

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER,

SALEM FOREST DIVISION

(For the Forest land to be diverted under FCA)

A proposal has been received by this office from the Block Development Officer, Kolathur block of Mettur Revenue Division for diversion (under FCA-1980) of 4.20 ha forest land for non-forestry purpose. The subject envisages the use of forest land for formation of black top Road from Kannamoochi Pirivu to Kemmampatti village in Palamalai Reserved Forests of Salem Division. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by me on **17.07.2018** and along with chief Conservator of Forests, salem Circle on **19.7.2018**

On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the user agency is comes under Palamalai Reserved Forest measuring 4.20 ha.

The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Col. 2 of part-I is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project considering the gradient to align the road to reach the hill top where the village of Kemmamapatti is located as an enclosure in Palamalai Reserved Forests.

There is no rare/ endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna found in this area.

There is no protected archaeological / heritage site / defence establishment or any other important monument is located in this area. As such the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, is not required.

a) The user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction.

Specific recommendation for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal

In order to have approach to the Kemmampatti tribal village from Kannamoochi Pirivu in palamalai hills, an admitted right of way to a width of 6 feet (1.8 m) to a length of 2 miles (3.2km) was admitted under section 16 Notification of the Palamalai Reserved Forests under admitted right of way No. 15 (Ramampatty to Kannamuchi). Since the right of way is not possible to be improved as road as it does not have the desired gradient, a new alignment has been proposed by following the admissible gradient for road formation for easy movement of vehicles. Further there are 940 number of spontaneously grown trees are existing in the proposed diversion area which are required to be felled before taking up of the project.

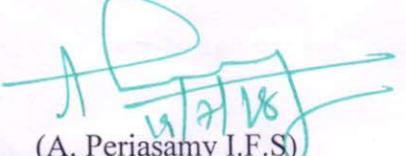
By laying of this road which will provide better communication facilities to the 11 tribal villages which are at present un-connected, with a population of 1800 (as per the census record of 2011). The people living in this hill area basically belong to Malayali community which is classified as Scheduled Tribes. They are living for many centuries without basic amenities like road, health, education, etc. By implementing this road project, they all will be benefitted of primary education to their children, primary health for the tribal men, marketing facilities for their agricultural produces and employment opportunities in the plain areas which will ultimately improve the general life-style as well as total socio-economic status of the poor tribal communities in the Palamalai hills. Hence, the project is strongly recommended.

Place: Salem

Date: 19.07.2018

(Signature) :

Name :


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