

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT
RAMANATHAPURAM FOREST DIVISION

From

To

Thiru. Bakan Jagdish Sudhakar,IFS.,
District Forest Officer (A/C),
Ramanathapuram Forest Division,
Ramanathapuram.

The Deputy Chief Engineer,
Construction IV,
Arasaradi,
Madurai.

C.No:AD/ 3984 /2021 dated:04.11.2022

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Forests – Forest [Conservation] Act, 1980 – SMTR, Madurai Circle – Ramanathapuram Forest Division –proposal for Diversion of 28.6132 Hectare of Forest land for the restoration of Rail connectivity between Rameswaram and Dhanushkodi in Rameswaram Reserve Forest by the Deputy Chief Engineer IV, Arasaradi, Madurai – Additional details called for–Regarding.

Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency – Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction IV, Arasaradi, Madurai (Railways) (FP/TN/RAIL/152033/2022) Dated. 22.03.2022.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Chennai, Ref.No:TS4/8098/2022, Dated:04.04.2022.
3. Revised online application uploaded by the User Agency – Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction IV, Arasaradi, Madurai (Railways) Dated. 05.08.2022.

Kind Attention to the User agency - Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction IV, Arasaradi, Madurai is invited to the references cited. On verification of the online application the following additional details submit to this office early for further necessary action.

1. The User agency is requested to submit a revised Geo-reference map. Also Proposed stretch should be marked in the Survey of Toposheet and additional nearest details as well as Roads, Existing Railway Line, National park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve and Eco sensitive zone with the three segmental circle marking of 1 Km, 5 Km and 10 Km per each case in the scale of 1:50000
2. It is informed that the Deputy Chief Engineer IV, Arasaradi, Madurai (Railways), is requested to submit the specific authorization letter obtained from the Chief Engineer (Construction) Southern Railway, Chennai to deal the forest clearance proposal for this project.
3. It is informed to submit the revised Certificate under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Right) Act, 2006 (Called as shortly "FRA") as per the prescribed form (sample Form) annexed in the Forest Conservation Rule, 2003 amendment upto 2022 with necessary details.
4. The user agency is requested to submit the detailed area requirement details of Track Length, Track Width, Railway stretch to be formed area and additional area proposed as shoulders etc., Also the user agency is requested to depute a responsible person to demarcate the proposed area in the Reserve Forest to the Forest Range Officer and their team on 07.11.2022.
5. The User agency is stated that the railway line existed till Dhanuskodi, which was almost following the proposed alignment, was washed away by a cyclone in 1964. The project is restoration of Rail connectivity between

Rameswaram to Dhanuskodi. User agency is requested to submit the old Railway line details.

6. The User agency is requested to submit an undertaking for bearing the cost of wildlife mitigation plan (Sea Turtle) proposed towards the diversion of Forest land in Rameswaram Reserve Forest.
7. As there are naturally grown trees at the proposed location, It is advised to file the Interlocutory Application in the Hon'ble supreme court of India and obtain necessary permission / order. Furthermore, the user agency should comply with the direction issued Hon'ble supreme court of India in this regard.

Sd- Bakan Jagdish Sudhakar,
District Forest Officer ,
Ramanathapuram Forest Division,
Ramanathapuram.

Copy Submitted to the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, SMTR, Madurai for kind information.

Copy to the Chief Engineer (Construction), Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008 for information.

Copy to the Forest Range Officer, Ramanathapuram Range @ Thangachimadam for necessary action.

//True Copy - By Order//

H. J. K. Srinivasan
For Superintendent.
04/11/2022