

Justification for locating the Project in Forest Land and Details of alternate examine:

Name of the Project: Improvement work of Theni Bye Pass Road connecting Dindigul - Theni Road (NH 45 Extn.) and Madurai - Cochin Road (NH49 Extn.) across the Valkaradu RF.

Location:

Improvement work of Theni Bye Pass Road connecting Dindigul - Theni Road (NH 45 Extn.) and Madurai - Cochin Road (NH49 Extn.) across the Valkaradu RF in Theni Taluk, Theni District

Details of the Project:

The proposed road improvement work to be taken on the road which connects Dindigul - Theni Road (NH45 Extn.) and Madurai - Cochin (NH49 Extn.) and runs across Valkaradu R.F. by passing the traffic conjunction at Central Business District of Theni. It is called Theni Bye pass road (MD 712) and also an important Major District Road.

Due to heavy vehicular population and to avoid congestion in and around the bus stand of Theni old bus stand by mofussil buses, Theni municipality has constructed a New Bus Stand at km 3/673 of this road near Valkaradu R.F.

In long run the vehicular traffic has been increased in this particular road. Apart from people movement for mofussil buses, the public use this road for reaching District Court, Collector Office and other important


Government offices and also reach Government Medical College, Hospital, Schools, Colleges and Textile mills etc.,

From the Inception till today to make the road fit for state moment for traffic, road users and vehicles it is essential to do the improvements on this stretch of road which holds unequal vertical gradients. Hence, considering 1980 Forest Conservation Act, Highways department has preparing this proposal for obtaining permission from the Government of India.

After the improvements carried out in this bye pass road, the vehicular traffic in Theni Central Business District is fully diverted in to this road. This results in saving of time and vehicle operating cost.

The area requested for improvement works is the minimum considering the requirements and also considering the heavy vehicular traffic and public usage. The area required for the improvement work is bare minimum, which is a part of the protected forest land. The project area does not involve any diversion of forest area in any manner.

No alternative was considered, as the project is site specific.


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