

## **SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, TIRUNELVELI CIRCLE**

**Location:** Laying of Drinking water pipeline in forest area of Wolf Hill RF in Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu. For CWSS to Reddiarpatti and 63 Rural habitations of Palayamkottai Union.

**Date of Inspection:** 10.02.2020

**Division:** Tirunelveli

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Inspected the proposed project site of proposal (FP/TN/WATER/41577/2019) for diversion of 0.1196 Ha forest area in Wolf Hill RF of Tirunelveli Range of Tirunelveli Forest Division on 10.02.2020, accompanied by District Forest Officer concerned field staff and the officials from user agency. The proposed area for diversion is required for laying of Drinking water pipe line for Combined Water Supply Scheme (CWSS) to Reddiarpatti and other 63 rural habitation of Palayamkottai Union in Tirunelveli District. During the field visit it was noted that no demarcation was made on the ground regarding the proposed area. Also no GPS reading etc was available for verification. The site is in degraded forest class (Canopy <0.4) and has thorny scrub vegetation. The linear length proposed is 1698 metre in one stretch and 296 m in another stretch for a width of 60 cm this totalling to a diversion of  $(1698\text{m}+296\text{m}) \times 0.60\text{m}=0.1196\text{ Ha}$ . The user agency was informed to get GPS reading of the centre line of the project and to mark the same on ground. As per the District Forest Officer Tirunelveli report, the marking on ground and centre line GPS reading is done and provided now. Also the user agency was informed to rethink whether the 60 cm width is enough to take the machinery for digging. The user agency has informed that 60 cm width is enough to dig the pipe line with JCB.

The report of user agency in this regard is doubtful. No tree felling is required in the proposed area. No endangered species of flora and fauna is noticed in the proposed area. The proposed area for diversion does not have any important movements which are archaeological / heritage / defence etc., significance.

It is also noted that there is no alternate route for laying drinking water supply pipeline, the area required is bare minimum and relates to public utility.

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