

### **Recommendation of District forest officer**

The Divisional Engineer, Highways department No.155, J.N.Road, Periyakuppam, Tiruvallur submitted a proposal for the diversion of 0.93 Ha of Forest land in Erumaivettipalayam Reserve Forest for the upgradation of GNT road to New Erumaivettipalayam road @ 2/350 to 4/150 under the jurisdiction of Gummidipoondi range, Tiruvallur Forest Division, Tiruvallur District. The proposed project was inspected on 22.06.2021 along with Assistant Engineer, Highways department and Forest Staff.

Further, the proposed Forest Land diversion for carrying out the improvement of existing road involves forest area of about 8415 m<sup>2</sup> (or 0.8415 Ha) in Erumaivettipalayam Reserve Forest. The proposed diversion of Forest Land lies in the existing Public Right of Way. It is also found that there is no alternative road available to the New Erumaivettipalayam Village from the neighbouring villages and town. The project site is situated about 30km away from Pulicat wildlife sanctuary. Hence, the diversion of the forest land is found to be bare minimum and highly essentially for the local people. Considering the above views, the diversion of 8415 m<sup>2</sup> (or 0.8415 Ha) of Forest Land in Erumaivettipalayam Reserve Forest, under the jurisdiction of Gummidipoondi range, Tiruvallur Forest Division is recommended subject to the fulfilment of condition that a full-fledged chain link fencing shall be erected on either side of the road to prevent further biotic interference at the cost of user agency.

  
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