

**TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From

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To

The Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Chennai Circle,  
Chennai -6.

C.No.330/22/D, Dt.01.03.2024

Madam,

Sub: FORESTS – Kancheepuram District – Chengalpattu Division  
– Proposal for diversion of 0.686 Ha of forest land in  
Paranur RF for relaying and periodical maintenance of GST  
road to Vadagal Road at KM 1/314 – 2/0 in Chengalpattu  
District – Details called for - Regarding.

Ref: 1.Online application uploaded by the User agency – The  
Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Construction  
and Maintenance, Chengalpattu Proposal No.  
FP/TN/Road/148740/2021, Dt.05.12.2021 and Re-  
submission of revised proposal on.12.01.2022.

2.Forest Range Officer, Chengalpattu Ref No.95/2022  
Dt.15.03.23022.

3.This Office Ref No.330/22/D, Dt. 23.06.2022.

4.This Office Ref No.330/22/D, Dt.01.08.2022.

5.This Office Ref No.330/22/D, Dt. 22.11.2023.

6.Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads,  
Chengalpattu Letter No.753/2021/JDO.1/ Dt.26.07.2022.

7.Government letter No.5445142/FR.10/2023-1,  
Dt.20.10.2023.

8.Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Head of Forest  
Force) Chennai -32 Ref.No.TS3/39364/21 Dt. 27.10.2023.

9.Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, Chennai -6  
Ref No.6276/2022D, Dt.07.11.2023.

10.Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads,  
Chengalpattu Letter No.753/2022/JDO.1/ Dt.12.12.2023.

11.Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, Chennai -6  
Ref No.6276/2022D, Dt.30.01.2024.

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I submit that the additional details called for in the reference  
11<sup>th</sup> cited, are submitted. As per reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, the user agency has  
submitted proposal for relaying and periodical maintenance of GST road to  
Vadagal Road at KM 1/314 – 2/0 in Chengalpattu District of road for 0.686 Ha  
in Paranur RF. it was mentioned in proposal that this road was construction

before 1985 and maintained by Rural Development Department. The last renewal was carried out prior to 2010 and the road is heavily damaged for the past 11 years in forest portion the stretch found with lot of surfaces worn outs, ruts, potholes which is discomfort to the road users and fast moving vehicles.

As per reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, Forest Range Officer, Chengalpattu has reported that the road passing through between forest boundary stone No.8 and 9 of Paranur Reserved Forest and there is right of way No.4 in the Paranur Reserved Forest notification along this road of 12 feet with. The existing road width is 7meter.

In reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited Dt.23.06.2022, District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division a letter was addressed to Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads, Chengalpattu requested to clarify the following.

1. Whether any permission from the Forest Department for black topping and subsequent maintenance was obtained?
2. If yes, kindly provide the order copy or relevant document other of the same.

As per reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited Dt.26.07.2022, Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads, Chengalpattu reported that no documents are available in the office regarding for obtaining permission from forest department for the work carried out earlier.

As per reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited Dt.01.08.2022, District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division a letter was addressed to Deputy Director and Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Chengalpattu requested to clarify the detail information of the person responsible for the violation and awaiting response from the District Rural Development Agency for same.

This Office reference 10<sup>th</sup> cited dt.22.11.2023, additional report called for by the Government a letter was addressed to Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads, Chengalpattu requested following details.

1. As mentioned in your proposal, the last renewal was carried out for this road before 2010, whether any permission from the Forest Department for black topping and subsequent maintenance was obtained. If yes, kindly provide the copy of the same.
2. If there are no permission was obtained then it amounts to be violation of provision of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

In this case, please provide the details of person responsible for violation, along with the authority. Also provide details of duration during which construction and maintenance work was carried out.

As per reference 8th cited, Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads, Chengalpattu based on District Collector, Chengalpattu letter reference no.4946/2023/A12, dt.07.12.2023 reported that the Chengalpattu District was formed during march 2020 bifurcated from combined Kancheepuram District. Hence, the particulars of Road work executed are not available in Chengalpattu District and not traceable from Kancheepuram District.

As per Government letter reference 7<sup>th</sup> cited it was instructed to take action in this regards, I submit that, as mentioned above the particulars of the work executed are not available is Chengalpattu or Kancheepuram District. Hence, it is not possible determine person responsible for violation, against whom action to be initiated as per Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division) No. 11/113/2022-FC-Part(1), dt.15.05.2023. I requested that action may be taken to impose penalty on user agency for carrying out work in violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980, as per Government of India Guidelines issued F.No.11-42/2017 - FC on.29.01.2018.

Encl: As stated above

Yours faithfully,  
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District Forest Officer,  
Chengalpattu Division,  
Kancheepuram.

/t.c.b.o./

For  11/3/24  
Superintendent