## SITE INSPECTION REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER, CHENGALPATTU DIVISION, KANCHEEPURAM

This proposal is for diversion of 0.49 Ha of forest land in Kattur Reserved Forests of Kancheepuram Forest Division for relaying and periodical maintenance of Mailai – Rayamangalam road. The general public has been using this route for a longtime. This road passes through 0.49 Ha of forest land in Kattur RF of Tiruporur Range. The said area was inspected by me on 04.03.2022. Thiru.Sidhartharthan, Assistant Divisional Engineer and Thiru.Jaisankar, Assistant Engineer, NABARD, Rural Road, Chengalpattu, Forest Range Officer and other subordinate staff of Tiruporur Range were present during the inspection.

Total area requested for diversion is 700 mtr (length) x 3.75mtr (width) x 1.625 on either side (shoulder width) = 4900 M<sup>2</sup> (or) 0.49 Ha.

On inspection, it was found that the road was already laid long time back in forest area and there is no proper records available on when the road was formed by the user agency. Also, the requested forest stretch is in continuation of the already existing Mailai – Rayamangalam road. As per the report of the user agency the present road was constructed before 1985 and it was maintained by Rural Development Department and also informed that the last renewal was carried out prior to 2009 and the road is heavily damaged for the past 12 years in forest portion. Forest Range Officer, Tiruporur reported that this road has Right of way.

Now the Divisional Engineer (H), N&RR, Chengalpattu has applied for diversion of 0.49 Ha of this forest land for relaying and periodical maintenance of this road. User agency has submitted necessary undertaking on Compensatory Afforestation expenditure, NPV, Additional Net Present Value and lease Rent. There is no tree growth along the existing road in the forest area proposed for diversion. The road is highly essential for providing access to the people of Mailai, Rayamangalam, Mullipakkam and Manamathy villages. Many representations from all corners were received by the District

administration and the District Collector, Chengalpattu has also insisted during the inter departmental meetings for the upkeep of this road as Ambulances are facing problem while crossing the particular road stretch passing through the Kattur RF due to the bad condition of the road in this stretch.

Taking into consideration of the above facts, the proposed diversion of 0.49 ha area in Kattur Reserved Forest is **recommended**.

District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division, Kancheepuram.

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