## RECOMMENDATION

The length of the present black topped road is around 700 meters and black topped width is 7 to 8 meters. But it is formed in violation of the diversion approved of an area of 0.84 ha in Nallur Reserved Forest of then Tambaram Range (Sriperumbudur Range at present) vide Government of India letter No. F(C)A/11.2/118/TN/RC/1200 Dated,15.09.2003 (Stage I), letter No. F(C)A/11.2/118 TN/RC Dated,13.12.2004 (Stage II) and Government of Tamil Nadu, G.O.Ms.No.83 E&F (FR 10) Dept Dated,21.08.2006 under Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

This is the only road used by M/S Sapthagiri Educational Trust and they have not formed a road at Right of Way no.6 in Nallur Reserved Forest which was approved under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 as above. 8 educational institutions are there in the M/S Sapthagiri Educational Trust campus and around 10500 students are studying there. Around 1700 teaching and non-teaching staffs are working there.

For reclassification of the area of M/S Sapthagiri Educational Trust in Poonthandalam village as an institutional zone, the road with a width of 18 meters is required according to the condition of Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority as per its Letter No. R1/21216/2011 dated, 21/12/2011, Letter No. R1/7635/2011 dated, 26/12/2011 and Letter No. R1/21213/2012 dated, 22/12/2012.

In lieu of the diversion of 0.84 ha area as above, 1.68 ha of the area in S.No.216 and 218 in Perunthandalam village, Chengalapttu Range was received as a compensatory land. CA plantation has been raised in the year 2010-11 in this land.

Now M/S Sapthagiri Educational Trust has applied for widening of the existing road to the width of 20 meters. In addition to the widening of the existing road, Sapthagiri Educational Trust has also requested for additional road of 800 sq.m. area towards their gate considering the future requirement, which can't be considered very essential.

Considering the above facts, penal action may be taken as per Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Ref. No. F.No.11-42/2017-FC, dated 29/01/2018 or other rules as deemed fit. Taking into consideration the diversion of 0.84 ha area earlier for formation of an approach road of 700 meters length and 12 meters width for which 1.68 ha compensatory non forest land was also received, the present proposal for widening of the existing road to the width of 20 meters may be considered with the penal action.

Taking into account the earlier diversion, now M/S Sapthagiri Educational Trust has applied for an area of 0.64 ha. For widening of the existing road to 20 meters width as per the condition of CMDA, an area of 0.56 ha is required. 1.12 ha of non-forest land may be obtained from M/S Sapthagiri Educational Trust in lieu of diversion of 0.56 ha fresh forest area.

Considering these facts and the condition of CMDA, this proposal for diversion of 0.56 ha area in Nallur Reserved Forest is recommended with the penal action as stated above.

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