

C.No.HOTNFD/580/2025-TS4

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Forest Head Quarters Building, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai - 32.

Dated: 15-03-2025

Sub: Forests - Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 [previously called Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980] - SMTR, Madurai Circle - Megamalai Wildlife Division - 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 and Rural Roads, Highways, Madurai Division - reg.

- Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by Assistant Divisional Engineer, NABARD and Rural Roads, Highways, Madurai Division, Proposal No: FP/TN/Road/42704/2019 on 31.10.2019.
2. Part-II uploaded by the Deputy Director, SMTR, Megamalai Wildlife Division, Theni on 07.12.2024.
3. Part-III uploaded by the Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai on 23.12.2024.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai, Ref. No. HOTNFD/580/2025-TS4, dt: 25.02.2025.
5. EDS raised by State Government on 14.03.2025 vide Letter No. 480 / FR.10 / 2025-1, dt: 12.03.2025.

The Government vide reference 5th cited has raised the EDS on 14.03.2025 for the above online application. The details are as follows:

"In the above subject proposal, proposed area is having considerable wildlife species as per the report submitted by the Deputy Director, SMTR, Megamalai and the road falls in Megamalai RF, Myladumparai Bit 39 RL and Myladumparai Bit 47 RL, which are part of Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve. Hence, it may be examined, whether any wildlife mitigation measures are required to be undertaken or not. If so, send the remarks of CWLW, to Government for further consideration."

Hence, the Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai and Deputy Director, SMTR, Megamalai Wildlife Division, Theni are requested to examine, whether any wildlife mitigation measures are required to be undertaken or not. If it is required, prepare wildlife mitigation plan and got approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of

Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden and submit reply to the EDS raised by the Government, along with the details of Wildlife Clearance application uploaded by User Agency and its present status early.

Signed by
Ramasubramanian.s
Date: 15-03-2025 15:55:30

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation Act) (FAC)

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai.

Copy to the Deputy Director, SMTR, Megamalai Wildlife Division, Theni.

Copy to the Assistant Divisional Engineer, NABARD and Rural Roads, Highways, Madurai Division.

Letter No.480/FR.10/2025-1, dated:12.03.2025

From
Thiru.T.Ritto Cyriac, I.F.S.,
Special Secretary (Forest).

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Chennai-32.

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 – Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai Circle – Megamalai Wildlife Division - Proposal (FP/TN/Road/42704/2019) 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 Reserved Land (0.2438 ha), Myladumparai Bit 47 Reserved Land (0.2455 ha) and Megamalai Reserved Forest (1.3905 ha) of Kadamalaikundu – Myladumparai Panchayat Union, Andipatti Taluk, Theni District in favour of Assistant Divisional Engineer, NABARD and Rural Roads, Highways, Madurai Division – Clarification called for - Regarding.

Ref: Your Letter No.HOTNFD/580/2025-TS4, dated 25.02.2025.

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I am directed to invite your attention to the reference cited and to state that, in the above subject proposal, proposed area is having considerable Wildlife species as per the report submitted by the Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Megamalai Wildlife Division and the road falls in Megamalai Reserved Forest, Myladumparai, Bit 39 Reserved Land and Myladumparai Bit 47 Reserved Land which are part of the Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve. Hence, I am therefore request you to examine whether any wildlife mitigation measures are required to be undertaken or not and if so to send the remarks of Chief Wildlife Warden, to Government for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

A. Malathy
13/3/25
for Special Secretary (Forest)

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13/3/2025