

### Site Inspection Report of Wildlife Warden, Chennai

The site where the construction of high level bridge is proposed is located within the limits of Pulicat Birds Sanctuary. The bridge aims to provide connectivity for the people living in several hamlets (including Edamanikuppam) to Chennai – Pulicat road to Pasiavaram road who otherwise wade through the waters especially during monsoon season. Quite often, students have been found walking in deep waters to attend to school and the scenario has been frightening. Several representations have been received for the construction of this bridge from the villagers. Several casualties to human life have occurred in the past in the hamlets during natural calamities like tsunami as there was no quick escape route to the people. The area does not have any vegetation and is seasonally inundated. Several water fowl and terrestrial birds are seen in Pulicat Birds Sanctuary and also adjacent to the proposed site across the road.

No violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 has taken place in the area and preliminary works also have not been initiated. The project is only a connecting bridge and does not have any likelihood of emissions or effluents being released into the Pulicat Lake. Hence, the project will not have any negative impact on the biodiversity of the lake.

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Signed  
The officer in charge of the NP/WLS  
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