

Recommendations of the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Forest Division

The proposal submitted by the User Agency for diversion of 4.00 ha of Forest land in Pallipatti, Thombakkal and Thombakkal Extension Reserved Forests of Harur Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division for formation of approach road from Vachathi to Kalasapadi via Arasanatham and Poigundanvalasu Tribal habitations in Sitheri Panchayat in Pappireddipatty Taluk, Dharmapuri District.

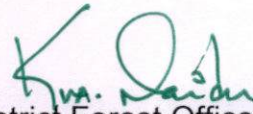
In the alignment of the proposal road, Right of Way S.No.V states that the path entering the valley east of irumiampatti of which one branch runs southwards for three miles through the block to kakkambadi, and the other branch runs in the block eastwards for a mile and a half and then turns southward for about the same distance along the valley of the Malaikoopparai stream and **goes towards kalasapadi**. The Right of way to a width of six yards for men and cattle was admitted in the Fort st.George Gazette notification of Pallipatti Reserved Forest, No.311, dated.11.10.1930. But no such Right of way provisions were allowed in the Thombakkal and Thombakkal extension Reserved Forest notifications.

The proposed road connects Vachathi to Kalasapadi via Arasanatham and Poigundanvalasu Tribal habitations in Sitheri Panchayat in Pappireddipatty Taluk, Dharmapuri District. Until now there is no any other alternative road for them to drive vehicles. This is the long-lasting demand by the village peoples for the past twenty years. This demand has also been raised in the Legislative Assembly often.

The project proponent has given undertakings to bear the cost of Net Present Value, Additional Net Present Value, Compensatory Afforestation with maintenance and lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation in future for the forest land to be diverted etc. The work will be permitted after strict supervision of Forest Officers. Possible damage to wild flora and fauna due to this project is very low.

Considering the above facts and field observations, I recommend this proposal for seeking diversion of land.

Dharmapuri.
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