

**Field Inspection of Conservator of Forests and Field Director,
Madurai regarding diversion of 0.1275 Ha of forest land in
Mannadimangalam RF. in Sholavandan Range of Madurai
Division for formation of BT Road by the Block Development
Officer, T.Vadipatti in Madurai District.**

The proposed area for formation of BT Road by the Block Development Officer, T.Vadipatti Mannadimangalam Reserved Forest in Madurai Division in Madurai District has been inspected along with District Forest Officer, Madurai, Forest Range Officer, Sholavandan and field staff and Block Development Officer, T.Vadipatti on 04.08.2022.

An area of 0.1275 Ha of Forest land in Mannadimangalam RF of Sholavandan Range was proposed for diversion for formation of BT Road by the Block Development Officer, T.Vadipatti is the user agency.

The area for diversion is measuring 150M length and 8.50M width ($150 \times 8.50 = 1275 \text{ Sqm. or } 0.1275 \text{ Ha}$). The requested area is for both road formation and road strengthening works on both sides.

The requested forest area for diversion is a portion of Mannadimangalam RF abutting the Vikkiramangalam Kadupatti Road. The road connects to the district road nearby. There is no alternate road available / feasible. The forest portion of Vikkiramangalam -Kadupatti road is not developed (Block topped). The diversion of RF portion for block topping of road is essential for ensuring better connectivity and provision of essential service to the Villages and Hamlets.

The proposed diversion of 0.1275 ha of forest land does not have any important monuments of Archeological, Heritage site, Defense establishment etc., and the project is location specific and the area requested for the project is barest minimum.

There is no trees to be felled and also the user agency ensure no disturbances to the adjacent Reserved Forest during the execution of the project. While laying the road, the required machineries and materials will be kept outside RF area.

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