

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT DIVERTING FOREST LAND

The proposed road serves as a main connecting corridor between the Madurai and Trichy where the existing road *via* Melur (NH 45B) is with length of 71 km. The Current road is shortest road between the Madurai to Thuvankurichi via Natham with a design length of 61 km.

Current project road is shorter by 10 km and also 7 km of Elevated Highway is proposed in Madurai City which further reduces the travel time. Therefore, the subject project highway acts as alternative route for NH 45B.

Description	From	To	Length (km)	Remarks
Route- A			61.0	
Route – A1	Madurai	Natham	35.5	4 Lane Under Construction
Route – A2	Natham	Thuvankurichi	25.5	Current Project Road
Route- B	Madurai	Thuvankurichi	71.0	<i>via</i> Melur, NH 45B


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