

Tamilnadu Forest Department

From

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To

The Principal Chief Conservator of
Forests (HoFF)
Guindy Velachery Main Road,
Chennai -32

(Through Proper Channel)

C.No.1271/2022/D, dated: 22.11.2023

Sir,

Sub : Forests –Forest (Conservation) Act Proposals – Metro Wing -
Diversion of 4.46 Ha of Forest land in Vandalur RF for formation of
Tamparam Eastern Bypass (Proposal No:
FP/TN/Road/148656/2021 dated 22.10.2021) and Diversion of
0.95472 Ha of Forest land in Vandalur RF for construction of **ROB
LC-32 at Perungalathur** (Proposal No: FP/TN/Road/151930/2022
dated 02.2.2022)- Report submitted – Reg.

Ref :

1. Online Application of Tamparam Eastern Bypass uploaded by the
Divisional Engineer, Metro, Highways Department, CMDP,
Division-1, vide Proposal No: FP/TN/Road/148656/2021 dated
22.10.2021 and Resubmission of proposal on 13.3.2023 and
25.3.2023
2. Online Application of Construction of ROB no: LC-32 in between
Tamparam and Vandalur Railway stations uploaded by the
Divisional Engineer, Metro, Highways Department, CMDP,
Division-2, vide Proposal No: FP/ TN/ Road/ 151930/2022 dated
02.2.2022 and resubmission of proposal on 17.5.2022.
3. PCCF letter no: C.No: TS3/2987/2022 dated 15.7.2023
(addressed to ACS to State Govt for Environment, Climate Change
and Forest department).
4. PCCF letter no: C.No: TS3/39365/2021 dated 25.7.2023
(addressed to ACS to State Govt for Environment, Climate Change
and Forest department).
5. Additional Chief Secretary, Environment, Climate change and
Forest Department to RO, Chennai MoEF, Chennai vide Online
Diversion of forest land Proposal no: FP/TN/ROAD/148656/2021

6. Additional Chief Secretary, Environment, Climate change and Forest Department letter no: 5227778/FR-10/2023-1 dated 03.8.2023 to RO Chennai, MOEF&CC of Forest proposal for ROB-LC-32.

7. AIG, RO Chennai, MOEF&CC letter No: F. No:4-TNB109/2023-Chn/1035 dated 29.8.2023 addressed to ACS, Environment and Forest.

8. Chief Engineer (Highways), Metro, Letter NO. 4162/2008/AE-I, dated: 05.09.2023.

I submit that the Chief Engineer, Highways, Metro reported that the Forest Act 1980 Proposals for formation of Tambaram Eastern Bypass and Construction of R.O.B at LC-32 are evolved at the different dates. Accordingly, the Proposal for diversion of Forest Land were submitted to the Forest Department at various dates. The fact of these two Projects are furnished as detailed below: -

- i) Land Acquisition for the work of Formation of Tambaram Eastern by pass road at Km 0/0 - 9/300 has been sanctioned vide ref.1st cited by Govt. of Tamilnadu on 23.09.2004. The stretch from Km from 8/000-9/300 falls in Vandalur Reserve Forest area to an extent of 4.46 Ha. Hence proposal for diversion of forest land of 4.46 Ha in Vandalur RF was uploaded online in **Parivesh Portal** vide online proposal No FP/TN/Road 148656/2021 on 22.10.2021.
- ii) The work of Construction of ROB in lieu of LC-32 at Perungalathur in between Tambaram and Vandalur Railway stations has been sanctioned vide ref 2nd cited by the Government of Tamilnadu on 01.12.2010. For this work, forest land to an extent of 0.95472 Ha in Vandalur Reserve Forest land is required. Hence proposal for diversion of forest land of 0.95472 Ha in Vandalur RF was uploaded online in **Parivesh Portal** vide online proposal No FP/TN/Road/151930/2022 on 02.2.2022.

The facts on each scheme are tabulated below:

S. no	Description	Proposal 1: Formation of Tambaram Eastern Bypass Km 0/0-9/3 Proposal No. FP/TN/Road 148656/2021	Proposal 2: Construction of LC 32 ROB Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/151930 /2022	Remarks
1.	Name of the Work.	Formation of Tambaram Eastern Bypass	Construction of ROB in lieu of LC-32 at Perungalathur in between Tambaram and Vandalur Railway stations	
2	Extent of Forest land involved	4.46 Ha	0.95472 Ha	
3	Actual Date of Initiation of Diversion of Forest land proposal	Divisional Engineer (H) Thiruvallur & Divisional Engineer (H) CMDP-1 addressed District Collector, Kanchipuram requesting alternative double extent of compensatory land on 06.12.2005 & 09.01.2012 respectively.	Divisional Engineer (H) CMDP-2 addressed the District Collector, Chengalpattu requesting alternative double extent of compensatory land on 20.10.2021.	
4	Proposal submitted to Forest department in Parivesh Portal by User agency	22.10.2021 Proposal No: FP/TN/Road/148656/2021	02.2.2022 Proposal No: FP/TN/Road/151930/2022	

5	Alternate land approved by State Government	8.92 Ha Non Forest land in SF. No: 96/1 of Vedhanarayanapuram village in Chengalpattu District	Not Applicable (Since extent is less than 1 Ha)
6	Compensatory Afforestation	Planting of 8920 number seedlings proposed in 8.92 Ha of degraded forest land in Gudalur RF including maintenance and protection of plantation for 10 years period.	Planting of 1909 number seedlings proposed in 1.909 Ha of degraded forest land in Vandalur RF including maintenance and protection of plantation for 10 years period.

The Chief Engineer has stated that though the combined area of Forest Area is more than 5 Ha for the two Projects, the two Projects have been sanctioned in different dates and Diversion Proposals also initiated at different dates depending upon the execution stage of above schemes. Further the Chief Engineer stated that the proposals have not been split up intentionally.

Further, the Chief Engineer also requested to consider above Proposals in order to complete the work as early as possible in the reference 8th cited (Copy enclosed).

In view of the above, I have recommended the proposals as stated by the Chief Engineer (H) for consideration.

Encl: As stated above

Yours Faithfully,
Sd/-S.Shanmugam,
 District Forest Officer,
 Chennai Forest Division,
 Chennai

Copy submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, Chennai -06

Copy the Forest Range Officer, Tambaram Range

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From
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To
1. The Additional Chief Secretary to
Government,
Highways and Minor Ports Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai-600009

2. The Assistant Inspector General of Forests
(Central), Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate
Change, Integrated Regional Office, Shastri
Bhawan, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam,
Chennai- 600006.

Letter No: 4162/2008/AE-I, dated: 05.09.2023

Sir,

Sub : Highways Department - Metro Wing - Diversion of 4.46 Ha of Forest land in Vandalur RF for formation of **Tambaram Eastern Bypass** (Proposal No: FP/TN/Road/148656/2021 dated 22.10.2021) and Diversion of 0.95472 Ha of Forest land in Vandalur RF for construction of **ROB LC-32 at Perungalathur** (Proposal No: FP/TN/Road/151930/2022 dated 02.2.2022)- Clarification furnished - Reg.

Ref :

1. G.O.(Ms). No: 264 Highways (HW1) Department dated 23.9.2004 (Land Acquisition for Formation of Tambaram Eastern Bypass)
2. G.O.(D). No: 230 Highways (HQ2) Department dated 01.12.2010 (for Construction of ROB no: LC-32 in between Tambaram and Vandalur Railway stations)
3. G.O.(Ms). No. 34, Highways and Minor Ports (HP2) Department, dated: 07.03.2019 (RAS for Construction of ROB no: LC-32 in between Tambaram and Vandalur Railway stations)
4. Online Application of Tambaram Eastern Bypass uploaded by the Divisional Engineer, Metro, Highways Department, CMDP, Division-1, vide Proposal No: FP/TN/Road/148656/2021 dated 22.10.2021 and Resubmission of proposal on

10.3.2023 and 15.3.2023

5. Online Application of Construction of ROB no. LC-32 between Tambaram and Vandalur Railway Stations uploaded by the Divisional Engineer, Metro, Highways Department, CMDP, Division-2, vide Proposal No. FP/ TN/ Road, 151030/2022 dated 02.2.2022 and resubmission of proposal on 17.5.2022
6. PCCF letter no. C.No: TS3/2987/2022 dated 15.7.2023 (addressed to ACS to State Govt for Environment, Climate Change and Forest department).
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8. Additional Chief Secretary, Environment, Climate change and Forest Department to RO, Chennai MOEF, Chennai vide Online Diversion of forest land Proposal no. FP/TN/ROAD/148656/2021
9. Additional Chief Secretary, Environment, Climate change and Forest Department letter no: 5227778/FR-10/2023-1 dated 03.8.2023 to RO Chennai, MOEF&CC of Forest proposal for ROB LC-32.
10. AIG, EO Chennai, MOEF&CC letter No: F, No-4-TNB109/2023-Chn/1035 dated 29.8.2023 addressed to ACS, Environment and Forest.
11. The Superintending Engineer (H), CMDP Circle, Lr.No. 115/2010/LC 32 & 33/AE-1, dated: 31.08.2023.

I wish to inform the following with reference to the letter in reference 10th cited, wherein the Assistant Inspector General of Forest, Regional office, MOEF&CC, Chennai has stated that two proposals submitted by Chief Engineer (H), Metro for diversion of forest land may be withdrawn and to submit fresh proposal combining the two proposals and avoid splitting

- i) Land Acquisition for the work of Formation of Tambaram Eastern Bypass road at Km 0/0 - 2/300 has been sanctioned vide ref.1st cited by Govt. of Tamil Nadu on 23.09.2004. The stretch from Km from 8/000-8/300 falls in Vandalur Reserve Forest area to an extent of 4.44 Ha. Hence proposals for diversion of forest land of 4.44 Ha.

Vandalur RF was uploaded online in **Parivesh Portal** vide online proposal No FP/TN/Road/148656/2021 on 22.10.2021.

iii) The work of Construction of ROB in lieu of LC-32 at Perungalathur in between Tambaram and Vandalur Railway stations has been sanctioned vide ref 2nd cited by the Government of Tamilnadu on 01.12.2010. For this work, forest land to an extent of 0.95472 Ha in Vandalur Reserve Forest land is required. Hence proposal for diversion of forest land of 0.95472 Ha in Vandalur RF was uploaded online in **Parivesh Portal** vide online proposal No FP/TN/Road/151930/2022 on 02.2.2022.

The requirement of Forest land for the above two works were assessed at different dates and accordingly the proposal for diversion of forest land was submitted to Forest department for approval in Parivesh Portal.

The facts on each scheme are tabulated below:

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1.	Name of the Work.	Formation of Tambaram Eastern Bypass	Construction of ROB in lieu of LC-32 at Perungalathur in between Tambaram and Vandalur Railway stations	
2	Scheme	2004-2005 Traffic Improvement Scheme	RWP (Railway Work Program) Program for the year 2010-2013.	Railway Work Program is on Cost Sharing basis with Southern Railways
3	Administrative Sanction By Government of Tamilnadu	GO No 264 Highways (HW) Department dt 23.9.2004	i) GO No 230 Highways (HQ2) Department dated 01.12.2010. ii) RAS G.O.(Ms). No. 34, Highways and	

Minor Forest (DP2) department dated 07.11.2019.

4	Extent of Forest land involved	4.46 Ha	0.95472 Ha
5	Actual Date of Initiation of Diversion of Forest land proposal	Divisional Engineer (H) Thiruvallur & Divisional Engineer (H) CMDP-1 addressed District Collector, Kanchipuram requesting alternative double extent of compensatory land on 06.12.2005 & 09.01.2012 respectively.	Divisional Engineer (H) CMDP 2 addressed the District Collector, Chengalpattu requesting alternative double extent of compensatory land on 20.10.2021.
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7	Alternate land approved by State Government	8.92 Ha Non Forest land in SF. No: 96/1 of Vedhanarayanapuram village in Chengalpattu District	Not Applicable (Since extent is less than 1 Ha)
8	Compensatory Afforestation	Planting of 8920 number seedlings proposed in 8.92 Ha of degraded forest land in Vandalur RF including	Planting of 1909 number seedlings proposed in 1.909 Ha of degraded forest land in Vandalur RF including maintenance and protection of plantation for 15 years.

maintenance and protection of plantation for 10 years period.	period.	
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From the above table, it may be inferred that though the combined area of forest land is more than 5 Ha for the two works, the works have been sanctioned at different dates and the proposal for diversion of forest land has also been initiated at different dates depending upon the execution stage of the above schemes. Hence, it is submitted that there is no artificial split up of forest land diversion proposal.

Considering the above facts, I request that necessary permission may be obtained from Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department for the proposal for diversion of forest land for the above two works as submitted earlier in order to expedite both Bypass and ROB works independently.

Encl. Copy of references (1), (2), (3) & (6 to 10).

Handwritten signature and date: 25/9/23
**Chief Engineer (H),
Metro, Chennai -15.**

Handwritten initials: SK
Copy to the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamilnadu, Environment & Forests Department, Secretariat, Chennai- 600009.

Copy to the Superintending Engineer (H), CMDP Circle, Chennai-15

Copy to the Divisional Engineer (H), CMDP Division - I & II, Chennai for follow up action.

Handwritten note: Copy to the District Forest Officer (DFO), Chennai for information and necessary action.