Field Inspection of Conservator of Forests and Field Director, SMTR, Madurai regarding diversion of 0.193 Ha of forest land in Suranganar Reserved Forest for laying of underground OFC along Cumbum - Kumuli NH Road from Lower Camp in Theni Forest Division of Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai.

The proposed area for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable to an extent of 0.193Ha in Suranganar Reserved Forest in Cumbum West Range in Theni Division and Theni District has been inspected by me along with District Forest Officer, Theni and field staff on 09.03.2022.

The forest area requested for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable to a length of 6.44Kms, width of 0.30m and depth of 2.00m is along the right side of Kollam - Dindigul National Highways (NH-183) running between Cumbum to Kumuli in Theni Forest Division. The alignment is along the berm area of the road which involves no felling of trees or causes any disturbance to 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 0.193 Ha. may be considered.

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

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