Recommendation 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 forest area requested for laying of underground pipeline along the Madurai to Cochin National Highways passes through areas of Doddappanaickanur North Reserved Forest (Length 0.332km) and Andipatty South Reserved Forest (Length 1.30km) to a distance of 1.632 km in Madurai and Theni District respectively. The proposal involves digging of earth not exceeding 1.00M width and 1.55M depth in order to lay the pipeline. Apart from excavation of soil for digging the pit, the project in the proposed forest areas involves no physical construction activity o any kind of discharge of waste. The project work is designed in such a manner so as to lay the pipeline all along the road margin of the National Highway Madurai - Cochin road, which involves no felling of trees and alteration of terrain.

There is no felling of trees involved in this proposal. The proposed forest area doesn't fall in any Eco Sensitive Zone, Wildlife sanctuary, National park and Tiger Reserve. Based on the recommendation of the District Forest Officer, Madurai and Theni the diversion of forest land to an extent of 0.1632 ha in Madurai and Theni Forest Division is recommended.

Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai-2

PART - III

[to be filled by concerned Conservator of Forests and Field Director]

17.	Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Conservator of Forests and Field Director (Yes / No) if yes, the date of inspection & observations made in form of inspection note to be enclosed.	••	Yes. Inspected by the Conservator of Forests and Field Director on 14.02.2022 and inspection notes enclosed.
18.	Whether the concerned Conservator of Forests and Field Director agree with the information given in Part B and the recommendation of District Forest Officer.	•	Yes
19.	Specific Recommendation of concerned Conservator of Forests and Field Director for acceptance	•	The proposed diversion of 0.1632 ha (Theni Forest Division - 0.13 Ha and Madurai Forest Division - 0.0332 ha)) of forest land does not have any important monuments of Archeological, Heritage site, Defense establishment etc., and the project is location specific and the area requested for the project is barest minimum. I recommend the proposal for laying of underground pipelines along the Madurai to Cochin National Highways across Doddappanaickanur North Reserved Forest (Length 332mt) and Andipatty South Reserved Forest (Length 1.30km) to overall distance of 1.632 km which involves laying of pipeline by digging pit not exceeding 1 mt. width and 1.55mt depth to provide drinking water for Usilampatty Municipality.

Signature

Name

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: Conservator of Forests and Field Director Grivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madural - 625 002:

Date: 22.02.2022 Place: Madurai.