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

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

- Sub: Forests Kancheepuram District Chengalpattu Division Proposal for diversion of 0.686 ha of forest land in Paranur RF for relaying and maintenance of GST road to Vadagal Road at KM 1/314 to 2/0 in Chengalpattu District Reg.
- Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency The Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Construction and Maintenance, Chengalpattu, Proposal No.FP/TN/Road/148740/2021, Dated: 05.12.2021 and resubmission of revised proposal on 12.01.2022.
 - 2. Government letter No.5445142/FR.10/2023-1, Dated: 20.10.2023.
 - 3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of the Department) Chennai, Letter No.TS3/39364/2021, Dated: 27.10.2023.
 - 4. This Office Letter No.6276/2022/D, Dated: 07.11.2023.
 - 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.330/2022/D, Dated: 26.12.2023.

In the Government letter 2nd cited, it was stated that it was informed that the works in violation of provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 / guidelines issued under the act has been carried out by the Rural Development Department and period of work done was reported has 22 years.

In this regard, it was requested to take appropriate action on the above violations before sending the proposal to Government consideration.

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 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 Draughting Officer