Site Inspection Report of Thiru. A. Periasamy, I.F.S., Conservator of Forests(FAC), Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri

Name of the Project : Diversion of 0.389 Ha of Forest Land For

construction of Four Lanning of Thorapalli Agraharam – Jittandahalli Section of New NH-844 From Km 23+350 to Km 60+100 (Design Chainage) on hybrid annuity mode under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase-I in the State of

(Tamil Nadu)

Date of Inspection : 20-12-2021

Inspected the area proposed for diversion 0.389 ha of Forest Land in Gummanur Reserved Forest for construction of Four lanning of Thorapalli Agraharam – Jittandahalli Section of New NH-844 From Km 23+350 to Km 60+100 (Design Chainage) along with the staff of Palacode Range of Dharmapuri Division.

The existing road is lying adjoining the Gummanur Reserved Forest of Palacode Range, Dharmapuri Division. The proposed site / alignment for construction of four lanning of Thorapalli Agraharam – Jittandahalli Section of New NH-844 From Km 23+350 to Km 60+100 (Design Chainage) requires diversion of forest area for widening in the eastern side of the Gummanur which was notified in Government Letter No.23053/FR-III/81-2 Environment and Forests Department Dated. 01-08-1981 as Reserved Forests.

As per the User Agency the widening of road involves forest area of 0.389 ha in two locations of Gummanur Reserved Forests which required to be diverted. The map enclosed by the User Agency has clearly justified this. The detailed breakup has also been furnished in the map.





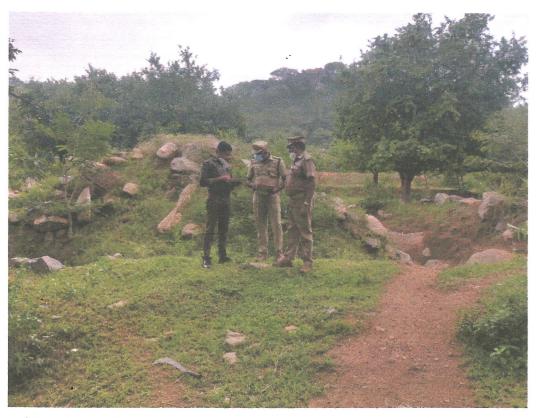
Inspection of the area proposed for diversion in Gummanur Reserved Forest by the Conservator of Forests

The Gummanur Reserved Forest is an isolated forest block which is located nearest to the village by east Giddanahalli, by west Gummanur by north Kaduchettipatti and by south Jittandahalli.

Due to implementation of this project, there are 10 Nos of trees of various species have to be felled in the proposed area. As they are spontaneous in nature the permission of the Hon'ble Supreme Court is required in this case.

To compensate the trees to be felled, the user agency has to plant 100 Nos tress (ten times) where the area to be chosen by the District Forest Officer as per the G.O instructions in force. However the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri has proposed for Compensatory Afforestation in lieu of the diversion of 0.389 Ha in the degraded forest area of the same Reserved Forest to an extent of 1.00 Ha.

This area has also been inspected by me on 20-12-2021 with the staff of Palacode Range.



Inspection of Degraded Forest area in Gummanur Reserved Forest by the Conservator of Forests

The area is also suitable for afforestation and found to be convenient from management point of view. The degraded forest area identified for Compensatory Afforestation should be delimited and stone pillars 4.00 feet height from ground level and placed in position at 3.00 meter interval at the

cost of user agency for effective protection and monitoring for the Compensatory Afforestation plantation area.

I recommend the proposal with the conditions that the user agency should abide the conditions imposed by the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri.

Conservator of Forests (FAC),

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