

C.No.HOTNFD/580/2025-TS4

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Forest
Headquarters Building, Guindy-Velachery
Main Road, Guindy, Chennai - 32.
Dated: 01-07-2025

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 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 Deputy Director, SMTR, Megamalai wildlife division, Theni on 07.12.2024.
3. EDS raised by State Government on 14.03.2025 vide Letter No. 480 / FR.10 / 2025-1, dt: 12.03.2025.
4. EDS raised by Nodal Officer on 15.03.2025.
5. EDS reply uploaded by Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai on 10.06.2025.

The Government vide reference 3rd 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.”

The EDS reply uploaded by the Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai vide reference 5th cited is asking the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden to approve the Wildlife Mitigation Measures Plan, which is not proper reply to the above EDS.

Hence, the Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai is requested to get approval of wildlife mitigation plan from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden and submit proper 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.

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation Act)

To

The 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.