

**SITE INSPECTION REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT
FOREST OFFICER, CHENGALPATTU DIVISION, KANCHEEPURAM**

This proposal is for diversion of 0.0476 Ha of forest land in Anjur and Sengundram Reserved Forest of Kancheepuram Forest Division for up gradation of Singaperumal Koil- Reddikuppam Road to at Chengalpattu - Thiruporur (via) Anjur Pattaravakkam Thenur road KM 0/0 - 0/5285. The general public has been using this route for a longtime. This road passes through 0.0476 Ha of forest land in Anjur and Sengundram RF of Chengalpattu Range. The said area was inspected by me on 23.07.2022. The representative of Thiru.K.Siddharthan, Assistant Divisional Engineer, NABARD, Rural Road, Chengalpattu, Forest Range Officer and other subordinate staff of Chengalpattu Range were present during the inspection.

Total area requested for diversion is Anjur Reserved Forest 25.58 M² (Stretch - I) and Sengundram Reserved Forest 449.90 M² (Stretch - II) = 475.48 M² (or) 0.0476 Ha.

On inspection, it was found that the road was already laid long time back in forest area and there is no proper records available on when the road was formed, Also, the requested forest stretch is in continuation of the already existing Singaperumal Koil- Reddikuppam Road to at Chengalpattu - Thiruporur (via) Anjur Pattaravakkam Thenur road. 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 Anjur and Sengundram 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 and also informed that the last renewal was carried out prior to 2008 by Rural Department and the road is heavily damaged for the past 14 years in forest portion.

Now the Divisional Engineer (H), N&RR, Chengalpattu has applied for diversion of 0.0476 Ha of this forest land for up gradation of Singaperumal Koil - Reddikuppam Road to 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 is no tree growth 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 Anjur and Sengundram RF due to the bad condition of the road in this stretch.

Taking into consideration of the above facts, the proposed diversion of 0.0476 ha area in Anjur and Sengundram Reserved Forest is **recommended.**


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Kancheepuram.

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