

C.No.TS3/39369/2021

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator  
of Forests (Head of Forest Force),  
Forest Head Quarters Building, Guindy-  
Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai-32.

Dated: 30.12.2022.

Sub Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 0.8169 ha of forest land in Vallam RF for relaying and periodical maintenance of Singaperumal Koil-Reddikuppam road to Chengalpattu-Thiruporur via Anjur Pattaravakkam Thenur road km 7/747-8/947 in Chengalpattu District – Proposal forwarded through online - Regarding.

- Ref 1 Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads, Chengalpattu - Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/148705/2021, dated 24.10.2021, and Re-submission of revised proposal on 05.12.2021 and 03.01.2022
- 2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. TS3/39364/2021 dated 21.02.2022
- 3 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division on 25.08.2022
- 4 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle on 11.10.2022
- 5 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. TS3/39369/2021 dated 28.10.2022
- 6 Resubmission of the proposal by the Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle on 14.12.2022 - Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle C. No. 6286/2022/D, dated 02.12.2022

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Attention of the Conservator of Forests is invited to the references cited.

1) Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads, Chengalpattu under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.8169 ha of forest land in Vallam RF for relaying and periodical maintenance of Singaperumal Koil-Reddikuppam road to Chengalpattu-Thiruporur via Anjur Pattaravakkam Thenur road km 7/747-8/947 in Chengalpattu District, the Conservator of Forests has forwarded the proposal vide reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited and submitted the EDS reply in the reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited above.

2) In the Part-II of Form-A, the District Forest Officer has reported that work on violation of the Act or guidelines issued under the Act has been carried out by the Rural Development and information of the person responsible for the violation has been sought from DRDA and awaiting response from the DRDA for the same. Period of work done reported as 14 years.

In the site inspection report and recommendation of the project, the District Forest Officer has reported that, as per the report of the user agency, the present road was constructed before 1985 and it was maintained by Rural Department and also informed that the last renewal was carried out prior to 2008 in violation of Forest Conservation Act 1980 and the road is heavily damaged for the past 13 years in forest portion. Considering the above facts, penal action may be taken as per Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Ref. No. F.No.11-42/2017-FC, dated 29/01/2018 or other rules as deemed fit.

As per the Government of India guidelines in F. NoFC-11/113/2022-FC, dated 08.09.2022, Proposal of regularization of encroachments including proposal or ex-post facto approval, proposal involving violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 shall be decided by the Ministry at Central level.

The Conservator of Forests/District Forest Officer has not reported the following details.

(i) Action taken against the sub-ordinate officers for the violations takes place in the forest area.

(ii) Report on correspondence made with the user agency/Rural Development Department on the reported violations.

(iv) The user agency has submitted proposal for relaying and periodical maintenance of Singaperumalkoil-Reddikuppam road to Chengalpattu-Thiruporur road vis Anjur, Pattaravakkam, Thenur road km 7/747-8/947.

However, the District Forest Officer has reported that this proposal is for upgradation of the road.

Clarity on the above is needed.

(v) Present condition (length and width of carriage way and shoulder width) of the road and whether the present proposal involves any expansion work of road etc.,

(vi) Staggered trenches may be removed from CA scheme.

As per the Survey of India topo sheet uploaded (Year not known) by the user agency, the proposed road is in existence and marked in the map.

The District Forest Officer is requested to ascertain whether the road is existence before 1980 and furnish the relevant map.

Above details may be furnished urgently.

Sd/- V. Karunapriya,  
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

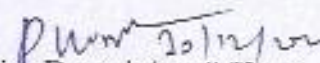
To

The Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, Chennai for necessary follow up action.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Kancheepuram Division, Kancheepuram

Copy to the Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads,  
No. B-75, Alagesan Nagar, Chengalpattu, Pin code 603 001. (User agency)

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Senior Draughting Officer.