

## **SITE INSPECTION AND RECOMMENDATION OF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, CHENNAI CIRCLE, CHENNAI**

The Divisional Engineer (H), NABARD and Rural Roads, Chengalpattu has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.0476 Ha. of forest land in Anjur and Sengundram Reserve Forest of Chengalpattu Forest Division for relaying and periodical maintenance of Singaperumal Koil - Reddikuppam Road to at Chengalpattu - Thiruporur (via) Anjur Pattaravakkam Thenur road KM 0/0 - 0/5285. The said road was inspected by me on 29.01.2023. The District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division, Assistant Divisional Engineer, NABARD, Rural Road, Chengalpattu, Forest Range Officer and other subordinate staff of Chengalpattu Range were present during the inspection. This road passes through 0.0476 Ha. of forest land in Anjur and Sengundram RF of Chengalpattu Range.

### **Total area requested for diversion is**

Anjur Reserve Forest	= 25.58 M <sup>2</sup> (Stretch - I) and
Sengundram Reserve Forest	= 449.90 M <sup>2</sup> (Stretch - II)
	<b>= 475.48 M<sup>2</sup> (or) 0.0476 Ha.</b>

On inspection, it was found that the road was already laid long time back in forest area and there is no proper records available when the road was formed. The requested forest stretch is also in continuation of the existing Singaperumal Koil - Reddikuppam Road to at Chengalpattu - Thiruporur (via) Anjur Pattaravakkam Thenur road. There is no tree growth along the existing road in the forest area proposed for diversion.

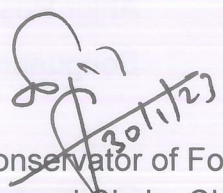
The Forest Range Officer, Chengalpattu has reported that on enquiry with village people, it was informed by them that this road was formed 20 years before. He has also reported that this road has no Right of way as per the Anjur and Sengundram Reserved Forest notification.

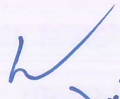
As per the report of the user agency the present road was constructed before 1985 and it was maintained by Rural Department. It was also informed that the last renewal was carried out prior to 2008 by Rural Department and the

road is heavily damaged for the past 14 years in forest portion. The general public has been using this route for a long time.

The District Forest Officer has also reported that this 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. User agency has submitted necessary undertaking on Compensatory Afforestation expenditure, NPV, Additional Net Present Value and lease Rent and recommended for diversion of 0.0476 ha. of forest land in Anjur and Sengundram RF.

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

  
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