

Site Inspection Report of Conservator of Forests, Chennai

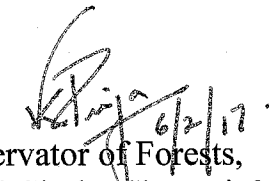
This proposal is for diversion of 4.278 ha. of forest land in Sonalur RF, Tiruporur Range for erection of 230 KV, DC transmission line from Ottiyambakkam 400 KV substation to Omega 230 KV substation at Mahabalipuram. I had inspected the site in Sonalur RF, Tiruporur Range of Chengalpattu RF on 12.01.2017.

The proposed area is a linear stretch of land in Sonalur RF for a width of 46m and a length of 930 m. Three towers will be erected in this stretch inside RF.

The user agency has submitted necessary undertaking on Compensatory Afforestation work to be done, Net Present Value, Additional Net Present Value and annual lease rent.

Some tree species numbering around 255 numbers are found in the proposed linear stretch like Madhuca indica, Acacia leucophloea, Acacia auriculiformis, Eucalyptus, Anacardium occidentale, Cassia fistula, Terminalia bellerica, etc. The user agency should give an undertaking to remit the cost of the trees which happen to be in the proposed area and need to be removed. This project is important to ensure electricity to OMEGA industrial estate in Mahabalipuram which in turn will lead to industrial development.

As this proposal might not cause much disturbance to the ecosystem and wildlife, I recommend the proposal submitted by the user agency.


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