

Inspection Report on NHAI FCA Proposal No : FP/TN/ROAD/121598/2021

The forest land proposed for diversion was inspected multiple time by Deputy Director, STR, Hassanur Division along with biologists, ecologists and wildlife experts. The joint inspection was taken by Deputy Director, NHAI official and FRO Hassanur range on 20.10.2021. The proposal is to upgradation and realignment of NH 209 by widening/improving/upgrading the existing single lane road from chainage 277+385 to 280+265.

Findings of Inspection

- The proposed land for FCA diversion falls under Thalamalai Reserve Forest and is part of Core Zone of Sathyamanagalam Tiger Reserve(STR).
- The proposed stretch land for fica diversion is in vicinity of Bigiri Ranganatha Swamy Temple(BRT) Tiger Reserve and located at southern portion of the MoEF&CC Notified elephant corridor **Chamrajnagar – Talamalai at Muddanalli**. This corridor links Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve with BRT Tiger Reserve.
- This forest stretch habitats endangered fauna such as Tiger, Leopard, etc as well as endemic flora species Pterolobium hexapetalum, Ruellia prostrata, etc.
- There is already existing National Highway Road passing through STR and BRT Tiger reserve.
- There are existing 3 feeders road which connect the NH 209 and Thalavady town.



