

**SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER,
VELLORE FOREST DIVISION, VELLORE - 09.**

Regarding the diversion of 5.42 ha. of forest land in Mahimandalam Reserved Forest of Arcot Range in Vellore Forest Division for taking up the project of 4-lane Bangalore - Chennai Expressway through National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) the forest land to be diverted was inspected by me on 30.04.2016 and it was noticed that, the terrain is slopy and the forest land is of Dry Deciduous Thorn Forest type. The forest land to be diverted for the project has 778 Nos of Miscellaneous standing trees of spontaneous origin having girth class more than 31 cms and 110 Nos of Red Sander trees having girth class 23-130 cms planted in the year 1971 to be felled for execution of the project. Therefore, this 4-lane express corridor passing through Mahimandalam Reserved Forest may be recommended on public interest as this will serve rapid road transportation facilities from Hoscote near Bangalore to Sriperumbudhur near Chennai. Further this can be recommended under condition basis that an underneath passage may be provided during the execution of the road work such that, the fauna in the Reserved Forest such as spotted deer, wild hare, porcupine, leopard etc., could migrate without any obstruction from one side of the Highway to the other.


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