

Ref. No. 7831 / 2022 / D

O/o. the Chief Conservator of Forests,
Chennai Circle, Chennai – 6.
Dated: 30.01.2024

**Tmt. K. Geethanjali, IFS.,
Chief Conservator of Forests**

Sub: - Forest – Kancheepuram District – Proposal for the diversion of 0.0476 Ha. of Reserved Forest Land in Anjur and Sengundram Reserved Forest for relaying and periodical maintenance of Singaperumal Koil – Reddikuppam Road at Chengalpattu – Thiruporur via Anjur Pattaravakkam Thenur road KM 0/0 – 0/285 in Chengalpattu District – Reg.

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1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency – The Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Construction and Maintenance, Chengalpattu Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/148718/2021, Dated: 05.12.2021.
 2. Government letter No.5190510/FR.10/2023-1, Dated: 25.09.2023.
 3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of the Department) Chennai, Letter No.TS3/39367/2021, Dated: 05.10.2023.
 4. This Office Letter No.7831/2022/D, Dated: 10.10.2023.
 5. Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads, Chengalpattu, Ref. No.753/2022/JDO.1, Dated: 12.12.2023.
 6. District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division, Kancheepuram, Ref. No.5898/2021/D, Dated: 26.12.2023.

In the Government letter 2nd cited, it was stated that it was informed that last renewal was carried out prior to 2008 (i.e.) after enactment of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, any non-forestry activity allowed within the forest land without obtaining prior permission of Forest Department will be considered as violation of the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

In this regard, it was requested to clarify has to how the subject proposal has been proposed under general approval category while violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is involved in the proposed road and requested to take appropriate action on the above violation.

In the letter 6th cited, the District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division has reported as follows.

“The Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Rural Roads, Chengalpattu has 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. Therefore, it could not be found out the departmental officers responsible for not preventing violation”.

The report submitted by the District Forest Officer is insufficient. Hence, he is requested to provide detailed report on the action taken.

Receipt of the reference may be acknowledged.

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

To
The District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division, Kancheepuram.

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Senior Drafting Officer

A handwritten signature in blue ink is written over a circular official stamp. The stamp contains the text 'Senior Drafting Officer' and 'Chennai Circle' in a circular arrangement. The signature is slanted and appears to be 'K. Geethanjali'.