

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING PROJECT IN FOREST LAND

The proposed bridge construction site is located in Gramam Reserve Forest area of Viluppuram Forest Division of Viluppuram District.

The site is located at Km. 0/4 of Kooranur Road (Other District Road/Government Road) which has been maintained by Tamilnadu Highways Department.

The above said Kooranur Road is branching at Km. 42/2 of Cuddalore – Thirukoilur – Sankarapuram Road (State Highways-68). This road originates at Gramam village and passes through Thenmangalam village and ends at Kooranur village. The proposed bridge site is approximately 17 kms. from Viluppuram Town.

At present there has been a bed level causeway (Cement Concrete Pavement with summer vents) which is having a length of 106m and to a width of 7.00m. The causeway and road portion has been periodically maintained by Highways Department since from 1960.

During rainy season village public and school going children of Kooranur, Thenmangalam and Gramam find very difficult, since flood water crosses the causeway at an height of 2.5m for more than 1 month. Hence it is absolutely necessary to construct a high level bridge at this location.

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Extent of forest land need to be diverted to Highways Department is as below.

Permanent diversion (Bridge & approaches) = 240.0m x 12.0m = 0.288 Hec.

Temporary diversion (diversion road) = 240.0m x 10.0m = 0.240 Hec.

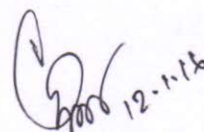
Total = 0.528 Hec.

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