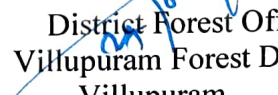# Suitability of area identified for Compensatory Afforestation and from management point of view

I have Inspected the location for diversion of 0.768 ha of forest land in Kallackurichi Forest Division for road expansion work in Vellimalai Moolakadu Puthur between Pakkam to Ravathnallur villages across Ravathnallur R.F road section in villupuram Diversion area (now in Kallakuruchi District) in favour of Highway Department Construction and Maintenance, Sankarapuram on 27.05.2022 along with the Forest Range Officer and staff of Vellimalai range. The proposal for diversion of 0.768 ha of forest land in Kallackurichi Forest Division for Road expansion work by Highways Department Constructions and Maintenance ,Sankarapuram Sub Division in Vellimali Mollakadu Pudhur road between Pakkam and Ravathnallur villages near Ravathnallur R.F in villupuram Division area (now in Kallakuruchi District) to an extent of 0.768 ha is a linear project and it is passing through Ravathnallur Reserve Forest of Vellimalai range in Kallackurichi District of Villupuram Forest Division.

The Compensatory Afforestation area for the proposed diversion area of 0.768 ha, the degraded forest land to an extent of 1.536 ha has been identified in Thagarai Reserved Forest for plantation.

The forest type of Thagarai RF is Southern Tropical Dry mixed deciduous. The floral diversity of the Thagarai RF includes mainly tree species like Syzygium cumini, Azadirachta indica, Pongamia pinnata, Tamarindus indica, wrightia tintoria Holoptelea integrifolia , Thespesia populnea. *and* Shrubby growth of other miscellaneous species etc., and the faunal diversity of the Thagarai RF mainly comprises of Spotted deer, Indian guar, bear, Peacock and Wild boar etc.

The Compensatory area identified in Thagarai RF is suitable for afforestation and found to be convenient in the management point of view. The proposal for afforestation is uploaded in the online web portal - Part - II of Form - A.

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Villupuram.