Field Inspection Report

I inspected a part of Karumalai Reserve Forest in Madurai Range of Madurai Forest Division on 10/09/2014 and 23/01/16. Following are my observations:

- 1. The proposed black topped road is in the foot hills of Karumalai Reserve Forest.
- 2. The type of forest is Tropical throny/scrub forests.
- 3. There is no significant wildlife presence observed by me.
- 4. Except for this part (180 meters of length) of road, black topped road has already been laid.
- 5. Width of proposed black topped road as 3.5 meters should be sufficient for the purpose, in the existing circumstances. Otherwise, there will be a lot of tree felling involved in the project.
- 6. Only 4 nos of planted Usil (Albizzia Amara) trees need to be felled if we limit the width of the road to 3.5 meters
- I recommend the proposal of 180 meters by 3.5 meters of black topped road in Karumalai Reserve Forest coming in Madurai Forest Division.

District Forest Officer,