Recommendation 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 forest area requested for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable to an extent of 0.193 Ha falls in Suranganar Reserved Forest of Cumbum West Range in Theni Division.

Permission requested for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable to a length of 6.44Km, width of 0.30m and depth of 2.00m lies along the right side of the Kollam - Dindigul National Highways (NH-183) running between Cumbum to Kumuli in Theni Forest Division in Theni district. The OFC has to be laid along the berms of the road and after laying of cables the trench will be refilled and there is no cutting of fresh land involved.

As per the file available in the website www.ntca.gov.in. National Tiger Conservation Authority, a part of the proposed area (i.e.) 1.30 km is falls within the Tiger Corridor of Mathikettan Shola National Park and Periyar National Park of Kerala State.

There is no tree felling is required for carrying out this proposal. The proposed forest area doesn't fall in any of the Eco Sensitive Zone, Wildlife Sanctuary, National park, Heritage Site and Tiger Reserve. Based on the recommendation of the District Forest Officer, Theni, the diversion of forest land to an extent of 0.193Ha in Suranganar Reserved Forest of Cumbum West Range in Theni Forest Division is recommended.

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

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PART - III

[to be filled by concerned Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai]

| 14. | Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Conservator of Forests and Field Director, SMTR, Madurai (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, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai on 09.03.2022 and inspection notes enclosed. |
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| 15. | Whether the concerned Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part B and the recommendation of District Forest Officer. | | Yes |
| 16. | Specific Recommendation of concerned Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests for acceptance. | • | The proposed area for diversion 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 Optical Fibre Cable along the right side of the Kollam - Dindigul National Highways (NH-183) running between Cumbum - Kumuli in Suranganar RF to a distance of 6.44 Km length, 0.30M width and 2.00M depth to improve the communication facilities. |

Signature :

Name : **DEEPAK S. BILGI, IFS,**

Office Seal : Conservator of Forests and Field Director Strivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve,

Madurai - 625 002.

Date: .03.2022 Place: Madurai.

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