

TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
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Chief Conservator of Forests,
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To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
Guindy Velachery Main Road,
Chennai – 600 032.

Ref. No. 7831 / 2022 / D, Dated: 19.03.2024

Sir,

Sub: FORESTS – Kancheepuram District – Chengalpattu Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.0476 Ha of forest land in Anjur and Sengundram RF for relaying and periodical maintenance of Singaperumal Koil - Reddikuppam Road to at Chengalpattu – Thiruporur via Anjur Pattaravakkam Thenur road KM 0/0 – 0/285 in Chengalpattu District – Report submitted - Reg

- Ref:**
1. Online application uploaded by the User agency – The Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads, Chengalpattu Proposal No.FP/TN/Road/148705/2021 Dt.05.12.2021 and Re-submission of revised proposal on.03.01.2022.
 2. Forest Range Officer, Chengalpattu Range, Chengalpattu, C.No.354/2022, dt.20.07.2022.
 3. Government letter No.5190510/FR.10/2023-1, Dt.25.09.2023.
 4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Chennai-32 Ref.No.TS3/39367/2021 Dt.05.10.2023.
 5. Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, Chennai -06, Ref.No.D/7831/2022, Dt.10.10.2023.
 6. District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division, Kancheepuram, Ref. No.5898/2021/D, Dated: 06.11.2023.
 7. Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads, Chengalpattu Letter No.753/2022/JDO.1/ Dt.12.12.2023.
 8. Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, Chennai - 06, Ref.No.D/7831/2022, Dt.30.01.2024.
 9. District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division, Kancheepuram, Ref. No.5898/2021/D, Dated: 01.03.2024.

I submit that the District Forest Officer Chengalpattu Division in the reference 9th cited has submitted his report for the queries raised in the Government letter 3rd cited as below,

“the user agency has submitted proposal for relaying and periodical maintenance of Singaperumal Koil - Reddikuppam Road from Chengalpattu – Thiruporur via Anjur Pattaravakkam Thenur road KM 0/0 – 0/285 in Chengalpattu District. It was mentioned in the proposal that this road was constructed before 1985 and maintained by Rural Development Department. The last renewal was carried out prior to 2008 and the road is heavily damaged for the past 13 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 2nd cited, Forest Range Officer, Chengalpattu has reported that the road passing through between forest boundary of Sengundram Reserved Forest and there is no right of way in the Sengundram Reserved Forest notification.

In the reference 6th cited, additional report called for by the Government a letter was addressed to Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads, Chengalpattu requesting the following details.

1. The last renewal was carried out for this road before 2008, as mentioned in your proposal, 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, the details of person responsible for violation, along with the authority.

The Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads, Chengalpattu based on District Collector, Chengalpattu letter reference no.4947/2023/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.

Further he has reported that in the Government letter 3rd cited, it was instructed to take action. It is submitted that, as mentioned above, the particulars of the work executed are not available in Chengalpattu or Kancheepuram District. Hence, it is not possible to determine exact duration of work executed and 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), Dated:15.05.2023 and Guidelines issued F.No.11-42/2017- FC on.29.01.2018".

A copy of letter received from the District Forest Officer Chengalpattu Division for favour of kind necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.

Sd/- K. Geethanjali,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chennai Circle, Chennai.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division.

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Senior Draughting Officer

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