

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Office of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction, Arasaradi. Madurai - 625016. Date: 25.09.2023

No. W.571/CN/RMM-DKDI/New Line

To The District Forest Officer, Ramanathapuram Division, Ramanathapuram.

> Sub: Proposed New BG line between Rameswaram and Dhanushkodi - Forest Conservation Act – Additional details requested - Reg.

- Ref: 1. Statement of VAO. Rameswaram village dated 13.09.2023.
 - 2. Your letter No. 3984/2021/D Dated: 14.08.2023
 - 3. Govt of Tamilnadu Lr.No. 2869/FR.10/2023-2, Dated. 03.08.2023.
 - Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai 4. The Ref.No.TS4/8098/2022, Dated. 07.08.2023.

With reference to the above subject, the following remarks are furnished.

- a) Railway Line existed between Rameswaram and Dhanushkodi up to 1964 with Streamer service to Sri Lanka. The same was washed out during 1964 cyclone. GoTN has taken over railway land (137.04.5 Ha) for construction of Highway in the year 2015. Now, the proposal for restoration of erstwhile route between Rameswaram -Dhanushkodi is needed in view of strategic importance, better mobility to border, enhancing communication with neighboring country, improving tourism and pilgrimage. This may lead to restoration of ferry service to neighboring country also.
- b) As cited vide ref (1), there is no permanent habitations and population in Dhanushkodi. All are floating population only.

Hence, submitted for further necessary action please.

Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction/Madurai.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forest Headquarters Building, Guindy - Velacherry Main Road, Near Kannigapuram Check post, Guindy, Chennai - 600032. - For kind information and necessary action, please.

CE/CN/East/MS - For kind information.

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