

TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From	To
Tmt. K. Geethanjali, I.F.S.,	The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Chief Conservator of Forests,	(Head of Forest Force),
Chennai Circle,	Guindy Velachery main Road,
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C.No.3335/2023/D, dated: 27.11.2023

Sir,

Sub : Forests –Forest (Conservation) Act Proposals – Metro Wing
- Diversion of 4.46 Ha of Forest land in Vandalur RF for
formation of **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) -
Report submitted – Reg.

Ref : 1. 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 13.3.2023 and
25.3.2023

2. Online Application of Construction of ROB no: LC-32
in between Tambaram 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. ACS, 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.
9. District Forest Officer, Chennai Division, Letter No.1271/2022/D, Dated: 22.11.2023.

I submit that the District Forest Officer, Chennai Division in the letter 9th cited (Copy enclosed) has submitted his report for the queries raised by the Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central), MoEF, Nungambakkam, Chennai in the letter 7th cited as below.

“the Chief Engineer, Highways, Metro in the letter 8th cited has reported that the Forest (Conservation) 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 below: -

- iii. 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.
- iv. 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	

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			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 Gudulur 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 and 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, the District Forest Officer has recommended that the proposals as stated by the Chief Engineer (H) for consideration.

I therefore, submit that based on the report of the District Forest Officer Chennai Division the proposal for the Formation of Tambaram Eastern Bypass Road may please be considered and stage-I clearance may please be obtained from the Government at the earliest.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- K. Geethanjali,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
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Copy to the District Forest Officer, Chennai Division, Chennai.

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Senior Draughting Officer

