or waste products generated in stone crushing operations, and other heavy construction vehicles, shall be minimized in accordance with the following practices:

Lorries shall be filled with the material using wet methods. Load waste fine materials and powders onto tankers or closed trucks through a lengthy sleeve attached to the spout to minimize drop height and dust release.

Lorries once filled with stone or other waste materials shall be covered before leaving the site. A single layer impermeable tarp shall be placed over the entire load and secured with rope or other tension bar.

Designate a decontamination area that is required to be used by all vehicles before exiting the site. This area shall be covered with an impervious tarp. Use wet methods to wipe all accessible exterior surfaces of vehicles and tires.

Impose strict speed limits for all vehicles operating on service roads, loading areas, or staging areas.

2.7 Minimize Fugitive Dust During Rock Quarry Operations

Particulate emissions shall be controlled during drilling, blasting, loading, and hauling with wet methods using surfactants applied in either water or foam spray.

Dust controls for stone drilling shall use water fed into the compressed air to suppress the dust.

2.8 Work Practices for Reducing Employee Exposures

This section pertains to all activities with potential for dust exposure to workers employed in quarries, stone crusher units, hot mix plants, and construction sites.

Use wet methods where feasible to reduce dust emissions from working surface or equipment.

Use a gentle spray or mist to moisten settled dust particles. When washing large quantities of dust from a surface, increase the water force only after pre-wetting all the dust with a gentle spray. Use only the minimum amount of water needed to get the job done without creating runoff.

Rewet surfaces as necessary to control dust.

Part 3 - Technical Requirements for Worker Medical Surveillance

3.1 General

This section pertains to workers employed in quarries, stone crusher units, and hot mix plants.

3.2 Medical Monitoring

Medical monitoring shall be conducted for each worker before the start of work and at Least annually thereafter. Examination shall as a minimum meet requirements as set forth below:

Examination

1. The employer shall ensure that all medical examinations and procedures are performed by a licensed physician, and are provided at no cost to the employee and at a reasonable time and place.
2. Persons employed under the licensed physicians may administer the pulmonary function testing, chest x-ray or other testing procedures required by this section if adequately trained by an appropriate academic or professional institution.
3. A physical examination directed to the pulmonary system, including a chest x-ray to be administered and pulmonary function tests of forced vital capacity (FVC) and forced expiratory volume at one second (FEV(1)). Interpretation and classification of chest roentgenograms shall be conducted in accordance with ILO classification system. Interpretation of the chest x-ray shall be conducted under the ILO Classification of Radiographs of Pneumoconiosis by a reader trained under this protocol. Evaluate chest x-ray for possible tuberculosis because people exposed to silica have increased susceptibility.

Report from Medical Examination: A report must be submitted from all medical examinations conducted within the last 12 months to document compliance with this medical surveillance requirement for each worker employed in quarries and stone crusher units. Submit, at a minimum, for each worker the following:

Name and Employee Identification Number

Physician's Written Opinion from examining physician including at a minimum the following:

- Whether worker has any detected medical conditions that would place the worker at an increased risk of material health impairment from exposure to silica.
- A statement that the worker may wear a negative pressure respirator or any recommended limitations on the worker or on the use of personal protective equipment such as respirators.
- Statement that the worker has been informed by the physician of the results of the medical examination and of any medical conditions that may result from dust exposure.

3.3 Record Keeping

1. The employer shall establish and maintain accurate records of medical surveillance to include the physician's written opinion on each employee's health status.
2. Records shall be maintained for at least the duration of the contract period.
3. A copy of each employee's records must be provided to the affected employee who has undergone the medical surveillance stipulated above within 30 days of the date of the examination.

Part 4 - Requirements for Employee Training

4.1 General

A. This section pertains to all workers employed in quarries, stone crusher units, hot mix plants, and any construction workers using powered tools or equipment to cut, grind, core, or drill concrete or masonry materials. The training provided under this section shall be provided to workers at no cost to these employees and in a language understood by workers at each training program. The course shall be taught by an environmental health and safety specialist with adequate education, experience and training.

B. Incorporate general information about silica dust hazards in all orientation and site training sessions covering health or safety aspects.

4.2 Training Topics

The employer shall provide training on the following topics to all employees prior to their assignment to jobs where the employer will be conducting these operations during this project:

A. The potential health hazards of exposure to airborne silica dust including silicosis, tuberculosis, lung cancer, chronic obstructive lung disease (COPD) and decreased lung function.

B. Methods used by the employer to control employee exposures to airborne silica dust including wet or dry methods for stone crushing, drilling, cutting, local exhaust ventilation systems, and isolation of the process from employees by means of distance, enclosure, or other means, as applicable.

C. Proper use and maintenance of dust reduction systems, including the safe handling and disposal of waste materials.

D. The importance of good personal hygiene and housekeeping practices when working in proximity to silica dust including:

- Not smoking tobacco products; appropriate methods of cleaning up before eating, and appropriate methods of cleaning clothes.
- Avoiding, to the extent practical, activities that would contribute significantly to exposure to airborne dusts.

Part 5 – WORKER PROTECTION

5.1 General

Contractors shall supply respirators and other specified safety equipment to all workers employed in quarries, stone crusher units, hot mix plants, and any construction workers using powered tools or equipment to cut, grind, core, or drill concrete or masonry materials as described below:

A. Do not eat, drink, smoke, chew gum or smoke tobacco in the work area. To eat, drink, chew, or smoke, workers shall follow the procedures described below and leave the work area.

B. Provide workers with a clean source of water for a facility to wash hands and face with soap and water. This should be done before eating, smoking or drinking and at the end of the day before going home. Hand washing facilities shall be set up adjacent to the work area.

C. Engineering and work practice controls must be used whenever the possibility exists that employees may be exposed to silica including during stone crushing and construction operations.

D. The use of compressed air, dry sweeping, or any cleaning method that would cause Elevated silica dust air concentrations are prohibited.

5.2 Respiratory Protection

Minimum Respiratory Protection: Require that the minimum level of respiratory protection used be Respirator Class FFP3 under European standard EN 143 or N99 under the U.S. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) classification. Respirators shall be single use disposal respirators for dusts or reusable half-face air-purifying respirators with high efficiency particulate air filters.

Require that a respirator be worn by anyone in a Work Area at all times during any operation. Do not allow the use of surgical masks or other types of disposable respirators not specified above for any purpose.

Fit testing shall be conducted on any reusable air-purifying respirator assigned to the worker. Only assign respirators to workers medically approved to wear negative pressure respirators as per the physicians written opinion following an annual medical examination as per the requirements in Part 3 of this addendum.

5.3 Protective Equipment

Do not allow workers to leave the work place wearing any clothing or equipment worn during the work shift. Provide the following:

A). Eye Protection: Provide eye protection as needed for the type of work being performed.

B). Shoes: Provide shoes to all workers and require that they be worn at all times in the Work Area.

C). Hearing protection: Provide all workers at all quarries, stone crushing sites, and hot mix plants and all other workers exposed to loud noise with ear plugs or other suitable hearing protection.

Part 6 - EMISSION AND AMBIENT AIR LIMITS

6.1 General

Contractors shall conduct all required emissions monitoring as required to prove compliance with all applicable State Pollution Control Board Regulations and the limits specified within this section. This section applies to all permanent and temporary stone crushing mills and hot mix plants.

6.2 Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM)

The Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM) at a distance of 40 meters from a stone crusher unit in a cluster should be less than 600 microgrammes per cubic metre ($\mu\text{g}/\text{Nm}^3$). The concentration of total particulate matter in any contained emissions to air, for example the bag filter exhaust air outlet, shall not exceed 150 microgrammes per cubic metre ($150 \mu\text{g}/\text{Nm}^3$). The introduction of dilution air to achieve the emission concentration limits shall not be permitted.

Monitoring of the 24-hour average concentration of the total suspended particulate and/or respirable suspended particulate in ambient air shall be conducted at the site boundary and/or any other locations to be agreed by the Authority. SPM sampling shall conform to the United State Environmental Protection Agency's Reference Method for the Determination of Suspended Particulate Matter in the Atmosphere (High-volume Method) and shall be conducted at a frequency of not less than once every 6 months.

Part 7 – Chain-of-custody for Crushed Stone

7.1 General

Contractor shall maintain records of suppliers for each load of crushed stone brought to the construction site with the procedures as outlined below. Such records shall be collected at a central location at least monthly during the duration of the project and be available for inspection by Engineer's Representative.

7.2 Supplier Validation

Contractor shall maintain records of all suppliers and all internally sourced supplies of crushed stone brought to the construction site to include:

- Name of supplier;
- Location of stone crusher operation;
- Location and name of the quarry;
- Proof of registration and consent from the applicable Mining Department;
- Proof of registration and consent for operation from applicable Pollution Control Board;
- The supplied material size and quantity (by weight or volume);
- Date and specific location material was brought to site.

Part 8 – Restoration of temporary stone crusher sites

8.1 General

This section applies to the removal of any temporary stone crusher sites established and used during the duration of the project. During operation all temporary operations shall meet the requirements specified in Parts 1 and 2 above.

8.2 Equipment removal

Temporary equipment shall be cleaned before being taken down and prepared for off site transport. Clear off all temporary structures and garbage.

8.3 Site restoration

Remove all debris and visible accumulations of dust from ground surfaces. Cover all bare soil surfaces with vegetation or pavement to reduce exposure to residual silica dust.

ANNEXURE- 10.2**GUIDELINES FOR SITING, MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF CONSTRUCTION CAMPS****A. OVERVIEW**

Construction camp accommodates a mix of activities, which are highly polluting in nature causing considerable environmental impact and its proper siting, management and redevelopment is crucial to avoid, minimize and mitigate those impacts. The EMP clearly distinguishes between various impacts that may occur at various stages of the camp like

- Siting,
- Setting up,
- Operation and
- Closure / redevelopment and provide respective mitigation measures to some extent.

In addition to that, this guideline has been prepared to provide the Contractor with comprehensive and systematic information on the various steps to be undertaken during these four stages, so that s/he can execute his/her role in an environmentally sound manner. Various mitigation measures have been synthesized into this guideline so that it serves as a single and stand alone document for the Contractor.

B. CRITERIA FOR SITING THE CAMP

To the extent, possible barren land or wastelands shall be preferred during site selection and fertile land and agricultural land shall be avoided. All such sites must be above the HFL with adequate drainage facility. In areas prone to floods, cyclones, cloudbursts or heavy rainfall, selection of the site should be made keeping in mind the safety of the camp and the workers. In addition, the Contractor should take care of the following criteria for locating the site:

- A minimum of 250 m away from any major settlement or village in downwind direction.
- A minimum of 200 m of any major surface water course or body
Not within 500 m from ecologically sensitive areas like wildlife sanctuary, mangroves etc.
- Sufficiently wide access roads (at least 5.5 m Wide) for heavy vehicle movements

After identification of the site the Contractor should prepare site details and submit the same for approval to the Project Management Consultants (PMC) without which any activity shouldn't be started on the site.

C. FINALIZATION OF SELECTED SITES

After identification of the site, the Contractor shall submit details of site (such as location map, distances from habitations, water bodies, ecological sensitive areas, etc.) and submit the same for approval to the PMC. Environmental Engineer of PMC shall approve the selected site/s, after considering the compliance with the EMP clauses. No agreements or payments shall be made to the landowner/s prior to receipt of a written approval from the PMC. Any consequence of rejection prior to the approval shall be the responsibility of the contractor and shall be made good at his own cost. After obtaining a written approval from the PMC for the selected site, the contractor has to enter into an agreement with the landowner to obtain his/her consent before commencing any operation / activities in the land. The agreement should also mention its type, duration, amount and mode of payment as well as the preferences of the owner regarding site maintenance and redevelopment.

D. DESIGNING OF CAMP / PREPARATION OF LAYOUT PLAN

The contractor should design a layout plan of the camp with adequate space for

- (i) site office along with store room, rest area and sanitary facilities,
- (ii) plants, machineries,
- (iii) workshops,
- (iv) vehicle washing area,

- (v) fuel handling area,
- (vi) room for raw material unloading and stocking,
- (vii) space for storage and handling of solid wastes,
- (viii) Concrete batching plant, (ix) mixing plant,
- (x) security cabin etc.

The laying out of these should be undertaken in such a manner that it facilitates smooth functioning of both man and machine. Fuel pumps, storage facility for inflammable and hazardous chemicals/ materials shall be provided inside the camp, but at a safe distance from office. Electric safety practices shall be integrated/ incorporated during the lay-out plan preparation.

Prevailing wind direction shall be kept in mind while planning out the lay-out of internal facilities. Cutting of trees should be minimum and the existing ones need to be integrated into the lay-out plan with proper planning. The roads within the camp should be well planned with adequate space for movement of vehicles and their parking.

E. SETTING UP OF CONSTRUCTION CAMP

(i) Site preparation: The stripping, stacking and preservation of top soil will be mandatory in case of farm lands and fertile areas and absolutely no material stacking or equipment installment or vehicle parking or any other activity should be allowed prior to the satisfactory completion of this activity as per guidelines in EMP. Thereafter, the site should be graded and rendered free from depressions such that the water does not get stagnant anywhere. A compound wall of 2.4 m height should be constructed all around the camp to prevent the trespassing of humans and animals. The approved layout plan should be strictly adhered to while setting up the camp.

(ii) Setting up of plants and machineries: Adequate arrangements should be made for avoiding fugitive emissions from plants and camp premises. This will include (a) control of air pollution through provision of in-built dust extraction systems like bag filter, damper and cyclone filter for bitumen hot mix plant, (b) a chimney of appropriate height (as per SPCB guideline) from ground level attached with dust extraction system and scrubber for the hot mix plant, (c) a chimney of appropriate height for the DG set (d) water sprinkling facilities for the concrete batching plant, wet mix macadam plant as well as in the camp premises and (e) garden net to prevent fugitive emissions from storage place of cement and aggregates. It has to be also ensured that effluent from the sludge tank of the scrubber is recycled and reused and the sludge is used for land filling with top soil spread on it.

To ensure that noise levels are within the limit, all plants and machineries should have their own silencers or any other noise control devices. All pollution control devices should be provided with backup power. Following conditions should be complied regarding the sound level conditions:

The sound level (L_{eq}) measured at a distance of 1 m from the boundary of the site shall not exceed 55dB (A) during day time (6am - 6pm) and 45 dB (A) during night time (6 pm - 6am).

The total sound power level of the DG set shall be less than $96 + 10 \log_{10}(kVA)$ dB(A) where kVA is the nominal power rating of DG set.

The DG set shall be provided with acoustic enclosure/acoustic treatment with an insertion loss of minimum 25 dB (A).

The DG set shall be provided with proper exhaust muffler with insertion loss of minimum 25 dB (A).

A proper, routine and preventive maintenance procedure for the DG set shall be set and followed in consultation with the DG set manufacturer.

Concrete flooring with slope drains and oil interceptors should be proposed for hot mix plant area and workshop, vehicle washing and fuel handling area as per EMP, so that oil and lubricants that

may spill on the floor does not contaminate any soil or water body. In case of any oil spills, it should be cleaned properly. There shall also be provisions for storage of used oil until it is disposed as per comprehensive waste management plan prepared by Contractor and approved by PMC.

(iii) Resting place: Suitable rest area/ place is required in the camp, separate for male & female workers. Adequate safety/ security will be provided for female rest area to prevent any untoward incident. It will be the duty of the camp in-charge to ensure the same.

(iv) Sanitation Facilities: Adequate no. of toilets shall be provided separately for males and females (depending on their strength), screened from those of men and provided with markings in vernacular language. All such facilities must have adequate water supply with proper drainage and effluent treatment system like septic tank with soak pit. Soak pit should have a sealed bottom, honey comb wall and 75 cm. thick, 2 mm sand envelope around that. The sewage system for the camp must be properly sited, designed, built and operated so that no health hazard occurs and no pollution to the air, ground or adjacent watercourses takes place.

Portable toilets may be brought to use and the night soil from such units has to be disposed through designated septic tanks so as to prevent pollution of the surrounding areas. In the construction camp, no night soil or sewerage shall be disposed of at any place other than the septic tanks constructed at the site.

iv) Waste Disposal: While preparing the layout plan, the Contractor should allocate adequate space for storage and handling of various wastes generated until they are disposed off in pre-identified disposal sites. The Contractor should provide separate garbage bins for biodegradable, non-biodegradable and domestic hazardous wastes in the camps and ensure that these are regularly emptied and disposed off in a hygienic manner. No incineration or burning of wastes shall be carried out by the Contractor. The disposal of any biodegradable matter shall be carried out in pits covered with a layer of earth within the camp site. Discarded plastic bags, paper and paper products, bottles, packaging material, gunny bags, hessian, metal containers, strips and scraps of metal, PVC pipe scrubber and poly urethane foam, auto mobile spares, tubes, tires, belts, filters, waste oil, drums and other such materials shall be either reused or sold /given out for recycling. POL (petroleum, oil and lubricants) waste shall be disposed off by transfer only to recycler/ re-refiners possessing valid authorization from the State Pollution Control Board and valid registration from the Central Pollution Control Board. Used lead batteries, if any, should be disposed as per the Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules 2001.

(vi) First aid / safety facilities: At every camp site, a readily available first-aid unit including an adequate supply of sterilized dressing materials, appliances and basic medicine should be provided. Workplaces which are remote and far away from regular hospitals should have indoor health units with one bed for every 250 workers. Details of nearest clinics as well as major hospitals like their location, distance from camp, phone nos. facilities offered by the hospital should be displayed in the camp office at clearly visible location in a legible manner. Suitable transport should be provided to facilitate taking injured and ill persons to the nearest hospital. Adequate personal protective equipments and fire fighting equipments as detailed out in EMP should be made available in the camp and provided to the staff / workers. Operation manuals and training should be provided to machine operators. Warning signs should be placed at accident prone areas as well as at the entrance of the site.

(vii) Training to workers: Workers shall be trained in smooth operation of plants and machines, their regular maintenance and various safety measures to be followed as well as about the need for adherence to these measures.

(viii) Information dissemination: There should be a sign board of size 6' x 4' mentioning the project details and Contractor's details to disseminate the information to the public. There should be a second sign board displaying the latest air and noise monitoring data against the standards specified.

Warning signboards should be set up at the entrance gate for the public as well as at other required places for the workers to alert them about the nature of operation being undertaken at those respective places.

Once the construction camp is set up, the date of commissioning of the camp should be intimated to the Head Office and concerned District Office of the SPCB.

F. OPERATION OF CONSTRUCTION CAMP

During the operation phase of the camp it is important to ensure that all vehicles and machineries are maintained regularly and their PUC certificates are renewed at regular intervals. All pollution control devices should be monitored and maintained properly at regular intervals. In case of process disturbance/ failure of pollution control equipments, the respective units should be shut down and should not be restarted until the control measures are rectified to achieve the desired efficiency. All units should operate only between 6 am and 10 pm. or as specified by State Pollution Control Board (Punjab/Haryana/Uttar Pradesh) in the consent letter.

Oil and grease waste generated from garages in construction camps should be drained out through oil interceptors and they should be maintained properly. Necessary arrangements should be made for regular sprinkling of water for dust suppression. Raw materials and products should be transported with proper cover to prevent spreading of dust.

Hygienic environment must be ensured by (i) provision of safe drinking water, (ii) proper maintenance of toilets including daily cleaning and disinfection using proper disinfectants, (iii) regular cleaning of drains by removing the silt and solid waste, (if any) and iv) appropriate waste management practices. While it is of utmost importance to ensure that fire fighting equipments like fire extinguishers are in working condition, it should also be monitored that construction workers use the personal protective equipments provided to them and they are replaced when necessary. All these facilities should be inspected on a weekly basis to achieve the desired levels of safety and hygiene standards.

Environmental monitoring should be undertaken by the Contractor as stipulated in the EMP. If any standard is set by SPCB for batch mix plant, hot mix plant, etc., the Contractor should collect samples of emission from all the chimneys and analyze for the parameters at least once in a month. The Consent to Operate (CTO) certificate from the concerned State Pollution Control Board should be renewed at regular intervals and the same should be intimated to PMC.

A register should be maintained at the site office which provides

- (i) a one page format for each migrant laborer which will give their personal profile (including name, age, sex, educational qualification, address, blood group and any major illness), along with a copy of any ID proof and an original photograph,
- (ii) a copy of the ID card of local laborers. A copy of the details of the migrant laborers should be submitted to the local police station.

BOCWA Act/ Rules will prevail in camp operation / management. DFCCIL's SHE Manual may be referred for the purpose.

G. PREPARATION OF CONSTRUCTION CAMP MANAGEMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

After the site for the construction camp has been finalized and approved by PMC, the Contractor shall prepare a construction camp management plan to be submitted to PMC for approval prior to setting up of the camp and it should comprise the following details:

Section-1: Details of site: Copy of approved site identification report along with location plan on a village map or an FMB, showing the site, its survey no., access road, project stretch, distance from the project stretch, surrounding features and land use like residences, agricultural land, water bodies etc., photograph of the site showing the topography and other existing features.

Section-2: Site preparation: Activities that will be undertaken for preparing the site based on EMP and this guideline.

Section-3: Arrangements/ facilities within the camp: List of plants / machineries to be set up within the camp like hot mix plant, batching plant, DG set etc., and other facilities to be provided like site office, store room, rest room, toilet room, material stocking yard etc, layout plan showing all these details along with vehicular movement path, green belt etc. Species wise no. of trees to be cut shall be provided.

Section-4: Mitigation measures that will be undertaken as per the EMP and this guideline while setting up of the camp and operation of the camp should be separately listed out here.

Section-5: Other details: Any other relevant detail like list of trainings to be provided to workers, details of information dissemination, date of CTE certificate from SPCB, its validity, additional conditions laid down in it etc. should be included.

Section 6: Re-development plan, which should indicate the following points: (i) List of structures to be demolished and list of the cleanup activities that needs to be undertaken, (ii) Proposed use of the land after demobilizing and (iii) Presence of facilities that could be put in use by the land owner if it is a leased out private land or community in case of a public property.

Section-7: Annexure-(a) Working drawings: Electrical plan showing the electrical network planned for the site, location of plants, generators, master switch boards etc. and plumbing drawing showing the network of water supply lines, sewerage line and drainage line, (b) Copy of certificates / permissions obtained from regulatory authorities / local governing body /community etc. as applicable, (c) Copy of agreement entered with the owner of the site if it is a leased out land.

All the drawings should have north direction marked in it along with prevailing wind direction. Necessary dimensions and specifications should be provided where ever necessary. The construction camp management plan should be submitted to the PMC for a written approval before any physical work (includes storage of materials, equipment etc.) is undertaken on a particular site. The PMC shall carefully examine the proposals considering the specific conditions of each site as well as various EMP and regulatory provisions and provide suggestions, as necessary to the Contractor who shall incorporate it in the management plan.

Contractor needs to prepare this document for each different site identified and PMC shall undertake a thorough analysis of the said management and redevelopment plan through a site investigation and suggest additional mitigation measures depending on the site and as demanded by the features of the specific site.

H.DEMOBILIZATION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE

The Contractor should clear all temporary structures; dispose all building debris, garbage, night soils and POL waste as per the approved debris management plan. All disposal pits or trenches should be filled in, disinfected and effectively sealed off. All the areas within the camp site should be leveled and spread over with stored top soil. Residual topsoil, if any will be distributed or spread evenly in plantation sites, on adjoining/near-by barren land or affected agricultural land adjacent to the RoW that has been impacted on account of any accidental spillage. Entire camp area should be left clean and tidy, in a manner keeping the adjacent lands neat and clear, at the Contractor's expense, to the entire satisfaction of landowner and PMC.

These activities should be completed by the Contractor prior to demobilization. Once the Contractor finishes his job, he needs to obtain a certificate from the owner, stating that the site has been re- developed to his/her satisfaction and in tune with the agreement. Then following documents needs to be submitted to the PMC by the Contractor:

- Copy of approved site identification report
- Photographs of the concerned site 'before' and 'after' setting up the camp.
- Certificate from the owner stating his/her satisfaction about status of re-development of the site.

PMC shall ensure, through site verification that all clean-up and restoration operations are completed satisfactorily and a written approval should be given to the Contractor mentioning the same before the 'works completion' certificate is issued/recommended. The PIU shall ensure through site inspection that the Contractor and PMC have complied with all these provisions. The site can then be handed over to the concerned owner or local bodies or for local communities as the case may be.

Certification/documentation pertaining to approval for clean-up and restoration operations and thereafter handing-over to the owner shall be properly maintained by the Contractor, Engineer (of PMC).

ANNEXURE 10.3**GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING COMPREHENSIVE WASTE & DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN****A. OVERVIEW**

A comprehensive waste management plan shall be prepared by the Contractor prior to initiation of any works. The purpose of the plan is to provide standardized procedures for the clearance, removal and disposal of debris caused by major debris / waste generated during the construction work as well as to establish the most efficient and cost effective methods to resolve debris disposal issues.

B. PREPARATION OF COMPREHENSIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Contractor shall prepare a Comprehensive Waste Management Plan to be submitted to PMC for approval prior to setting up of construction and labor camp and it should comprise the following details:

- Categorization of waste into degradable, biodegradable and hazardous categories and list of different types of waste that falls in each of these categories.
- Estimates about the quantity of waste generated in each category and type of storage units required.
- Detail the provisions for storage and handling of waste until disposed. A plan of the respective camps / areas like construction camp, labor camp etc. to be attached indicating in it the space allocated for storage and handling of wastes.
- Detail the precautions to be taken while storing, handling and disposing each type of waste, trainings to be imparted to workers to create awareness about waste management.
- Details of each debris disposal site: Copy of approved site identification report along with location plan on a village map or an FMB, showing the debris disposal sites, site, its survey no., access road, project stretch, distance from the project stretch, surrounding features and land use like residences, agricultural land, water bodies etc., photograph of the site showing the topography and other existing features.

C. TRAINING FOR PROJECT STAFF AND WORKERS

All staff and workers involved in the DFC construction shall be imparted training about comprehensive waste management plan including the need for such a plan, its components and measures adopted by the Contractor for implementing it. In addition, all personnel involved should be made aware about various steps and measures each of them has to follow so as to ensure the compliance to the comprehensive waste management plan.

D. PRECAUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED DURING DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS/WASTE MATERIAL

The Contractor shall take the following precautions during transportation and disposal of debris/waste material:

- A register should be kept for recording the details of the waste generated and their disposal.
- The pre-designated disposal sites should be a part of Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan and should be identified as per the EMP clauses prior to initiation of any work on a particular section of the road.
- The Contractor will take full care to ensure that public or private properties are not damaged/ affected during the site clearance for disposal of debris and the traffic is not interrupted.

- All arrangements for transportation during dismantling and clearing debris, considered incidental to the work, will be implemented by the Contractor in a planned manner as approved and directed by the PMC.
- In the event of any accidental spill or spread of wastes onto adjacent parcels of land, the Contractor will immediately remove all such waste material/s and restore the affected area to its original state to the satisfaction of PMC.
- Contractor shall ensure that any spoils/materials unsuitable for embankment fill shall not be disposed off near any water course; water body; agricultural land; natural habitats like grass lands, wet lands, flood plains, forests etc. pasture; eroded slopes; and in ditches, which may pollute the surrounding including water sources.
- Contractor shall ensure effective water sprinkling during the handling and transportation of materials where dust is likely to be created.
- Materials having the potential to produce dust will not be loaded beyond the side and tail board level and will be covered with a tarpaulin in good condition.
- Any diversion required for traffic during disposal of debris shall be provided with traffic control signals and barriers after discussion with the local body and as approved by PMC.
- During the debris disposal, contractor will take care of surrounding features and avoid any damage to trees and properties.
- No hazardous and contagious waste material shall be disposed at such locations.

E. WASTE DISPOSAL IN CONSTRUCTION CAMP

- Concrete flooring and oil interceptors should be provided for hot mix plant area, concrete batching plants, workshops, vehicle washing and fuel handling area.
- POL (petroleum, oil and lubricants) waste shall be stored safely in separate containers and should be disposed off by transfer only to recycler/ re-refiners possessing valid authorization from the concerned State Pollution Control Board and valid registration from the Central Pollution Control Board.
- Used lead batteries, if any, should be disposed as per the Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules 2001.
- Water separated and collected from oil interceptor should be reused for dust suppression.
- There should be a register to record the details of the oil wastes generated at the workshops and oil storage areas.
- The Contractor will provide separate garbage bins in the camps and ensure that these are regularly emptied and disposed off in safe and scientific manner as per the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plans approved by the PMC.
- No incineration or burning of wastes shall be carried out.
- Discarded plastic bags, paper and paper products, bottles, packaging material, gunny bags, hessian, metal containers, strips and scraps of metal, PVC pipes, rubber and poly urethane foam, auto mobile spares, tubes, tires, belts, filters, waste oil, drums and other such materials shall be either reused or will be sold /given out for recycling.
- Septic tank must be provided for toilets and the sludge should be cleared by municipal exhausters.

F. WASTE DISPOSAL IN LABOUR CAMP

- The Contractor shall provide separate garbage bins in the camps for bio-degradable, non- degradable and domestic hazardous waste and ensure that these are regularly emptied and disposed off in safe and scientific manner.

- The disposal of kitchen waste and other biodegradable matter shall be carried out in pits covered with a layer of earth within the camp site to avoid smell and pests. The Contractor may use the compost from such wastes as manure in the plantation sites.
- Non-biodegradable waste like discarded plastic bags, paper and paper products, bottles, packaging material, gunny bags, hessian, metal containers, strips and scraps of metal, PVC pipes, rubber and poly urethane foam, auto mobile spares, tubes, tires, belts, filters, waste oil, drums and other such materials shall be either reused or should be sold /given out for recycling.
- No incineration or burning of wastes should be carried out.
- Effluent treatment system like septic tank with soak pits provided for toilets should be sited, designed, built and operated in such a way that no health hazard occurs and no pollution to the air, ground or adjacent watercourses takes place.
- Soak pits must be provided to collect waste water from bathrooms and kitchen.

G. DISPOSAL OF BITUMINOUS WASTE

- At locations identified for disposal of residual bituminous wastes, the disposal will be carried out over a 60 mm thick layer of rammed clay so as to eliminate the possibility of leaching of wastes into the ground water.
- The contractor will suitably dispose off unutilized non-toxic debris either through filling up of borrows areas located in wasteland or at pre-designated disposal sites, subject to the approval of PMC.
- Debris generated from pile driving or other construction activities along the rivers and streams drainage channels shall be carefully disposed in such a manner that it does not flow into the surface water bodies or form puddles in the area.

H. DISPOSAL OF NON HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Non hazardous wastes other than fly ash may be dumped in borrow pits (preferably located in barren lands) where such borrow pits are not suitable to be re-developed as an economic source like pisciculture or a source of irrigation. Such borrow pits can be filled up with non-hazardous wastes and then covered with a minimum 30 cm layer of the soil, where plantation of trees and shrubs will be taken-up by the Contractor as a part of site rehabilitation.
- Local tree species suitable for such re-habitation work shall be selected in consultation with local community.

I. HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

All hazardous wastes will be disposed as per relevant Rules only.

ANNEXURE 10.4

GUIDELINES FOR WATER MANAGEMENT DURING CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION**A. OVERVIEW**

A 'Water Management Plan' will be prepared by the contractor to procure and conserve the water during the construction and to maximise use of recycled water. The plan will indicate the requirement of water, the various sources and all measures to be taken at the time of drawl and at end of the construction of the project. This water management plan will be approved by DFCCIL or its representatives.

B. IDENTIFICATION OF WATER SOURCES FOR CONSTRUCTION

The contractor will identify the water resources (possibly surface and extraction of ground water to be avoided for the purpose) to be used for construction in each of the construction package. The extraction of ground water from various sources, shall as far as possible be avoided. Use of surface water should be priority and ground water can be used minimum possible because of scarcity. Rain water harvesting to recharge ground water should be taken up.

C. RECOMMENDED SOURCES OF WATER FOR CONSTRUCTION

The ground water availability is an issue in Bulandshahr & Gautam Budh Nagar district of Uttar Pradesh. According to Central Ground Water Board study, availability of ground water is semi-critical to moderate. Therefore water requirement during construction will be met mostly from surface water sources, minimizing ground water exploitation to minimum. For the purpose of drinking water requirements boreholes may be operated at the workers camp and construction camp. Due permissions, where required as per statute from the concerned authority shall be obtained. However, effort should be to use surface water to maximum extent and ground water can be used to minimum possible, with prior permission of the authority.

The other alternative is that the contractor may obtain water from the municipal authorities close to the project site for the drinking water purposes.

D. RECOMMENDED WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES DURING CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION

- Run-off from the construction camp/workers' camp is to be utilized for artificial recharge to ground water unless risk of contamination exists or area is water logged. This will be more rigorously followed in the construction workers camp;
- The runoff from the construction camp/workers camp after sedimentation shall be utilized for harvesting/storage also, apart from recharge;
- The project design for parallel and cross stations and other project related structures shall have provisions for rain water harvesting and ground water recharge;
- As part of DPR, water balance shall be prepared and necessary budget for ground water recharge shall be made in overall project cost;
- All building complexes will have waste water treatment facilities and treated water shall be recycled for green areas and for sanitation purposes; and
- The suggestion of State Ground Water Authority shall be incorporated in project design for the water conservation and recharge.

E. PERMISSIONS REQUIRED FOR GROUND WATER ABSTRACTION AND FOR WATER WITHDRAWAL FROM SURFACE WATER SOURCES

During the construction phase, DFCCIL will facilitate the civil agency regarding permissions to be obtained and No Objection Certificates (NOCs) from River and canal authorities, central and State authorities.

ANNEXURE 10.5

TREE PLANTATION PLAN**REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**

The tree cutting permission for non forest areas and private land trees has been obtained from the concerned authority in whose jurisdiction the project stretch falls. Tree cutting will be carried out by the concerned state forest department and forest land diversion and cutting are under the provisions of The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Compensatory plantation in lieu of trees to be cut from the private land and non-forest lands will be undertaken as per the statutory conditions imposed by the state governments in the vacant space of project land. For trees to be cut from the declared protected forest, the compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the State Forest Department as per the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

FUNDING MECHANISM FOR COMPENSATORY PLANTATION

- *Forest lands:* The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) under their order dt. the 24th, April, 2004 have constituted an authority known as Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) for the purpose of management of money received from user agencies for compensatory afforestation. DFCCIL, being the user agency in this project will be required to deposit the money as estimated by the State Forest Department to the CAMPA for the compensatory plantation. CAMPA shall release funds to the State in predetermined installments through the State Level Management Committee as per the Annual Plan of Operations drawn by the State Forest Department
- *Other areas:* The compensatory plantation for the trees on private land and non-forest land will be taken up as part of project cost. This cost will be built as part of EMP cost in the overall project cost. The plantation work will be taken up by the civil contractor as part of the project work.

COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION BY FOREST DEPARTMENT

The compensatory afforestation scheme would be implemented by the State Governments once the final approval for the diversion of forest land is granted by the Government of India. State Governments obtain funds from the Government of India into their CAMPA account based on their annual plan of operations. All districts include their proposals for taking up compensatory afforestation in the annual plan of operations. Once the plan is approved by the Regional and State level of the CAMPA authorities, plantation is taken up.

Plantation activity shall be taken up by the concerned forest department on 6.98 ha (in lieu of diversion of 3.49 ha. forest land for the project) in UP as per the state norms. There are 706 trees present on the forest land.

DFCCIL would actively pursue the case with the forest department for early plantation in the areas identified for the purpose. The tree species to be planted by the forest department outside project area will be finalised by the Forest Authorities based on local site conditions. The areas will be monitored by the concerned forest department and the MoEF&CC through its regional offices to ensure the compliance of conditions for diversion of the forest land.

COMPENSATORY PLANTATION

In lieu of the 1844 trees on non forest land compensatory plantation of 3688 trees will be taken up by DFCCIL in compliance with the conditions of permission for felling of the trees through the forest department. The site specific details are as below:

State	Trees to be Cut		Total	Compensatory Plantation	
	Railway Land	Private Land		Through Forest Department	By DFCCIL
UP	837	1007	1844	3688	1000

Plantation by DFCCIL will be taken up in RoW immediately after physical completion of embankment construction as part of the civil works after the design of the embankment is finalised. Plantation activity can be also taken up at the stations, yards etc once the detailed plans for the same are finalised.

SELECTION OF TREE SPECIES FOR COMPENSATORY PLANTATION

The civil contractor in consultation with DFCCIL decide on the type of species to be planted. The following points shall be considered while selecting the species.

- Trees to be selected for planting shall be site-specific taking into account the type of soil, features of the planting site e.g. for saline and alkaline soils and water logged area will require special attention.
- Browse hardiness, good growth rate, resistance to insects/pests disease and biotic interference etc shall be given appropriate weightage in selection of species.
- Evergreen / semi-evergreen species shall be preferred to deciduous species.
- In urban /semi-urban stretches of road, flowering trees shall be preferred to add to aesthetics of the surround.
- Trees having large tomentose leaves may be included in stretches where particulates are likely to be high.
- In the matter of selection of species for planting, stakeholders need be consulted and their views accommodated keeping view the site- specifics.
- Some trees species of economic importance suggested are

S No.	Trees Name	Characteristics
1	Azadirachta indica (Neem)	The leaves, barks are used for medicinal purposes, and the seeds yield valuable oil. It can grow on alkaline and arid soil
2	Madhuca indica (Mahua)	The fruit is edible and seeds yield oil. It is also ornamental
3	Tamarindus indica (Imli)	A beautiful tree, which stands the dust of roads very well. Its fruit and timber are also valuable; suitable for dry area. This species is most common along project road.
4	Dalbergia sisoo (Shisham)	Yields excellent timber
5	Mangifera indica (Mango) Tamil Name: Maa	Yield valuable fruit

6	Safed siris	A quick growing beautiful tree. Because of the light yellow colour of the trunk, it reflects even weak light. This is an excellent roadside tree.
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PLANTING PATTERN FOR VACANT LAND IN DFFCIL RIGHT OF WAY/DFFCIL LAND

- Monoculture planting shall be avoided. Mixed culture of shade-giving, flowering and fruit-bearing species shall be preferred.
- Where sufficient land exists plantation shall be undertaken in three rows.
 - The first row may be composed of a mix of species of flowering trees; such mix may consist of trees coming into flowers in different seasons.
 - The second row may have representation of middle-sized evergreen and fruit-bearing species.
 - The third row wherever feasible should be of broad-leaved evergreen species; the species should be so chosen as to make sure that they grow taller than trees planted in the first and second rows.

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- Strip plantations should be properly fenced to prevent damages by biotic interference.
- Wherever possible live-hedges may be provided; in such stretches live-hedges need be grown a year ahead of actual planting; such hedges may be reinforced by weaving with split bamboos.
- It may also be explored as to whether communities along the DFCCIL corridor can be involved in protection and maintenance of such plantations through a mechanism of sharing of fruits and products.
- Local voluntary organizations, sports/youth clubs may also be encouraged for protection of such plantations through provision of incentives.
- The maintenance of saplings within the DFFCIL land shall be done by DFCCIL once the civil contractor completes his period. The contractor should be handing over the project with a 95% survival percentage of the number of trees to be planted.

SUGGESTED PLANTING MODEL

A. Preparation of the Plantation Area

- Plantation site should be cleared from all wild vegetation. Suitable soil and water conservation measures will be adopted, if required. The planting arrangement and size should be based on the optimum use of the available land and quantum of irrigation water.
- A tree requires sufficient space below and above the ground to spread its roots and branches. However, spacing varies with the type of trees, soil fertility, available moisture and purpose of plantation.

B. Preparation of Pits and Sapling Transplantation

The location of each pit shall be marked according to the design and distance of the plantation. The size of the pits may vary with the type of trees. While digging the pit, care shall be taken to place the topsoil on one side and bottom soil on the other side. Dug-out soil and pit shall be exposed to weather for two to three months. After exposing to the weather, the pit should be filled two-third to three-fourth height with a mixture of topsoil and decayed farmyard manure.

Planting of the tree shall be done with a suitable distance between each. While planting the trees, care shall be taken that the installation structure shall be difficult to see through the foliage when seen from a point outside the green envelop. For preventing the horizontal dispersion of the pollutants, the trees shall be planted in alternate rows in a straight line. Tree trunks are free from foliage up to a height of 2 –3 meters, it is advisable to grow shrubs in front of tree so as to provide coverage to the open portion.

C. Time of Plantation

- Plantation shall be done two weeks after the rain starts, as the trees benefit from the seasonal rains. It is advisable to avoid planting during the dry season, as this will require watering. It is advantageous to plant trees on cloudy days.

D. Protection of Greenbelt

- No pruning or lopping of branches shall be done within the greenbelt for at least 10 – 15 years
- Gap filling in the greenbelt shall be done in the same season to avoid future gaps.
- Protection of young plants from the ravages of cattle, sheep and goat and other animals.
- Timely replacements of damaged plant and thereafter care is important.

E. Selection of Tree Species

- Plants possess a large surface area and their leaves exhibit an efficient pollutant trapping mechanism. The effectiveness of plants to control pollution depends upon the physiological, morphological traits such as leaf epidermis, size, leaf orientation, internal enzyme system, etc. Systematic screening of plants for their ability to tolerate pollutant need be undertaken. For pollution abatement purposes tree species should be fast growing, wind firm, unpalatable to animals, hardy and pollutants tolerant/resistant. List of some plant species for greenbelt plantation purpose is given below:

Recommended List of Tree Species for Green Belt Plantation

Sl. No.	Botanical Name	Common Name
1	<i>Alstonia scholaris</i>	Chattivan
2	<i>Mimusops elengi</i>	Bakul
3	<i>Cassia fistula</i>	Amaltas
4	<i>Bauhinia purpurea</i>	Khairwal
5	<i>Zizyphus mauritiana</i>	Ber
6	<i>Cassia siamea</i>	Senna
7	<i>Ficus religiosa</i>	Peepal
8	<i>Albizia lebbek</i>	Siris
9	<i>Pongamia pinnata</i>	Karanj
10	<i>Polyalthia longifolia</i>	Ashok
11	<i>Diospyros melanoxylon</i>	Tendu
12	<i>Ailanthus excelsa</i>	Mar Maharakha
13	<i>Melia azedarach</i>	Bakain
14	<i>Tamarindus indica</i>	Imli
15	<i>Terminalia arjuna</i>	Arjuna
16	<i>Azadirachta Indica</i>	Neem
17	<i>Grevillea robusta</i>	Savukkamaram

Sl. No.	Botanical Name	Common Name
1	Shrubs & Grasses <i>Calotropis gigantea</i>	Akand
2	<i>Nyctanthus arboriristis</i> <i>Nerium indicum</i>	Harsighar Kaner

It is recommended to use local species for better survival rate

F. Plantation for Noise Pollution Control

Trees having thick and fleshy leaves with petioles flexible and capacity to withstand vibration are suitable. Heavier branches and trunks of the trees also deflect or refract the sound waves. The density, height and width are critical factors in designing adequate noise screen with vegetation.

Combination of trees and shrubs together appears to be the best system for combating pollution. The following species are suggested for noise pollution:

- *Alstonia scholaris*
- *Azadirachta indica*
- *Melia azedarach*
- *Grevillea robusta*
- *Tamrindus indica*
- *Terminalia arjuna*

Varied plantation techniques and types will reduce noise unequally. In addition to this, it is also relies on categories of plant to block noise. Some type of trees with varying heights block noise better than trees forming a straight line, which can reduce noise up to 3.48%. The formation of plant of different heights planted such that they stand highest to lowest in straight line will have best noise blocking. Port line can reduce noise up to 4.39%. The formation of plant from the highest to lowest in alternate formation will have the best noise reduction in the fifth line which is 7.63% (Chakree, 1989).

Annexure- 10.6

LOCATING QUARRIES, REHABILITATING QUARRIES AND GUIDELINES FOR STONE CRUSHERS**Locating Quarries**

The Contractor will finalize the locations in consultation with PMC. The Contractor shall establish a new quarry with the prior consent of the DFCCIL only in cases when

- i) Lead from existing quarries is uneconomical and
- ii) Alternative material sources are not available.

The Contractor shall prepare a redevelopment plan for the quarry site and get approved by the PMC.

The construction schedule and operation plans to be submitted to the PMC prior to commencement of work shall contain a detailed work plan for procuring materials that includes procurement, transportation and storage of quarry materials.

Operation & redevelopment plan (if a new quarry is opened)

- Photograph of the quarry site prior to commencement
- The quarry boundaries as well as location of the material deposits, working equipment, stockpiling, access roads and final shape of the pit.
- Drainage and erosion control measures at site.
- Safety measures during quarry operation.
- Design for redevelopment of exhaust site.

Option-A: Revegetating the quarry to merge with surrounding landscape: This is done by conserving and reapplying the topsoil for the vegetative growth.

Option-B: Developing exhausted quarries as water bodies: The pit shall be reshaped and developed into pond, for harvesting rainwater. This option shall only be considered where the location of quarry is at the lowest point, i.e. surrounding areas/ natural drainage slopes towards it.

Construction stage:

Development of site: -

To minimize the adverse impact during excavation of material following measures are need to be undertaken

- i) Adequate drainage system shall be provided to prevent the flooding of the excavated area
- ii) At the stockpiling locations, the Contractor shall construct sediment barriers to prevent the erosion of excavated material due to runoff
- iii) Construction of offices, laboratory, workshop and rest places shall be done in the up-wind of the plant to minimize the adverse impact due to dust and noise.
- iv) The access road to the plant shall be constructed taking into consideration location of units and also slope of the ground to regulate the vehicle movement within the plant.
- v) In case of storage of blasting materials, all precautions shall be taken as per The Explosive Rules, 1983.

Quarry operations including safety:

- i) Overburden shall be removed and disposed inline with Guidelines of Disposal Management.
- ii) During excavation, slopes shall be flatter than 20 degrees to prevent their sliding. In cases where quarry strata are good and where chances of sliding are less this restriction can be ignored.

- iii) In case of blasting, procedure and safety measures shall be taken as per The Explosive Rules, 1983.
- iv) The Contractor shall ensure that all workers related safety measures shall be done as per guidelines for workers and Safety attached as Annexure-8
- v) The contractor shall ensure maintenance of crushers regularly as per manufacture's recommendation.

Topsoil will be excavated and preserved during transportation of the materials measures shall be taken to minimize the generation of dust and prevent accidents.

The PIU and the PMC shall review the quarry site for the management measures during quarry operation, including the compliance to pollution norms.

Post construction stage:

The Contractor shall restore all haul roads constructed for transporting the material from the quarries to construction site to their original state.

The PIU and the PMC shall be entrusted the responsibility of reviewing the quarry site for the progress of implementation of Redevelopment plan. These shall include the following two cases;

- Redevelopment of quarries opened by the contractor for the project
- Redevelopment of existing quarries operated by other agencies

In the first case, the Contractor shall be responsible for the Redevelopment plan prior to completion after five years, during the defect liability period. The PMC and PIU shall be responsible for reviewing this case of redevelopment prior to the issuing the defect liability certificate.

In the second case, the redevelopment of exhaust quarry shall be the responsibility of the agency providing the permit to ensure the implementation of Redevelopment Plan.

Geological and Geomorphologic considerations:

- vi) No mining shall be allowed where the slope angles are more than 45 degree from horizontal and in case of mid slope mining, the foot wall should be of hard strata.
- ii) No mining lease shall be granted where the ore to overburden ratio is not economical i.e. 1:0.2 that is the waste generation should not be more than 20%
- vii) Proper appraisal of the deposit for its qualitative and quantitative assessment shall be made in the form of Geological and topographical plans.

Technical consideration:

- viii) The area should not be highly jointed, fractured on consisting of weak planes.
- ii) Relation of slope angle to angle of repose should be within mining parameters where 6x6 m benches by keeping overall angle of repose as 45degree can be made.
- ix) No mining shall be allowed where subsidence of rocks is likely due to steep angle of slope.
- iv) No overhangs shall be allowed to be formed during the course of mining.
- x) The gradient of approach roads shall be gentle with hill-ward slope, side drains and parapet walls. Adequate number of waiting and crossing points shall be provided for safe plying of vehicles.
- vi) No blasting shall be resorted to without taking proper license under Explosive Act.

General conditions:

- xi) Mining site shall only be handed over to the leaseholder, after it is duly demarcated by permanent boundary pillars and certified by concerned mining officer.
- ii) Junction at take off point of approach road with main road shall be developed with proper width and geometric required for safe movement of traffic by crusher owner at his own cost in consultation with Executive Engineer, UKPWD.

- xii) No leaseholder shall store/ stack any material in the acquired width of PWD road without the specific permission of the competent authority.
- iv) In addition to above the mining operation shall be subjected to provisions of various Acts and Rules in force.
- xiii) Dumping of waste shall be done in earmarked places as per the working plans.

Table: Parameters for new stone crushers to be set up in future

Sl. No.	Parameters	Distance
i	Minimum distance from NH/SH	150m
ii	Minimum distance from link roads / other District roads	75m
iii	Minimum distance from District Head – Quarters	1.5 km
iv	Minimum distance from town / Notified area by the committee	1 km
v	Minimum distance from village	500 m
vi	Minimum distance from Hospital/Education Institution	1 km
vii	Minimum distance from Natural water springs	500 m
viii	Minimum distance from Notified parks	2 km
ix	Minimum distance from Sanctuaries	1 km
x	Minimum distance from Bridge sites	200 m Upstream
xi	Minimum distance from Notified Lakes and Wetlands	300 m

Annexure- 10.7**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The railway network connecting the four metros of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai carries more than 55% of the freight and passenger traffic of and is known as 'Golden Quadrilateral' of IR. To cater the growing traffic needs of Indian Railways (IR) corridor and ensure efficient transportation of freight, DFCCIL is proposing to develop Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC) along this network and it will substantially lessen the load on IR

Based on the planned project activities and impact envisage, this section enumerates the set of measures to be adopted in order to minimize adverse impact during construction & operation phases. Construction activities may result in a significant increase in movement of heavy vehicles for the transport of construction materials and equipment increasing the risk of traffic-related accidents, injuries to workers and local communities.

During construction stage

- The project involves construction of 1 ROBs and 46 RUBs which is likely to cause traffic congestion and idling of vehicle during the construction phase.
- The traffic is to be managed by providing suitable alternate route to reduce the idling time in consultation with the local administration. It shall be done as per the railway guidelines.
- During transportation of materials to construction site, vehicles engaged by the Contractor shall comply with Safety requirements and operate on the road network enroute to site without causing nuisance/ disturbance.
- Construction of alternate access routes which would create minimum impact on local accessibility and traffic if desired.
- The road markings, Lane markings, Signs and Signage are clearly indicated in advance.
- All gates will be manned with efficient security who can guide the entry and exit of vehicles at satellite offices/construction camp/batching plant.
- Clearance of Engineer for Traffic Management Plan for each section of the route after it has been handed over for construction.
- All precautionary measures are ensured for the safety of construction laborers while working at the site.
- The incidence of road accidents involving project vehicles during construction will be minimized through a combination of education and awareness raising, and the adoption of procedures.
- The responsibilities for making Traffic management plan will be assigned to the Environment & Safety Manager of Contractor.

Post construction stage:

It is proposed to construct 1 ROBs and 46 RUBs which will eliminate existing Level crossings (LC) under IR as well as in detours to minimize the accidents and traffic load.