



SOUTHERN RAILWAY

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No. W.148/CN/RMM-DSK/New Line Proj.

Date: 25.11.2022

To  
The District Forest Officer,  
Ramanathapuram District,  
Ramanathapuram.

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - SMTR, Madurai Circle -  
Ramanathapuram Forest Division - Proposal for Diversion of 28.6132 Hectare  
of Forest land for the restoration of Rail connectivity between Rameswaram  
and Dhanushkodi in Rameswaram Reserve Forest by the Deputy Chief  
Engineer, Construction, IV, Southern Railway, Arasaradi Madurai - Additional  
details called for - Reg.

Ref: DFO/Ramanathapuram Lr.No.AD/3984/2021, dtd.04.11.2022.

With reference to the above, as cited vide Ref., the following para-wise remarks are offered:

1. Geo-reference map with required details already submitted at the time of submission of online application dtd.22.03.2022. However, as requested, revised Geo-reference map is being prepared and it will be submitted shortly.
2. Specific authorization letter obtained from Chief Engineer (Construction), Southern Railway, Chennai is enclosed herewith.
3. Certificate duly signed by District Collector, Ramanathapuram on 03-08-2022 under Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Right) Act, 2006 is already submitted. However, as requested, obtaining of revised certificate from District Collector, Ramanathapuram is under process and it will be submitted shortly.
4. Approximately 7.84 kms. of Railway alignment is proposed in the Forest land. Average cross sectional details of Railway embankment is enclosed.
5. As per the available records, alignment details of erstwhile Rameswaram to Dhanushkodi line which was washed away in 1964 cyclone is not available.
6. Undertaking letter is enclosed herewith.
7. Filing of Interlocutory Application in the Honourable Supreme Court of India is in process.

Hence, it is requested to take necessary action from your end for acquiring of Forest land early.

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