

**Specific recommendation of concerned Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons:**

Inspected the proposed project site by me alongwith District Forest Officer, Villupuram and Forest Range Officer, Ulundurpet Range on 06.02.2016. The Kooranur Bridge is a project of Highways Department involving Construction of Bridge at Km 0/4 of Kooranur road across Malattar River in Gramam RF, Ulundurpet Range of Villupuram Division. The project proposal aims at constructing a bridge on the existing causeway to permit uninterrupted communication and transportation to the public of Kooranur, Thenmangalam and Gramam village during heavy floods as flow increases to 2.5m in rainy season.

The Kooranur road connects the Gramam and Kooranur village and passes across the Gramam RF, Ulundurpet Range, Villupuram Division. There lies an existing road with a cause way. The construction of the bridge starts at about 246 m from the RF boundary. The project involves a bridge of 240m length and 12m width along with a diversion road of 240 m length and 10m width, thus measuring to an area of 0.528 ha. ( $240\text{m} \times 22\text{m} = 5280\text{m}^2$ ) in one patch. Thus, a total area of 0.528 ha. is proposed for diversion for the construction of the bridge. It is necessary to quote that there exist a right of way for public and cattle on the Kooranur road.

There is one tree of *Dalbergia sissoo* at the south west boundary of the road and falls within the proposed area. The user agency informed that felling of the tree does not arise. Since, the felling of trees does not arise and the project aims at constructing a bridge on the existing cause way to permit uninterrupted communication and transportation to the public of Kooranur, Thenmangalam and Gramam villages and also there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, the proposal is recommended for acceptance.

  
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