

SITE INSPECTION REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE
CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, CHENNAI CIRCLE, CHENNAI

The proposed road for diversion of 0.49 ha. of forest land in Kattur Reserved Forest of Thiruporur Range in Kancheepuram Forest Division for relaying and periodical maintenance of Mailai – Rayamangalam Road was inspected by me on 30.03.2022 along with the staff. This road passes through Kattur RF of Thiruporur Range in Chengalpattu Division.

Total area requested for diversion for this project in Kattur Reserved Forest is as detailed below.

700 mtr (length) x 3.75mtr (width) x 1.625 mtr on either side of the road (shoulder width) = 4900 M² (or) 0.49 Ha.

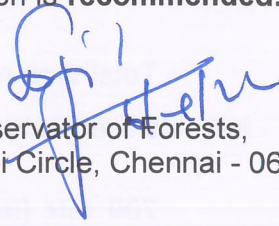
During inspection, it was informed that the road was laid long back in forest area and there are no records available to indicate the time of laying of road. The forest land requested in Kattur Reserved Forest of Kancheepuram Forest Division is in continuation with the already existing Mailai – Rayamangalam road.

As per the report of the user agency the present road was constructed before 1985 and was maintained by Rural Development Department. It was also informed that the last renewal was carried out prior to 2009. Maintenance works were not carried out for the past 12 years and the area is heavily damaged. The Forest Range Officer, Thiruporur Range has also reported that there is a Right of way to this road.

The Divisional Engineer (H) N&RR, Chengalpattu has applied for diversion of 0.49 ha of forest land in Kattur Reserved Forest of Kancheepuram Forest Division for relaying and periodical maintenance. User agency has submitted necessary undertakings on Compensatory Afforestation expenditure, NPV, Additional Net Present Value and lease rent. There is no tree along the existing road in the forest area proposed for diversion. The road is essential for providing access to the people of Mailai, Rayamangalam, Mullipakkam and Manamathy

villages. Many representations from people were received by the District Administration 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 view of the above facts, the proposed diversion of 0.49 ha. area in Kattur Reserved Forest of Thiruporur Range in Chengalpattu Division is **recommended**.


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