

## **Recommendations of the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Forest Division**

The proposal submitted by the User Agency for diversion of 5.00 ha of Forest land in Kesarguli Reserved Forest of Palacode Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division for formation of road from Thimmalanmedu to Kotturmalai village. In the alignment of the proposal road, no right of way was admitted in the Tamil Nadu Gazette notification of Kesarguli Reserved Forest.

The proposed road connects Thimmalanmedu and Kotturmalai villages. Until now there is no any other alternative road for them to drive vehicles. This is the long-lasting demand by the village peoples for the past ten years. This demand has also been raised in the Legislative Assembly often.

The project proponent has given undertakings to bear the cost of Net Present Value, Additional Net Present Value, Compensatory Afforestation with maintenance and lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation in future for the forest land to be diverted etc. The work will be permitted after strict supervision of Forest Officers. Possible damage to wild flora and fauna due to this project is very low.

Considering the above facts and field observations, I recommend this proposal for seeking diversion of land.

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