

### **Justification for the Project in Reserve Forest area**

The proposed Relaying and Periodical Maintenance of Mailai - Rayamangalam Road (Km 0/910- 1/610 =700m length with 3.75m carriageway width and Shoulders width of 1.625m on either sides) at Kattur Reserve Forest has a total area of the **0.49 hectares** (700x7.00m= 4900 Sq.m.) Forest Land. There is no Alternative Lands available for this road.

The other Justification for forest diversion requirement is

1. This road connects the Rayamangalam and Mailai, Mullipakkam, Manamathy and more villages connect with Chengalpattu to Thiruporur Road.
2. The farmers in the surrounding villages carry their Agricultural Products like Paddy, Grains, Rice, Sugarcane, Groundnuts and Vegetables through this road to the marketing centres at Thiruporur, Guduvancheri and nearby marketing centres.
3. Famous tourist attraction such as pilgrimages tourism centre of Thirukalkundram, Melmaruvathur and Mamallapuram and nearest Govt. Medical College, Govt. Hospital and Chengalpattu Court.
4. This road was constructed before 1985 and it was maintained by Rural Development Department. The last renewal was carried out prior to 2009 and the road is heavily damaged for the past 12 years in forest portion. The forest stretch is found with lot of surface worn outs, ruts, potholes which is discomfort to the road users and fast moving vehicles.

Hence, Relaying of this road stretches are most essential to provide smooth surface of the road for the free flow of traffic.

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