FORM 1 (for Linear Projects) **Government of Tamil Nadu** Office of the District Collector, Sivaganga

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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

In Compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) Government of India Lr.No.11-9/98-FC (pt) dated 3rd Auguest 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act, 2006 ('FRA' for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes read MoEF's letter dated 5th February 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that 0.03.0 Hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of National Highways Authority of India for the purpose of two laining with paved shoulders of Karaikudi -Ramanathapuram section (NH-210) road in Sivaganga District falls within jurisdiction of Senjai East Reserve Forest of Senjai Village in Karaikudi Taluk.

It is further certified that:

- a) The complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire 0.03.0 Hectares of forest area proposed for diversion. A copy of records of all consolations and meeting of the Forest Right Committee (s), Gram Sabha (s), Sub-Division Level Committee (s) and the District Level Committee are not enclosed because in Sivaganga District, there is no forest tribe's settlement.
- b) The diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under Section 3 (2) of the FRA have been completed and the requirement of obtaining consent of the Grama Sabhas is exempted as per the guidelines of MoEF, GOI, No.11-9/98-FC (pt.) dated: 5th February, 2013.
- c) The proposal does not involve recognized rights of primitive tribal groups and pre-agricultural communities.

Also, No alternative suitable non forest land is available for laying of road in Sivaganga District of Senjai Village in Karaikudi Taluk to avoid the forest land diversion in Senjai East Reserve Forest.