FORM-I

(for Railway projects) Government of Tamil Nadu Office of the District Collector. Ramanathapuram

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

In compliance with the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India's Letter No. 11-9/98-FC (pt.) dated 3rd August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA', for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes read with MoEFs letter dated 5th February 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that 28.61.32 hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction-IV, Southern Railway, Madurai to carry out the formation of new BG Railway line from Rameswaram to Dhanushkoti across Rameswaram RF of Ramanathapuram Forest Division, Ramanathapuram in RameswaramTaluk, Ramanathapuram District.

It is further certified that:

- i) The complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire 28.61.32 hectares of forest area proposed for diversion
- ii) Certified that there are no Scheduled Tribes nd other Traditional Forest Dwellers in Rameswaram R.F. of RameswaramTaluk, Ramanathapuram District and consequently no claims have been received under this Act with respect to the area proposed for BG Railway Line work in this path.
- iii) Certified that there are no Primitive Groups (PTG) and Pre-Agricultural Communities (PAC) in the Rameswaram R.F. of RameswaramTaluk, Ramanathapuram District. So, the recognized rights of PTG and PAC are no faffected.

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Revenue Divisional Officer,

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