

**TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From **Thiru. S. Gowtham, I.F.S.,**  
District Forest officer,  
Theni Forest Division,  
Theni.

To **The Additional Principal  
Chief Conservator of Forests,**  
Madurai Circle,  
Madurai.

**C.No.6967/2016/D dated 14/09/2020**

Sir,

Sub:- Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Madurai Circle / Theni Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.50 ha of forest land for Construction of Check Dam for water supply scheme – Online proposal submission by the User Agency ie. The Commissioner, Bodinayakanur, Bodi – Site inspection report Submission - Regarding.

- Ref:-
- 1) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest Force), Chennai, C.No. TS4/39090/2019 dated 20.12.2019
  - 2) Online application uploaded by the User Agency – The Commissioner, Bodinayakanur Municipality, Bodi dated 06.08.2019 (FP/TN/Water/41506/2019)
  - 3) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Madurai Circle, Madurai C.No. 9653/2019/D1 dated 03.09.2020 & 14.09.2020

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With the reference to the above subject, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Madurai letter was perused. The proposal to construct Check dam across Kottagudi river for providing additional drinking water facility was analysed in respect of Tiger corridor and I submit the following observations.

DSS- Decision support system available in [www.ntca.gov.in](http://www.ntca.gov.in) was used in the analysis. The proposed project site falls within the tiger corridor as per the DSS mapping of Tiger corridors available in [www.ntca.gov.in](http://www.ntca.gov.in).

The corridor is between the Mathikettan shola National Park and Pambadum shola National Park of the state of Kerala.

The proposed project is an essential activity as it is intending to provide Drinking water to Bodi Municipality. The project will not be a hindrance to movements of wildlife. It may be permitted with prior clearance of National Board of Wildlife and is recommended for the same.

Furthermore, a revised following reports is enclosed herewith,

- 1) Site Inspection Report
- 2) Recommendation Report
- 3) Location marked in SI Sheet (2 copies)
- 4) Part – II of the proposal (3 copies)
- 5) Breakdown of SI.No.14 District Profile in Part – II of proposal.
- 6) Site Inspection photographs by the APCCF, Madurai.

This is for favor of kind information.


Encl : As stated above

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/- S. Gowtham,  
District Forest Officer,  
Theni Forest Division, Theni.

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Superintendent.

  
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**SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER, THENI.**

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I have inspected the area proposed for diversion on 04/04/2020; land status was confirmed as Reserved Forest by FSO after a joint survey on 05.06.2020, The User Agency has proposed for a diversion of 0.50.0 ha forest land for the purpose of Construction of Check Dam across Sambalar River and approach road for the same in Kottagudi Reserved Forest, Kurangani South Beat, Munthal Section, Bodi Range, Theni Forest Division for water supply improvement scheme by Bodinayakanur Municipality.

Construction of Check Dam is proposed in the downstream side of a Check Dam constructed for the same purpose in the year 1944.

The site proposed is across a stream and project site is not falling under Eco-Sensitive Zone of Megamalai and Kodaikanal Wildlife Sanctuaries. Kodaikanal Wildlife Sanctuary is 4.22km (aerial distance) away from project site.

The proposed project site falls within the tiger corridor as per the DSS mapping of Tiger corridors available in [www.ntca.gov.in](http://www.ntca.gov.in) The corridor is between the Mathikettan shola National Park and Pambadum shola National Park of the state of Kerala.

There is no spontaneous tree growth, no endangered flora found and project site doesn't have any important monuments which has archaeological importance / heritage site / defense establishment etc. and The User Agency has not carried out any work in the proposed area, which contravenes the Forest Conservation Act 1980.

  
**District Forest Officer,**  
**Theni Forest Division,**  
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**RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER, THENI.**

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Bodinayakanur Municipality drinking water is met from the Sambalar River and proposed project is to make improvement for supply of Drinking water for Bodinayakanur Municipality. The proposed site is not falling in Eco Sensitive Zone of Megamalai and Kodaikanal Wildlife Sanctuaries and the distance from Megamalai and Kodaikanal Wildlife Sanctuaries are 35.91 km and 4.22 km respectively.

The project site falls in Kottagudi village, which is declared as Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESA) of Theni District as per Government of India. MOEF and CC F.No.1-4/2012 RF/PL New Delhi dated 13.11.2013 under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act 1986, however the activity of construction of Check Dam for drinking water is not a prohibited activity as per the above MOEF letter cited.

As the proposed project site falls within the tiger corridor as per the DSS mapping of Tiger corridors, which is available at [www.ntca.gov.in](http://www.ntca.gov.in) and the proposed project is an essential activity as it is intending to provide Drinking water to Bodi Municipality. The project may be allowed with the prior clearance of National Board of Wildlife and is recommended for the same.

  
**District Forest Officer,  
Theni Forest Division,**

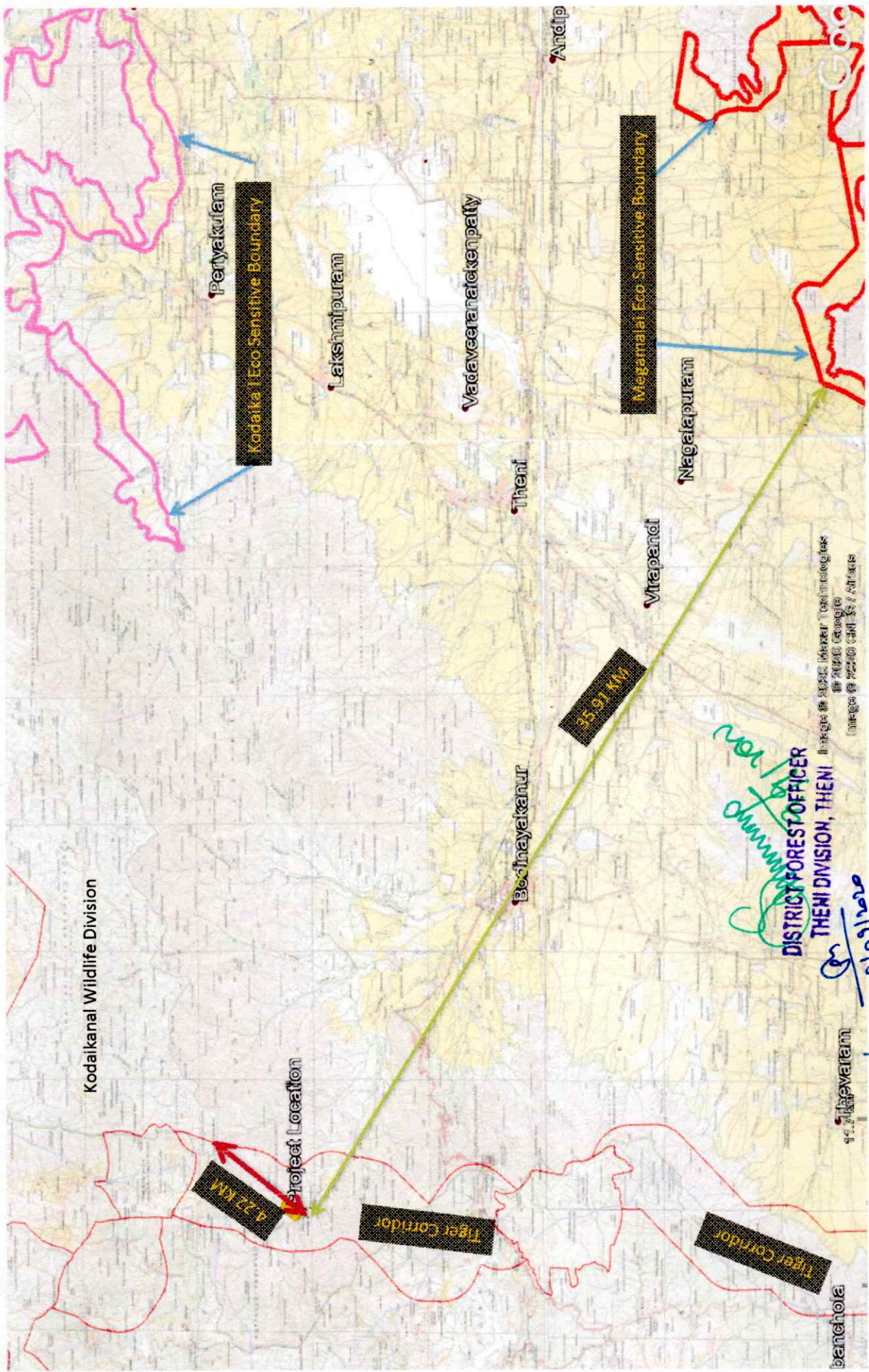
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Top Sketch duly marked the proposed new check dam



*not to be used for any other purpose*  
**DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER**  
**THENI DIVISION, THENI**  
*19/01/2020*

15 Kilometers

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Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Madurai Circle, Madurai Field Inspection on 20.08.2020 regarding Proposal for diversion of 0.50 ha of forest land for Construction of Check Dam for water supply scheme in Kottagudi Reserved Forest, Kurangani South Beat, Munthal Section, Bodi Range, Theni Forest Division under F (C) Act,1980

