Field Inspection Report for Construction of Foot Bridge (175m x 11.00m = 1925sqmt) 0.1925ha at Ayvanallur inside Maharajapuram Reserved Forest of Kumbakonam Range in Thanjavur Division for Creation of an Additional Source with Pump House to Combined Water Supply Scheme to 893 Habitations in Nagapattinam District by TWAD Board, Nagapattinam

The proposed site was inspected by the District Forest Officer on 05.07.2021 and 28.07.2021 for construction of Foot Bridge at Ayyanallur inside Maharajapuram Reserved Forest for Creation of an Additional Source with Pump House to Combined Water Supply Scheme to 893 Habitations in Nagapattinam District. During the site inspection it was noted that,

- The area proposed for diversion by the user agency is very minimum and there is no alternative land for the proposed project except the forest land.
- The user agency has not started any work proposed inside Maharajapuram Reserved Forest. Therefore the question of violation of provision in Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for this proposal does not arise,
- 3. The user agency shall pay the net present value imposed (Rs. 1,20,505 /-) as per the revised Forest Conservation Act, 1980 guidelines and Compensatory Afforestation cost for Rs. 31,21,109/-
- 4. There are no rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna in the Maharajapuram Reserved Forest. There are 65 teak trees which are planted and not natural in which Thanjavur Forest division have raised 54 teak trees (2014-Maharajapuram Kollidam RB Plantation) and 11 teak trees (1991 Seedling Seed Orchard Sholapuram Research Centre) by Industrial Wood Research Division, Trichirappalli. All the trees earmarked for removal are planted by Forest Department. 10 times of 65 teak trees i.e 650 teak trees will be planted in the same RF as Compensatory Afforestation.
- 5. There are no protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment and there are no monument in the above project site.



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