

**Field Inspection Report for Construction of Footbridges for laying pipeline,
Construction of M.V.Panel rooms and Head works components at Marudhur
Reserved Forest of Karur Forest Division for CWSS to 8 Town Panchayats, 2452
Rural Habitations in 11 Panchayat Unions with bulk provision to 3
Municipalities in Sivagangai District by TWAD Board, Kulithalai**

I have inspected the proposed site for the construction of Footbridges for laying pipeline, Construction of M.V.Panel rooms and Head works components at Marudhur Reserved Forest of Karur Forest Division for CWSS to 8 Town Panchayats, 2452 Rural Habitations in 11 Panchayat Unions with bulk provision to 3 Municipalities in Sivagangai District on 02.06.2022. During the site inspection, it was noted that,

1. The components of works proposed in the area are as follows:
 - a. The proposed area for the Construction of Footbridge No.1 for laying pipeline in a linear stretch of Reserved Forest land to a length of 330 meters and width of 3.50 meters (1No x 330m x 3.50m = 0.1155Ha.) in Marudhur Reserved Forest.
 - b. The proposed area for construction of Footbridge No.2 for laying pipeline in a linear stretch of Reserved Forest land to a length of 160 meters and width of 3.50 meters (1No x 160m x 3.50m = 0.0560Ha.) in Marudhur Reserved Forest.
 - c. The proposed area for construction of the M.V.Panel room is a polygon stretch of Reserved Forest land to a length of 5.00 meters and width of 5.00 meters (1No x 5m x 5m = 0.0025Ha.) in Marudhur Reserved Forest.
 - d. The proposed area for construction of Head works components (Collection Sump-38.85 LL capacity, Sump cum pump house-5.00 LL capacity, MCC room 15m x 9m, Transformer yard, Staff Quarters and Office Building) is a polygon stretch of Reserved Forest land to a length of 140 meters and width of 50 meters (1No x 140m x 50m = 0.7000Ha.) in Marudhur Reserved Forest. **Hence the total proposed area is 0.8740Ha.**
2. 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.

3. The user agency has not started any work in the proposed site inside the Marudhur Reserved Forest. Therefore the question of violation of provision in Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for this proposal does not arise.
4. There is no rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna in the Marudhur Reserved Forest.
5. Eucalyptus coppice and Prosopis juliflora were present in the proposed project area. TAFORN also planted Eucalyptus Saplings during 2021-22 in some of the areas proposed by the TWAD Board.
6. There is no protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment and there is no monuments in the above project site.
7. The user agency has wrongly mentioned the Reserved Forest name in the proposal as Marudhur North Reserved Forest/ Marudhur North-1 Reserved Forest instead of Marudhur Reserved Forest.


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