## Site Inspection Report of Divisional Forest Officer, Achenkovil on 'Construction of 7 Km underground cable from Thazhethottam to Achenkovil' dated 08.02.2021

Achenkovil Division was constituted as per the Government Order (MS) No.50/1993/Forest & Wildlife Department dated 29.06.1993. This Forest Division is land-locked on North, West and South by the Reserved Forest of Ranni, Konni and Thenmala Forest Division respectively and on East by the Tamilnadu State. The population of the Achenkovil Division is approximately 2000 people which include 176 families of Malampandaram Tribes of Achenkovil Tribal Settlement. The Socio –Economic development and livelihood of the people of Achenkovil is fully dependent on Forest Department and the Forestry Works offered to them. Presently the electric transmission line from Priya Estate to Achenkovil through the Reserved Forest is providing electricity to this remote village, which was established well before 1980.

The proposed project is to lay underground cable for providing electricity to the Achenkovil area starts from Thazhethottam which is the boundary area of Achenkovil Division (N 09°2\*55' – E 77° 7\* 52') to Harijan Colony Area (N 09°4\*45' – E 77° 7\* 24'). The existing the electric transmission line is established through the Reserve Forest from the Priya Estate area which is the border of Achenkovil Division with Thenmala Forest Division, which is posing threat to the large mammals of the Forest by possible electrocution. The proposed project is to lay underground cable along the coupe road for an extent of 7 Km, which is used for protection purposes, from Thazhethottam to Achenkovil. Since the project to lay underground cable along the existing coupe road, removal or cutting of trees is not involved. Hence the project may kindly be considered.

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