RECOMMENDATION OF THE DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER, DINDIGUL DIVISION, DINDIGUL

I inspected the site on 14.02.2018 and offer my recommendation as follows:-

- (i) Formation of new BT road from Ellaparai to Lingavadi Malaiyur in Perumalai Reserved Forests is helpful to the people and students of Rajakad and L.Malaiyur for their following day to day works:-
 - (a) There are 926 people are living in L.Malaiyur village and 110 people are living in Rajakad village.
 - (b) There is an Anganvadi and Union Elementary school situated in L.Malaiyur village. For the both the institutions, staff and teachers have to reach by foot, walking a distance of 4 Km up and down daily.
 - (c) During election also, all the material have to be transported by head load to the village.
 - (d) There is no High school in this village. Hence students completing elementary school here have to necessarily come down for their higher studies. Several students attending high school, higher secondary school and Colleges walk down daily this distance and go back after their school and college time. Sometimes the school and college students after attending special classes, returning the villages during night time.
 - (e) Roughly about 1200 acres of agricultural lands are situated in the above two villages. Apart from millets and grains, horticulture crops like, Guava, mango, Cashew, Coconut, Pulses, Ground nut, Banana and Jack are grown here. To some extent floriculture is also practiced here. All the inputs as well as output products are transported either by head load or ponys which increases the cost of production. Sometime (i.e.,) during harvest times, agriculture labourers also have to be transported from outside by paying more wages.

- (ii) The proposed area is having hilly terrain and there are 202 small spontaneous trees are involved.
- (iii) The proposed area for diversion does not have any archeological and heritage related monuments.
- (iv) There is no Tribal Rights are affected in this project.
- (v) Flagship species like tiger and Elephant are not available in this reserved forests. Hence there is no threat to major wildlife species.

This project in Perumalai reserved forests has minimum effects on environment and more beneficial to the public. Hence this project is recommended.

Date: 02.04.2018.

Place: Dindigul.

District Forest Officer, 2.4.18
Dindigul Division, Dindigul.