

**ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS(FR.10)** DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 9.

## Letter No.6353/FR.10/2020-1, Dated: 28.05.2020

From Thiru. Deepak Srivastava, I.F.S., Special Secretary (Forests).

To The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Chennai-15.

Sir.

Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Madurai Circle / Sub: Theni Division- Diversion of 2.839 ha. of forest land for the improvement work of Theni Bye-pass road connecting Dindigul-Theni road and Madurai-Cochin road across Valkaradu RF - in favour of Divisional Engineer, Highways Construction and Maintenance, Theni- Regarding.

Ref: Your Letter No.TS4/39100/2019, dated 20.03.2020.

I am directed to invite attention to your letter cited and to request you to clarify how permission was accorded vide your Letter No.TS1/34967/2013, dated 27.08.2013 for the improvement and re-gradation of road 3rd reach from Theni Bus Stand to Madurai-Cochin when there was a violation of Forest (Conservation) Act in the existence of the Theni bye pass road in Valkaradu Reserve Forests. Also a copy of the said letter dated 27.08.2013 may be sent to Government.

2. Further, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Madurai Circle, Madurai in his inspection report has reported that there are movement of wildlife in particular smaller mammals and nocturnal ones across the existing road to access the opposite sides of the Valkaradu Reserve Forests. Hence, you are requested to make a provision for underpass or overpass for free movement of the wildlife as was done in other similar proposals.

Yours faithfully,

for Special Secretary (Fores

