

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

The proposed road for diversion of 0.858 ha. of forest land in Manali Reserved Forest of Gummidipoondi Range, Tiruvallur Division for the formation of Road from K.S.Road (Kavarapettai – Satyavedu Road) to Manali Village via Manali Reserved Forest was inspected by me on 18.02.2022 along with the staff. This road passes through Manali RF of Gummidipoondi Range in Tiruvallur Division.

Total area requested for diversion for this project in Manali Reserved Forest is as detailed below.

**1430 mtr length x 6 mtr width including brim portion on either side =
8580 M² (or) 0.858 Ha.**

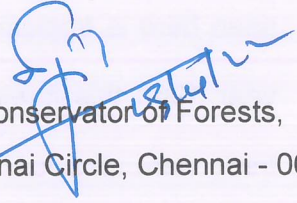
The Manali Forest Block was notified as Reserved Forests under section 16 of Tamil Nadu Forest Act 1882 vide Government Order No.843, Revenue, Dated 23.09.1893. The total extent of the block is 547.96 ha. The forest type seen here is tropical dry ever green forest. It was also informed that during the year 1960 this forest was converted ^{into} as cashew plantation. Scattered cashew trees were also seen in the field. The density of forest is open with Eco Value IV. Wild animals such as porcupine, hare, jackals are existing in Manali RF.

Five numbers of public right of ways were admitted in the notification. But except right of way no.4, other 4 nos. of right of ways could not be identified in the field due to dense scrub growth and various afforestation schemes implemented in the Manali Reserved Forest.

The proposed road is a cart track from Kavarapettai – Satyavedu Road to Manali Village. It enters the RF from survey no.1028 of Sirupuzhalpettai village and exits in survey no.90 of Manali village. It enters the northern boundary of the RF and runs South from Sirupuzhalpettai village then South westerly up to the boundary of the RF to Manali village, for a distance of about 1430 m. inside the RF.

The width of the existing track varies from 3.5 to 4.4 m. The proposed road does not match with any of the admitted 5 right of ways. Hence, the proposed road does not fall in the admitted right of ways in the Manali RF. This pathway was used as a coupe road for collection and transport of cashew. This road is being used by publics for their day to day needs. This cart track was also marked in Survey of India topographic map 66C/3 and 2011 OSM 4403.

In view of the above facts, the proposed diversion of 0.858 ha. area in Manali Reserved Forest of Gummidipoondi Range in Tiruvallur Division is recommended without felling of any trees.


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