RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, DINDIGUL CIRCLE, DINDIGUL

- I inspected the proposed NH-785 extension Natham-Thuvarankurichy road to be laid by NHAI on 12.06.2020 along with the District Forest Officer, Dindigul and Natham Forest Range Office staff.
- 2. The project involves widening of existing road in Chinnayampatti Karadu Reserved Forests of Natham Range.
- 3. As per the Reserved Forests notification the right of way is given at 17 chain length and 6 yards width. Already the existing road is being used by the public. The widening of the existing road involves diversion of 3.708 hectares of Reserved Forests land.
- 4. The Forest type is Tropical Thorn Forest and the density is > 40%.
- 5. There are 783 Nos of trees to be cut in the proposed area of diversion, out of which 455 Nos of trees are spontaneously grown.
- 6. There is also recording of movement of *Slendor Loris* wild animal in this Reserved Forests.
- 7. Since, already existing use road is being widened and no alternative alignment is possible. Hence the project is recommended.

Chief Conservator of Forests

Dindigul Circle, Dindigul.