<u>Recommendation of Divisional Forest Officer, Nilambur North</u> <u>Division in Proposal No:FP/KL/Pipeline/153543/2022.</u>

The User agency is planning to establish a pipeline as part of Muppini Lift Irrigation Scheme. The intended irrigation pipeline of 35 cm width and 220 m length passes through VFC Item No.17/10 (17.90 Ha) Palunda Bit I Vested Forest area under Nilambur Range. The pathway proposed for laying the pipeline is a coup road within this Vested Forest. There are no trees or vegetation at the site where the proposed pipeline of 35 cm width and 220 m length is proposed to be laid. Hence it involves no tree felling.

As per MoEFCC Letter No.F-11/09/98-FC dated: 07/09/2015, General approval for laying of water supply pipeline along the existing right of way without felling of trees was allowed. Under this general approval, laying of pipeline may be permitted without diversion of forest area subject to the conditions stipulated therein. Hence it is recommended to permit laying of pipeline under general approval granted by Government of India under Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

Place: Nilambur Date: 31.08.2022



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