SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER, NAMAKKAL FOREST DIVISION

(For the Forest land to be diverted under FCA)

A proposal has been received by this office from the Block Development Officer, Vennandhur block of Rasipuram Taluk for diversion (under FCA-1980) of 5.96 ha forest land for non-forestry purpose. The subject envisages the use of forest land for formation of black top road from Vadugam to Kilur, Melur Tribal villages in Mallur Reserved Forests of Namakkal Divison. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by me on 13.07.2018 and on 20.07.2018.

On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the user agency falls in Mallur Reserved Forest measuring 5.96 ha.

The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project considering the gradient to align the road to reach the hill top where the villages of Kilur, Melur are located as an enclosure in Mallur Reserved Forests.

There is no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in this area.

There is no protected archaeological / heritage site / defence establishment or any other important monument is located in this area. As such the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, is not required.

a) The user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction.

Specific recommendation for acceptance of otherwise of the proposal

While declaring the Mallur Reserved Forests under section 16 of Tamilnadu Forest Act 1882 there is a admitted right of way was allowed to connect the Pattanam Village (via, Vadugammelur) which is situated at foot hills of the Mallur Reserved Forests connecting Kilur, Melur villages which is situated hill top to a distance of 1.5 miles (2.4 km) to a width of 4 feet.

There are 260 numbers of spontaneously grown trees are existing in the proposed diversion area which are required to be felled before taking up of the project. The people living in this hill area are belongs to Scheduled Tribe community. They are living in the tribal enclosure without basic amenities like road, health, education, etc.

In this project, new alignment has been proposed as per the admissible gradient for the formation of road and to facilitate easy movement of vehicles. By laying road from Vadugm to Kilur, Melur villages, the tribal people will get connectivity and also they will get other basic amenities like health care & education facilities. Nearly 1100 people will be benefitted in this project, and in addition they will get better connectivity to sell their agriculture produce so as to enhance their economic status. Therefore diversion of 5.96 ha of forest land in Mallur Reserved Forest is recommended for establishing road connectivity to the unconnected villages.

Place: Namakkal

Date : 5.09.2018

(Signature)

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