

**Site Inspection Report and Recommendation of the Conservator of Forests,
Chennai Circle**

The Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, RWS Division, Ranipet District has submitted a proposal for the diversion of 0.1584 ha. of Forest land in Koramangalam Reserved Forest in Tiruttani Range of Tiruvallur Division for laying water supply pipeline for water supply improvement scheme in Tiruttani Municipality of Tiruvallur District. The proposed project site was inspected by me on 06.01.2022 along with the District Forest Officer, Tiruvallur Division and Staff (Forest and TWAD Board).

The Koramangalam Forest Block was notified as Reserved Forest under Section 16 of Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882 vide G.O.Ms.No. 69, Environment & Forests (FR-14) dated 30.06.2009. The total extent of this Reserved Forest is 177.910 ha. The forest type is Tropical Dry Evergreen and density of the forest is open with eco value- IV. Wild animals such as Spotted Deer, Wild Boar, Python, Porcupine, Mongoose, Monitor Lizard, all snakes except King Cobra and birds including Peacock are present in the forest.

There are four right of ways admitted for public in the notification. The proposed pipeline falls in two stretches along the admitted right of way. The first stretch falls in Right of way No. 1 (Tiruttani to Sholinghur Road) in Survey No.1/1 of No.9, Mambakkam village to a length of 120.4 meters and the second is along the Right of way No.1 (Tiruttani to Sholinghur Road) in Survey No.275/1 of Village No.9, Koramangalam Village to a length of 1463.8 meters.

The proposal is to lay drinking water pipeline along the road brim portion to a length of 1584.20 meters (1463.80 + 120.4 meters) and to a width of 1 meter. The forest land required for the project is bare minimum and highly essential for providing drinking water supply to Tiruttani town. Further providing safe drinking water is a basic requirement and as the proposed pipeline is said to be laid on the road brim portion there will be no felling of trees, no disturbance and loss to the vegetation due to this proposal. Hence, the proposed diversion of 0.1584 ha. of forest land in Koramangalam Reserved Forest in Tiruttani Range of Tiruvallur Division is recommended.


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