

TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT
SRIVILLIPUTHUR MEGAMALAI TIGER RESERVE
MEGAMALAI DIVISION, THENI Dt.

From

Thiru.Vivekkumar P Yadav, I.F.S.,
Deputy Director
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger
Reserve (SMTR),
Megamalai Division, Theni.

To

**The Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests (HoFF),**
State Forest Headquarters,
Guindy – Velacherry Main Road,
Near Kannigapuram Check Post,
Guindy, Chennai – 32
(Through Proper Channel)

C.No.D1/16/2020, dated 29.09.2025

Sir,

Sub

: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 – Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve – Megamalai Division – PARIVESH 1.0 - Proposal for diversion of 1.8798 ha of forest land for road upgradation works in Varusanadu – (via) Thummagundu – Valiparai road (0/0-9/720) section passing across Myladumparai Bit 39 RL (0.2438 ha), Myladumparai Bit 47 RL (0.2455 ha) and Megamalai RF (1.3905 ha) of Kadamalaikundu – Myladumparai Panchayat Union, Andipatti Taluk, Theni district in favour of Assistant Divisional Engineer, NABARD & Rural Roads Department – EDS raised - Wildlife Mitigation Plan approved by PCCF&CWLW – Submission of reply – Reg.,

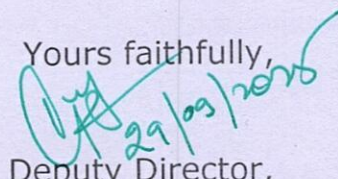
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- : 1) Online application uploaded by Assistant Divisional Engineer, NABARD & Rural Roads Department, Theni in PARIVESH 1.0, Proposal No.FP/TN/Road/42704/2019, dated 31.10.2019
2) This office Ref.No.D1/16/2020, dated 09.11.2024
3) EDS raised by Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai on 16.12.2024
4) This office Ref.No.D1/16/2020, dated 16.12.2024
5) EDS raised by State Government on 14.03.2025 vide letter No.480/FR.10/2025-1, dated 12.03.2025
6) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai Ref.No.HOTNFD/580/2025-TS4, dated 15.03.2025
7) This office Ref.No.D1/16/2020, dated 29.04.2025
8) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai Ref.No.HOTNFD/580/2025-TS4, dated 01.07.2025
9) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai Ref.No.WL5/1581/2025, dated 02.07.2025
10) Online application uploaded by Assistant Divisional Engineer, NABARD & Rural Roads Department, Theni in PARIVESH 2.0, Proposal No.WL/TN/ROAD/527046/2025, dated 03.02.2025
11) This office Ref.No.D1/16/2020, dated 26.08.2025
12) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai Ref.No.WL5/2956/2025, dated 08.09.2025

In continuation of this office reference 7th cited, I submit that the Wildlife Mitigation Measures Plan pertinent to the above proposal is approved by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai with some stipulated conditions vide the reference 9th cited (copy enclosed). The User Agency has also submitted Wildlife Clearance application in PARIVESH 2.0 (Part 1 & 2 enclosed) for the diversion of forest land for road upgradation works in Varusanadu – (via) Thummagundu – Valiparai road and the same was recommended to Nodal Officer in the reference 11th cited. Now, EDS has been raised by Nodal Officer for Wildlife Clearance vide reference 12th cited and the same is under preparation. Hence, it is requested that this proposal may kindly be considered based on the above reply.

Encl: As stated above

Yours faithfully,



Deputy Director,

Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve (SMTR),
Megamalai Division, Theni

Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai for kind information and further action.

By E-mail only

Ref No. WL5/1581/2025

O/o. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(HoFF), State Forest Headquarters,
Guindy-Velachery Main Road,
Chennai - 600 032
Dated: 02-07-2025

Sub: Forests – Wildlife – Proposal for diversion of forest land of 1.8871 Ha in Myladumparai Bit 39 RL, Myladumparai Bit 47RL and Megamalai RF of Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve for upgradation work in Varusanadu (via) Thummagundu – Valparai road (0/0 – 9/720) Section in Kadamalaikundu – Myladumparai Panchayat Union, Andipatti Taluk in Theni District – Wildlife Mitigation Measures Plan – Regarding.

Ref: Conservator of Forests and Deputy Director / Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director (FAC), Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai Ref. No. D1/20322/2022 dated 14-05-2025.

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Attention of the Conservator of Forests and Field Director (FAC), Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai is invited to the reference cited. It is informed that the Wildlife Mitigation Measures Plan for diversion of forest land of 1.8871 Ha in Myladumparai Bit 39 RL, Myladumparai Bit 47RL and Megamalai RF of Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve for upgradation work in Varusanadu (via) Thummagundu – Valparai road (0/0 – 9/720) Section in Kadamalaikundu – Myladumparai Panchayat Union, Andipatti Taluk in Theni District is hereby approved.

The extract of the mitigation measures as below:-**(Rs. in Lakhs)**

Sl. No	Item of Work	Units	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1.	Construction of Toe wall with chain link fencing along the road side	950 m	0.045	42.75
2.	Maintenance of the culverts in the road	To be implemented by the user agency		
3.	Erection of caution sign boards at identified places	20 Nos.	0.20	4.00
4.	Erection of road convex mirror for road safety	2 Nos.	0.20	0.40
5.	Erection of chain link fencing	960 m	0.016	15.36
Total				62.51

The following conditions should be strictly adhered

- No deviation should be made without prior approval of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden.

- All safety measures shall be taken to avoid accidents and structural failures.
- The works shall be carried out without disturbing or damaging flora, fauna, or habitat of the area.
- The Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Megamalai Division, Theni should be ensured that animal crossing points are maintained with reference to small mammals as well as big animals, by avoiding continuous fencing
- The Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Megamalai Division, Theni to obtain an undertaking from the user agency regarding the amount of Rs. 62.51 lakhs will not be claimed in future in any case.
- The Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Megamalai Division, Theni should submit the progress report on monthly basis till the works are completed and also submit the work completion report along with Geo tagged images.

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Venuprasad Hanumanthachar
Date: 02-07-2025 00:26:25

for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
and Chief Wildlife Warden

To

The Conservator of Forests and Field Director,
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve,
Madurai.

Copy to the Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Megamalai Division, Theni for necessary action.

Project Details

WildLife Clearance

1 State	TAMIL NADU
2 Whether proposal is for investigation/survey?	No
3 Upload a copy of note containing justification for locating the project in protected area	justification.pdf
4 Category of the project	Construction / Widening of Road including approach road to roadside establishments including bridges
5 Category of area required	Tiger Reserve
6 Whether any proposal seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act for diversion of forest land required for this project has been submitted in the past?	Yes

Status of the Proposal	Proposal No./ SW No. / CDN No	Project Name	MoEFC File No	Area proposed for Diversion (Ha)	Area Diverted (Ha)	Recommended Area For Diversion	Date of in-principle approval	Date of final approval	Date of Application
Submitted and under process	FP/TN/ROAD /42704/2019	Road upgradation works in Varusanadu - (via) Thummagundu - Valiparai Road (0/0 - 9/720) Section in Kadamalaikundu - Myladumparai Panchayat Union, Andipatti Taluk in Theni District		1.8818	N/A	N/A	N/A	NA	03-10-2019

Proposed Land

7. Location of project / activity with respect to Protected Area

20.1 Location of Project Area	Completely located in Protected Area (PA)
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8. Detailed breakup of land required for the project

8.1 No. of Divisions involved in Protected Areas	1
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8.2.1 Details of the proposed land

Division	Total Patches	Kml
MEGAMALAI WL DIVISION WL	4	121392721_WL_KML_1740920094744_varuvaliroad.kml

8.2.2 Location Details

Division	Toposheet No.	District	Village	Range	Proposed area inside PA (ha)	Proposed area outside PA (ha)
MEGAMALAI WL DIVISION WL	C43R10	Theni	MAYILADUMAPARAI	VARUSHUNADU	1.8818	0

8.3 Remarks Details

Remarks

8.4.1 Division-wise breakup of land required

Name of the District	Name of the Division	Name of the protected area/ Tiger Reserve	Project area under Protected Area/Tiger Reserve (Ha)			Project area outside Protected Area (Ha)		
			Forest	Non-Forest	Total	Forest	Non-Forest	Total
THENI	MEGAMALAI WL DIVISION WL	Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve	1.8818	0	1.8818	0	0	0

Total Area (ha)	1.8818
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8.4.2 Component-wise breakup of land required

S.No.	Component	Name of the PA	Project area under PA (X) (ha)			Project area outside PA (Y) (ha)			Component Area (X + Y) (ha)
			Forest	Non-Forest	Total	Forest	Non-Forest	Total	

Sr No.	Component	Name of the PA	Forest	Non-Forest	Total	Forest	Non-Forest	Total	Component Area (X + Y) (ha)
1	Linear	Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve	1.8818	0	1.8818	0	0	0	1.8818

Total Component Area (ha)1.8818

8.4.2.1.1 Upload animal passage plan(5) animal passage plan.pdf

8.5 Total period for which land is required(years)99

8.6 Aerial distance of the project from the boundary of the PA (km)0

8.7 Project area under PA / Tiger Corridor/ Tiger Reserve / ESZ (ha)1.8818

8.8 In case of Tiger Reserve, provide

8.8.1 Area in Core Zone (ha)N/A

8.8.2 Area in Buffer Zone (ha)1.8818

8.9 No. of trees proposed to be cut0

8.10 Scanned copy of the Geo-referenced map of the project area with respect to the protected area prepared by using DGPS or Total Station (pdf only)(8) dgps.pdf

8.12 Information on the projects undertaken by the proponent(4) wl annex i eza.pdf

9 Cost-benefit analysis in terms of maintenance of carbon neutrality or increase in carbon sequestration*(6) cost benefit analysis.pdf

10 Whether the Project requires Clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 (Environmental clearance)?No

11. Additional Information

S. No.	Document Name	Remark	Document
1	FC application	Application submitted under F(C)A, 1980	(7) report part 1.pdf
2	Competent Authority	Authorized Person for making application	(2) competent authority.pdf

12. Undertaking

☒ I hereby give undertaking that the data and information given in the application and enclosures are true to be best of my knowledge and belief and I am aware that if any part of the data and information is found to be false or misleading at any stage, the project will be rejected and clearance given if any to the project will be revoked at our risk and cost. In addition to the above, I hearby give undertaking that no activity/construction/expansion has been taken up

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Date	02-03-2025