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Date: 01.03.2022

To

The District Forest Officer,  
Madurai.

Sir,

Sub: NHAI- PIU, Madurai - Four lane divided carriageway from Vadipatti (Design Chainage 0+000) to Thamaraipatti (Design Chainage 29+960) stretch of Madurai Ring Road section of NH-744A on EPC mode under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I in the state of Tamil Nadu - Diversion of forest land proposal (Madurai Ring Road - FP/TN/ROAD/32148/2018 - **Submission of compliance by alternate measures of wildlife overpass and underpass proposed in lieu of Elevated Corridor as instructed by Forest Department to take project highway in RF- Reg**

- Ref: 1. DFO, Madurai Lr. No. C. No. 1173/2018/D Dt. 15.12.2021  
2. This Office Lr. No. NHAI/PIU/MDU/NH744A/I/01/2021/3703 Dt. 17.12.2021  
3. This Office Lr. No. NHAI/PIU/MDU/NH744A/I/01/2021/Dt. 15.12.2021  
4. This Office Lr. No. NHAI/PIU/MDU/NH744A/I/01/2021/3437 Dt. 25.11.2021  
5. DFO, Madurai Lr. No. C. No. 1173/2018/D Dt. 14.09.2021  
6. PCCF, Chennai Lr. No. TS4/7185/2018 Dt. 29.07.2021  
7. Deputy Secretary to Government Lr. No. 4379/FR.10/2021-2 Dt. 14.07.2021

Kind attention is invited to the DFO, Madurai letter cited at ref.1 above, vide which this office has been instructed to follow the condition prescribed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Chennai regarding the Elevated Corridor. The above mentioned communication of PCCF, Chennai received vide ref.6, has sought following undertaking from the user agency:

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1. *An elevated corridor be provided for the portion of the proposed road passing through Waguthamalai Reserved Forest to enable unrestricted movement of wildlife beneath the corridor.*
2. *Adequate number of sign boards at vantage points along the sides of the road as proposed by the District Forest Officer may be erected to warn the drivers of vehicles and commuters passing through the affected stretch regarding wildlife crossing the road, avoid throwing of inflammable material like cigarette, butts., along the road sides leading to fire in the dry season, littering the road with discharged trash cans, rubbish etc.,*

2. Regarding undertaking No.1 above, in consideration of the project alignment passing through the Waguthamalai Reserve Forest in Madurai District for a length of 210m (from km 3+480 to km 3+690) and an extent of 1.28 Ha forest land only is required. And it is to appraise that, the RF land proposed for diversion is located almost at the end of RF limit. The proposed road is also to be laid in cutting which ranges from (-) 0.45m to (-) 8.0m of depth, hence providing of Elevated Corridor is techno-economically least viable due to topographic constraints.

3. Consequently, the matter taken up with Forest Department for insisting an alternate suitable structure in place of Elevated Corridor. Subsequently, joint site inspection carried out with DFO, Madurai & undersigned on 12.11.2021 and 08.02.2022 and issue elaborately deliberated at site mainly topographical constraint, consumption of huge construction material and availability of alternate means (Wildlife overpass and underpass). Accordingly, wildlife overpass of 20m width over the entire ROW and underpass of size 3mx2m is proposed. Detailed report regarding wildlife overpass and underpass including other mitigation / ecofriendly measures proposed in lieu of Elevated Corridor is furnished herewith. Accordingly, undertaking to provide Wildlife Overpass and underpass including other mitigation measures in lieu of elevated corridor as insisted in undertaking No.1, and undertaking No.2 are signed and enclosed.

*Dr.*

4. Therefore, it is requested to consider the furnished undertakings for granting necessary Forest Clearance, please.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully



**(V. Nagaraj)**

DGM (T) & Project Director  
PIU – Madurai

Copy to:

1. The Regional Officer, NHAI, Madurai.
2. Conservator of Forests, Madurai.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai.