

## **SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER, THENI.**

1. I have inspected the project site on 08.04.2022 and 25.04.2022.
2. This project is for the Improvement work of Theni Bye pass road connecting Dindigul – Theni Road and Madurai – Cochin Road across Valkaradu Reserved Forest of Theni Beat, Theni Section and Theni Range.
3. The project is revised: the width of the road essentially needed is 13.50m (that is bituminous surface 10.50m and both side berms each (1.50 + 1.50m) is enough to complete the project and the requested area by the user agency now is 1.658 Ha i.e., 1228 m length x 13.50m width.
4. The proposed road improvement works is at Theni Bye pass branching at Km. 68/8 (NH45 Extn. Dindigul – Kumuli Road) and joins at Km 75/6 of (NH49 Extn. Madurai – Cochin Road).
5. The proposed area is along the boundary of the Reserved Forest in most of the areas.
6. There is no spontaneous tree growth but 153 Nos of various species of plantation raised by the Forest Department is available, but no tree felling has been proposed by the User agency as these trees are available only in the side berms.
7. No major endangered species of flora and fauna found in the proposed area and also does not have any importance monuments which area archaeological / heritage site / defense establishment etc.
8. Since there is no other alternative feasible location available and there is an existing road, the diversion of 1.658 Ha. of Forest Land may be considered.

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