## [to be filled by concerned Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director]

Yes. Inspected by the Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai on 14.09.2022 and 07.04.2023 and site inspection report enclosed.
Yes
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 Tamil Nadu. An area of 0.027 ha is recommended for diversion to construct steel bridges in Saptur RF across Mangani Odai, Elumbu odai and Sangiliparai odai of, Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary instead of 0.06 Ha as there is no tree felling involved and the project is for safety of pilgrims.  The devotees are allowed on the permitted right of way at Thaniparai between 6 AM to 4 PM only on full moon,

new moon and Pradosham days. As per the directions of Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court in its order dated

27.03.2019 in WP (MD) No. 6400 of 2019, a special committee was formed to fix the carrying capacity of the Sanctuary in respect of pilgrims to be permitted to visit Arulmigu Sundaramahalingam Temple. Accordingly, carrying capacity with respect to the temple was fixed at 2778 pilgrims/ day on normal pilgrim days and 15,624 pilgrims /day on special Adi amavasai pilgrim days.

Subject to the conditions mentioned above, necessary clearance may kindly be issued under Forest Conservation Act 1980.

Signature

Name

: R. Padmawathe, IFS,

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Date: 03.05.2023

Place: Madurai.

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