Recommendation

The Proposal is for diversion of 0.0768 Ha of Forest land for Electric connecting for 10 No. of rural villages in over exploited blocks of Andimadam Union in Ariyalur District. The proposed site were inspected on 08.04.2021 with Forest Range Officer, Ariyalur and EB officials, TANGEDCO, South Andimadam.

The proposed linear alignment of Electricity line runs along the existing Panchayat road Ayyur to Silampur in 4 stretches.

 Ayyur to Silampur road – Kanguzhi R.F – 420 metre. (Mud road through Kanguzhi R.F. Right of Way allowed as per G.O.Ms.No.20 F&F dated 08.01.1980)

2. Silampur to Pukkuzhi road - Thirukonam R.F – 300 metre. (Panchayat road)

The actual requirement is calculated as follows: -

Electricity line length in 2 stretche	s - 720 metre	
Required width	- 1.0668 metre	$=768.096 \text{ m}^2$
Area required	- 0.0768 Ha	

The proposed alignment passes along the existing Panchayat road which runs through the above Reserve Forests. There are no trees or natural vegetation along the proposed alignment.

These Reserve Forests are already leased out to Tamil Nadu Forest Plantation Corporation for raising Eucalyptus tereticornis and Cashew from the year 1974.

The user agency has submitted necessary under taking on Compensatory Afforestation expenditure, Net present value, Additional Net present value and Annual Lease Rent. Therefore there is no objection from Forestry and Wildlife point of view. Since the proposed electricity line is provide electricity to around 10 villages would be beneficial for the development of the village.

Taking into consideration of the facts stated above, I recommended the user agency's proposal for diversion of the Forest land in Kanguzhi Reserved Forests and Thirukkonam Reserved Forests.

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