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TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
Tmt.R.Padmawathe, IFS.,
Chief Conservator of Forests
and Field Director ,
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger
Reserve, Madurai - 2.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force)
Chennai - 32.

C.No.9102/2022/D1, Dated: 19.10.2023

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - SMTR, Madurai- Ramanathapuram Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 28.6132 ha of forest land for the restoration of Rail connectivity between Rameswaram and Dhanushkodi in Rameswaram Reserved Forests - [FP/TN/Rail/152033/2022] - Online - Proposal Report submission -Additional details called for - Report submission of -Reg.

- Ref: 1) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Letter No.TS4/8098/2022, Dated; 12.09.2022.
2) Conservator of Forests and Field Director Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai, Ref No9102/2022/D1, Dt:14.02.2023, 21.02.2023, and 17.03.2023.
3) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Chennai C.No: TS4/8098/2022,Dt: 07.08.2023.
4) District Forest Officer, Ramanathapuram Division, Ramanathapuram C.No.3984/2021/D dt.05.10.23.

With reference to the above subject, I submit that the additional details called for by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai ref 3rd cited, the details received from the District Forest Officer, Ramanathapuram are as follows.

1.	What is the benefit of this project?	:	Railway line existed between Rameswaram and Dhanushkodi upto 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
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			neighboring country, improving tourism and pilgrimage. This may lead to restoration of ferry service to neighboring country also.
2.	The No. of habitations located at Dhanushkodi	:	As per the statement of Village Administrative Officer, Rameshwaram Dated. 13.09.2023, there is no permanent habitations and population in Dhanushkodi. All are floating population only.
3.	Total population of Dhanushkodi	:	As per the statement of Village Administrative Officer, Rameshwaram Dated. 13.09.2023, there is no permanent habitations and population in Dhanushkodi. All are floating population only.

This is favour of kind information.

Encl: As stated above

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-R.Padmawathe,
Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve,
Madurai

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S. Senthil Kumar
Senior Draughting Officer
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TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
S.Hemalatha, S.F.S.,
District Forest Officer,
Ramanathapuram Division,
Ramanathapuram.

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests and Field
Director,
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve,
Madurai.

C.No. 3984/2021/D. Dated: 05.10.2023

Madam,



Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - SMTR, Madurai Circle /
Ramanath Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 28.6132 Ha of
forest land for restoration of Rail Connectivity between
Rameshwaram and Dhanuskodi in Rameswaram RF in
Ramanathapuram District - Additional details requested -
submitted- Reg.

- Ref: 1. Govt Lr.No. 2869/FR.10/2023-2, Dated. 03.08.2023.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai
Ref.No.TS4/8098/2022, Dated. 07.08.2023.
3. Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction, Arasaradi, Madurai Lr.
No. W.571/CN/RMM-DKDI/New Line Dt:25.09.2023.

May please refer to the communication cited above. In this regard, a details called for in the reference 1st cited are obtained from the user agency vide reference 3rd cited and the reply of the user agency is submitted as follows.

1.	What is the benefit of this project?	:	Railway line existed between Rameshwaram and Dhanushkodi upto 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 Rameshwaram - 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.
2.	The No. of habitations located at Dhanushkodi	:	As per the statement of Village Administrative Officer, Rameshwaram Dated. 13.09.2023, there is no permanent habitations and population in Dhanushkodi. All are floating population only.
3.	Total population of Dhanushkodi	:	As per the statement of Village Administrative Officer, Rameshwaram Dated. 13.09.2023, there is no permanent habitations and population in Dhanushkodi. All are floating population only.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,
S.Hemalatha
District Forest Officer
Ramanathapuram

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11/10/23

P. S. Srinivasan
Superintendent
5-10/23



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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.

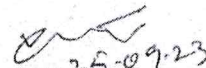
Sub: Proposed New BG line between Rameswaram and Dhanushkodi – Forest Conservation Act – Additional details requested - Reg.

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.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai 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.


25-09-23
Deputy Chief Engineer,
Construction/Madurai.

Copy to:

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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13/09/2023
Village Administrative Officer
2. Rameswaram Group.
Rameswaram Taluk

