



SAPTHAGIRI EDUCATIONAL TRUST

(Registered as a trust under section 10 of Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975. Regd. No.: SI.No.132/1994)

Founder Chairman : MJF. Ln. Leo Muthu

NOTE ON

“PROJECT JUSTIFICATION”

We wish to submit the following ‘Project Justification’ for kind consideration and favourable early orders.

1. **OUR Sappthagiri Educational Trust** is a Registered entity under “**Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act (Act 27 of 1975)**” in the year 1994.

2. Our Trust is running reputed Educational Institutions - **Matriculation Schools, Polytechnic College, Engineering Colleges, Advanced Centre for Research and Indian Medicine Colleges** of **Siddha, Ayurveda and Homoeopathy** in one-single compact location viz, ‘**Sai Leo Nagar**’ in **Poonthandalam Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District**. In all our Educational Institutions, 20,000 students are studying in different Branches and 4000 staff members are employed in different cadres.

3. Our **Sappthagiri Educational Trust** originally formed approach road on the forest land on ‘annual lease basis’ upto the year 2000. Forest Authorities after inspection of the ‘lease-road’, advised us to submit proposal for ‘**diversion**’ of Forest land under **FC Act 1980**, in compliance with the related **Rules and Regulations, Norms and Standards** of the **State and Central Government**. Accordingly, our **Trust** submitted proposal under **Section 2** for the ‘diversion’ of **0.84 Hec** Forest land in **Nallur RF** for formation of pucca, regular approach road to our College CAMPUS.

4. On the Recommendations made by Forest Authorities of the **Government** of Tamil Nadu, the **Government of India** in Ministry of **E & F**, Southern Zone at Bangalore conveyed ‘**Stage-I Approval**’ vide their **Lr. No. F(C)A/11.2/118/TN/RC/1200 dt: 15.09.2003**. After our compliance with all the Norms, **Government of India** conveyed their **Stage-II Approval** to **Government of Tamil Nadu** vide their Order No: **F(C)A/11-2/118/TN/RC dt:13.12.2004** for ‘**Diversion**’ of **0.84 Hec** Forest land in **Nallur RF** to enable formation of **700m x 12m** access road to our College CAMPUS. Based on this, **Government of Tamil Nadu** in **G.O.Ms.No.83 dt: 21.08.2006 E&F Dept.** granted Administrative Order for this beneficial **Diversion** to **M/s. Sappthagiri Educational Trust**.

5. As a sequel to the above orders, we formed regular access road of **700m length x 12m width** to our College CAMPUS in the year 2006 – duly inspected by State Forest Authorities who ordered “**maintenance**” of the Approach Road by the “**USER AGENCY**” itself, viz, our **Sappthagiri Educational Trust**.



6. OUR Institutional CAMPUS is marked and declared as “**Educational Institution Zone**”, under the **Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA)** areas, approved in the **2nd Master Plan-2026**. Hence, CMDA insist that the existing Access Road to our above CAMPUS / **Educational Institutions** should have **20 metre width** road as per CMDA’s ‘**new**’ **Rules and Regulations**. Because of the current, and chronically continuing shortage in width viz **8 metres**, the CMDA “Rejects” all Plan Approval Proposals for our educational developmental activities, additional construction of buildings and related super-structures.

7. Owing to absolute & compelling necessity for widening the existing approved access road, Our **Sapthagiri Educational Trust** duly submitted a comprehensive proposal (6 copies) on 9.12.2013 to the **State Government in E&F Department**, through **DFO Chengalpattu Division** with all the required **Under-takings/Certificates/Documents** for diversion of **0.64 Hectares** Forest land under **Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980**.

8. Government of India in **Lr. F.No. 11-9/98-FC dt: 13.02.2014** have issued ‘**Eligibility Criteria**’ for diversion of Forest land upto **ONE hectare** by the State Government itself, for a category of **13 essential items** and extended the general approval for a period of **5 years** i.e. upto **31.12.2018**. **OUR requirement extent is only 0.64 hectare and we got 10 years interval.**

9. Subsequently, as advised by the Ministry of E&F F.No. 11-232/2014-FC(pt)/24.7.2014 we have submitted our Detailed Proposal successfully uploaded through “**Online**” on the portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (EF & CC) on 26.2.2016 and also further details from time to time as called for by the PCCF.

Our State Government is the ‘Competent Authority’ to pass Final Orders in our case – as our request is ONLY for 0.64 hectare which is within the Norm prescribed by Government of India in Ministry of E & F viz ONE hectare; the ‘interval’ of 10 years in our case from the original access road formation (2006) is also ‘far above’ the statutory NORM of 5 years interval.

- ONLY the exact minimum required extent of forest land is requested by us.
- ONLY for widening the ‘already-existing’ narrow approach road to our sprawling CAMPUS.
- ONLY Forest Land adjoins/about the existing approach road (No patta/Private land is available on either side).
- ONLY for providing relief to the sufferings of Students, Teachers, Staff, Parents, vehicular movement of People and Cargo.

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- Our existing approved access Road is continuously used by not only our employees but also by all category of General Public.
- Even Permanent, regular, constant 'maintenance' of OUR access Road has been entrusted to Sapthagiri Educational Trust (USER AGENCY) ONLY by the FOREST Department of the State Government.
- ONLY to ensure 'Statutory Compliance' of the NORMS & Standards stipulated by Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) of Government of TamilNadu – for any Developmental/Construction Plan Approvals.

YOUR GRACIOUS CONSIDERATION AND HISTORIC & TIMELY HELP shall nurture the progressive and futuristic growth of OUR sprawling SAIRAM CAMPUS.



(SAI PRAKASH LEOMUTHU)
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SAPTHAGIRI EDUCATIONAL TRUST