

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & FOREST(FR.10) DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 9.

Letter No: 22539/FR10./2021-3, dated.07.03.2022

From Tmt.Supriya Sahu, IAS., Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15. (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Chennai Circle / Chennai Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 1.569 ha of forest land in Nanmangalam RF for Chennai Metro Rail Limited Phase II C5-06 Madhavaram to Sholinganallur corridor in Nanmangalam forest land for elevated Metro Station in Chengalpattu District in Chennai Forest Division area in favour of Chennai Metro Rail Limited, Chennai Admin Building, Poonamalle High road, Koyambedu, Chennai – Additional information/documents/ clarification – Called for – Regarding.

Ref:

- 1. Your letter No.TS3/17316/2021, dated 13.12.2021 and 07.02.2022.
- 2. Government letter No.22539/FR.10/2021-3, dated 08.02.2022.
- 3. From Assistant Inspector General of Forests (General), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, IRO, Chennai Letter No.TNB080/2022-CHN/222, dated.24.02.2022.

I am directed to enclose a copy of the reference 3rd cited and to request you to furnish the additional information/documents/ clarification as called for therein to Government immediately so as to forward the same to Government of India for obtaining their concurrence in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

for Additional Chief Secretary to Government

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सत्यमेव जयते

The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu, Environment & Forests Department, Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

Subject: Diversion of 1.569 ha of forest land in Nanmangalam RF for Chennai Metro Rail Limited Phase II C5-06 Madhavaram to Sholinganallur corridor in Nanmangalam forest land for elevated Metro station in Chengalpattu District in Chennai Forest Division area in favour of Chennai Metro Rail Limited, Chennai Admin Building, Poonamalle High road, Koyambedu, Chennai-Reg

Reference: The State Government letter No.22539/FR.10/2021-2 dated 08.02.2022

Sir,

With reference to the subject and reference cited above, I am directed to request to furnish the following additional information / documents / clarification at the earliest for further-consideration of the proposal;

- a. The State Government reported that out of 1.569 ha, an extent of 1.4537 ha under Nanmangalam RF and an extent of 0.1153 ha area provided to Quaid-E-Milleth Educational Trust . However, details not submitted regarding when the forest area over an extent of 0.1153 ha was handed over to Quaid-E-Milleth Educational Trust i.e. prior to 1980 or diverted under FCA, 1980. Hence, needs clarification that whether 0.1153 ha it is a leased area having status of RF or any dis-reservation has been made?
- b. The NPV rate needs to be revised as per Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022;
- c. The state forest department shall explore possibility translocation of indigenous tress (in the proposed 112 trees to be felled and removed) either inside the Nanmangalam RF or any nearby places;
- d. As reported by the DFO, the proposed forest area is prone / susceptible to splash and rill erosion due to poor density of trees. Hence, suitable soil conservation plan may be prepared and submitted to this office;

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e. As per the direction of Hon'ble NGT, the State Government / User Agency may submit the outcome of report / recommendations that have been suggested by the expert agency through which they have conducted the environment impact assessment and biological diversity assessment.

Yours faithfully,

(K.Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai – 600 015.

2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015

3. Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL), Admin Building Poonamalle High Road Koyambedu, Chennai, 600107 premnath.m@cmrl.in

4. Guard file.

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