

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

Sub: - Forests – Chengalpattu District – Chengalpattu Forest Division – Revised proposal for diversion of 0.8169 Ha. of Forest Land in Vallam RF for relaying and periodical maintenance of Singaperumal Koil – Reddikuppam Road to Chengalpattu – Tiruporur via Anjur Pattaravakkam Thenur Road KM 7/747 – 8/947 in Chengalpattu District – Reg.

- Ref: -**
1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of the Department) Chennai, Letter No.TS3/39369/2021, Dated: 28.10.2022.
 2. District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division, Kancheepuram, Ref. No.1120/2022/D, Dated: 07.11.2022.
 3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of the Department) Chennai, Letter No.TS3/39369/2021, Dated: 30.12.2022.
 4. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai, F.No.4-TNB/111/2023-CHN/1130, Dated: 05.10.2023.
 5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of the Department) Chennai, Letter No.TS3/39369/2021, Dated: 27.10.2023.
 6. District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division, Kancheepuram, Ref. No.1120/2022/D, Dated: 26.12.2023.

In the Government of India letter 4th cited, the following details were called for in connection with the proposal uploaded in parivesh web-portal for diversion of 0.8169 Ha. of Forest Land in Vallam RF for relaying and periodical maintenance of Singaperumal Koil – Reddikuppam Road in Chengalpattu division.

- (a) The Agency and official(s) responsible for violation of FCA, 1980;
- (b) Year in which the existing road was built / constructed;
- (c) Forest Department Officials who are all responsible for not preventing of such violation;
- (d) Action Taken by the State Government so far on officials responsible for violation may be submitted;
- (e) Further, it was also requested to clarify that any change in the user agency from DRDA to Highway in the present project.

The District Forest Officer Chengalpattu Division vide letter no.1120/2022/D, Dated: 26.12.2023 has replied as follows.

S. No.	Queries raised	Reply by DFO
(a)	The Agency and official(s) responsible for violation of FCA, 1980;	The Divisional Engineer (Highways Department), Rural roads, Chengalpattu has reported that the Chengalpattu District was formed during March 2020 bifurcated from Kancheepuram District.
(b)	Year in which the existing road was built / constructed;	As the Chengalpattu District was bifurcated from Kancheepuram District, the particulars of road work executed are not available in Chengalpattu District and not traceable from Kancheepuram District also.
(c)	Forest Department Officials who are all responsible for not preventing of such violation;	It could not be found out the departmental officers who are not preventing of such violations.
(d)	Action Taken by the State Government so far on officials responsible for violation may be submitted;	Action could not be taken against forest officials responsible for violation due to lack of records.
(e)	It was also requested to clarify that any change in the user agency from DRDA to Highway in the present project	Singaperumal Koil – Reddikuppam Road to at Chengalpattu – Thiruporur via Anjur Pattaravakkam Thenur road 7/747 – 8/593 Km. was already handed over to the highways from DRDA department for further maintenance vide G.O.2(D), No.85, Highways and Minor Ports (HF1) Department, Dated: 27.11.2018.

The reply furnished by the District Forest Officer is insufficient and hence, he is requested to submit proper reply for the details called for in the Government letter 4th cited.

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To
The District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division.

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