


Site inspection report of Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai regarding diversion of Forest land 0.06 ha for Construction of Steel Bridge in 7 Locations of Saduragiri hills Saptur RF in Peraiyur Taluk - Madurai District requested by the Executive Officer, Arulmigu Sundaramahalingaswamy Temple, Sathuragiri Office, Watrap in Srivilliputhur Division.

The site inspection for diversion of 0.06 ha. of Forest land for Construction of Steel Bridge in 7 Locations of Saduragiri hills Saptur RF in Peraiyur Taluk - Madurai District in Srivilliputhur Division was carried out on 14.09.2022 and 07.04.2023. The steel bridges are proposed to be constructed in seven locations across Mangani odai, Elumbu odai, Sangili Parai, Palamarathadi odai, Vellaparai odai and one at the entrance and another in front of Sundaramahalingam temple. Out of seven proposed locations, three locations falls inside SMTR, Srivilliputhur Division and other four locations falls in the land assigned to temple bearing survey number S.F .No.517 which is Forest in nature. This area forms a part of Srivilliputhur Elephant Reserve and Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary.

The site proposed for Construction of Steel Bridge is home for several endangered species of flora and fauna. Although, project causes minimal damage to flora and fauna, it will ensure the safety of pilgrims as these bridges will help in easy movement of the public in the hilly terrain. The project site does not have any important monuments which has archaeological importance/ heritage site/ defence establishment etc. There is a great religious importance associated with the Sundaramahalingam temple at Sadhuragiri and an important pilgrimage for people in Tamilnadu. As per the necessity in the field, an area of 0.027 ha is recommended for laying of steel bridges across Mangani Odai, Elumbu odai and Sangiliparai odai in Saptur RF, Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary instead of 0.06 ha. There is no tree felling involved and the project is for safety of the pilgrims. This recommendation is subject to the condition that necessary clearance from the Standing Committee on National Board for Wildlife has to be obtained by the user agency.


Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director,
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve,
Madurai.

Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director,
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve,
Madurai - 625 002.