

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER,
CHENGALPATTU DIVISION, KANCHEEPURAM.

Inspected the proposed site for diversion which falls in Thirutheri Reserved Forests, Chengalpattu Range, Chengalpattu Division on 11.01.2016. The proposal is for diversion of 0.288 Ha area of Thirutheri Reserved Forests for approach road to the user agency's (M/s.Sivanesh Bagerathi Enterprises) property in S.No.86 Veerapuram village in Kancheepuram District.

The proposed linear stretch of land (242mtr length and 12mtr width comprising an area of 0.288 Ha) is along the edge of Thirutheri RF and is sharing boundary with Mahindra World City (Diverted land vide G.O.Ms.No.201 E&F Dept Dt.11.09.2000) It is like a linear strip of land with two bends.

There are no major natural tree growth in the land proposed for diversion. Herbs and shrubs are predominately seen here. Few very small trees (below 30cm girth) are present and details are furnished below.

Tamil Name	Scientific Name	No.of seedlings	Girth (cm)	Height (m)
காசன்/காயா	Memecylon umbellatum	1	3	0.50
சிறுக்களா	Carissa spinarum	10	2	0.20
சூரை முள்ளு	Ziziphus oenoplia	2	2	0.45
காரை	Canthium parviflorum	20	3	0.75
ஆத்தி	Bauhinia racemosa	3	5	0.50

In addition 120 Seedlings which are planted under Massive Tree Planting Programme during 2014-15 are present in the area proposed for diversion. Details are furnished below.

Tamil Name	Scientific Name	No.of seedlings	Girth (cm)	Height (m)
புங்கன்	Pongamia pinnata	60	9	0.90
நாவல்	Syzygium cumini	20	7	0.95
இலுப்பை	Madhuca longifolia	20	8	1.00
நீர்மருது	Terminalia arjuna	20	7	0.90
Total	120			

The cost for raising and maintenance for the above seedlings has to be recovered from user agency.

Further, adjacent to S.No.86 there is a seasonal spring in the area which needs to be protected. The cost of protecting it can be realized from user agency.


There is no possibility of augmenting the soil erosion if the land is diverted. It also may not adversely affect wildlife or micro climate of the area.

If the diversion is allowed 120 seedlings planted under Massive Tree Planting Programme have to be removed. The user agency can be directed to plant 1200 native tree species seedlings in S.No.86 of Veerapuram village and adjacent survey nos and maintain them properly.

The user agency has purchased the land (S.No.86 of Veerapuram village) from State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (SIPCOT). Since the land is presently without an approach road, user agency claims that it is the moral responsibility of Tamil Nadu Government to provide approach road.

The user agency has submitted necessary undertakings on Compensatory Afforestation Land, Compensatory Afforestation expenditure, Net Present Value and Annual lease rent. The District Collector, Kancheepuram has given certificate that there is no alternate approach road to the factory.

Taking into consideration the above facts, I recommend the proposal submitted by user agency.


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