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**Field Inspection notes of Sri T. Chakrapani, M.Sc., Ed., Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor on Road area applied by Roads & Buildings Department, Chittoor on 27.02.2018.**

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Inspected the proposed Road expansion/ widening area applied by Executive Engineer, Roads & Buildings Department, Chittoor in compt. No. 323 of Keelapatla RF & Beat and compt. No. 179 of Thumba North RF on 27.02.2018 along with the Forest Range Officer, Chittoor West, Forest Section Officer, Gajulapalle, Forest Range Officer, Palamaner, Forest Section Officer, Palamaner and beat staff. This is the work proposed by the Roads & Buildings Department, Chittoor for widening & up gradation on the existing earthen road between Rayalpeta – Madhavaram via Penugolakala from km 9/9 to 13/8 over 3.90 kms. The user agency stated that the total length of the road is 16 Kms and out of which approximately 3.90 Km falls in the Reserve Forests i.e., 2.80 kms in Keelapatla RF of Palamaner Range and 1.10 kms in Thumba North RF of Chittoor West Range was inspected by me starting from Gajulapalle - Krishnapuram - Madhavaram / vaddivaripalle village in Thavanam Mandal.

The terrain consists of gentle slope & undulating and thorny growth all over. The area is surrounded by scrub jungle all around and there are no water bodies in the area proposed for diversion. During the inspection no violation is noticed in the applied area and it is also noticed that there are no historical, religious, archeological or recreational sites etc., in or close to the proposed area. The area does not fall in any Wild Life Sanctuary and National Park. There will be no impact of proposed project on the flora & fauna in the adjoining forests and also ecology, especially soil erosion in and around the proposed area.

There is one measurable stream crossing the proposed road and requires one C.C.Dam on upstream side of the road. The main species are Ailanthus excels (peddamanu), Albezzia amara (Chigara), etc., The under growth mainly of lantana and there is no fauna noticed during inspection. The density of vegetation would be less than 0.2 (ocular).

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