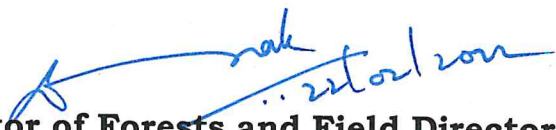


***Field Inspection of Conservator of Forests and Field Director,  
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai regarding  
diversion of 0.1632 Ha of forest land in Doddappanaickanur North  
RF in Madurai Forest Division and Andipatty South RF in Theni  
Division for laying of underground pipelines for providing drinking  
water facility to Usilampatty Municipality***

The proposed area for laying of underground pipelines along the Madurai to Cochin National Highways across Doddappanaickanur North Reserved Forest (Length 332M) and Andipatty South Reserved Forest (Length 1.30km) to a distance of 1.632 km length and 1.00M width and 1.55M depth in Madurai District and Theni District respectively has been inspected along with District Forest Officer, Theni and field staff on 14.02.2022.

The proposal involves laying of drinking water pipeline along Theni - Madurai road. It involves digging of pit of size not exceeding 1.0M wide and 1.55m deep pit and refilling the same with excavated soil after laying pipeline. The alignment of the pipeline is along the Left Hand Side (LHS) of Theni - Madurai road.

The proposed area doesn't fall under any Eco Sensitive Zone, Wildlife sanctuary, National park and Tiger Reserve. There is no felling of trees involved. The proposed project dose not impose any threat to forest and wildlife. Hence the diversion of forest land to an extent of 0.1632 Ha may be considered.

  
**Conservator of Forests and Field Director,  
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