Field Inspection report of Conservator of Forests and Field Director, SMTR, Madurai regarding diversion of 0.0696 Ha of forest land in Nattucheri Reserved Forest for laying water pipeline under combined water supply scheme to 8 Town Panchyats, 2452 Rural Habitations and 3 Municipalities of Sivagangai District in Sivaganga division Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai.

The proposed area for laying water pipeline under combined water supply scheme to 8 Town Panchyats, 2452 Rural Habitations and 3 Municipalities in Sivagangai District to an extent of **0.0696 Ha** in Nattucheri Reserved Forest in Sivagangai Range of Sivaganga forest Division has been inspected by me along with District Forest Officer, Sivagangai and field staff on 09.04.2022.

The forest area requested for laying of pipeline for dedicated water supply to a length of 870m, width of 0.80m and depth of 1.20m lies along the left side of the road from Nattucheri village to Aranmanaivayal in Karaikudi Taluk and also cross the road location in the Nattucheri Reserved Forest in Sivagangai Forest Division. The alignment is along the berm area of the road which involves no felling of trees or causes any disturbance to the vegetation.

The proposed area doesn't fall under any Eco Sensitive Zone, Wildlife Sanctuary, National Park and Tiger Reserve. There is no tree felling is required for carrying out this proposal. Hence, the diversion of forest land to an extent of 0.0696Ha may be considered.

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