

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

The forest land proposed for diversion in Vallam Reserved Forest of Chengalpattu Forest Division for upgradation of Singaperumal Koil-Reddikuppam Road at Chengalpattu – Thiruporur (via) Anjur Pattaravakkam Thenur road Km. 7/747 – 8/593 & 8/703.80 – 8/947 was inspected by me on 10.10.2022. The District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division, Assistant Divisional Engineer, NABARD, Rural Road, Forest Range Officer Chengalpattu and other subordinate staff of Chengalpattu Range were present during the inspection.

The proposed road passes through Vallam Reserved Forest of Chengalpattu Forest Division, Kancheepuram to a length of 1089.20 Mtr.

Total area required for diversion

Carriage way 1089.20 Mtr.(length) x 5.50 Mtr.(width)=5990.60

Shoulder width 1089.20 x 2 x 1.00Mtr.on either side =2178.40

Total =8169.00 or 0.8169 Ha.

On inspection, it was found that the road was already laid long back in forest area and there are no proper records available on when the road was formed. The required forest stretch is in continuation of the already existing Singaperumal Koil-Reddikuppam Road at Chengalpattu – Thiruporur (via) Anjur Pattaravakkam Thenur road. The Forest Range Officer, Chengalpattu reported that on enquiry with village people that this road was formed 20 years before and also reported that this road has no right of way as per the Vallam Reserved Forest Notification.

As per the report of the user agency the present road was constructed before 1985 and it was maintained by Rural Department. It was also informed

that the last renewal was carried out prior to 2008 and no records of Forest Clearance obtained has been produced by the User Agency. Considering the above facts penal action may be taken as per Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, No.F.11-42/2017-FC, Dated: 29.01.2018 or other rules as deemed fit. The road is heavily damaged for the past 13 years in forest portion.

Now, the Divisional Engineer (H), N&RR, Chengalpattu has applied for diversion of 0.8169 Ha. of this forest land for up gradation of Singaperumal Koil-Reddikuppam Road at Chengalpattu – Thiruporur (via) Anjur Pattaravakkam Thenur road. User Agency has submitted necessary undertaking on Compensatory Afforestation expenditure, NPV, Additional Net Present Value and lease rent. There are 15 trees to be removed along the existing road in the forest area proposed for diversion. The road is highly essential for providing access to the people of Reddikuppam, Anjur, Pattaravakkam & Thenur 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 and other essential service vehicles are facing problem while crossing the particular road stretch passing through the Vallam RF due to bad condition of the road in this stretch.

Taking into consideration of the above facts, the proposed diversion of 0.8169 Ha. area in Vallam RF, Chengalpattu Range of Chengalpattu Division is recommended.


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