TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

To

Thiru.K.S.Sathyamoorthy, I.F.S., District Forest Officer, Chengalpattu Division, Kancheepuram 631 501. The Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Construction and Maintenance, 2, Periyar Nagar, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram District PIN 603 001.

C.No.D/184/19 Dt.22.02.2021

Sir,

Sub: FORESTS – Kancheepuram District – Chengalpattu Division – Proposal for diversion of 10.23 Ha of forest land in Mannur RF, Sengundram RF and Thirutheri RF of Kancheepuram Forest Division for forming peripheral road connecting Mahabalipuram to Ennore Port (Via) Singaperumankoil, Sriperumbudur, Thiruvallur, Thamaraipakkam, Periyapalayam, Puduvoyal and Kattupalli – Online proposal report called for Regarding.

Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency – The Divisional Engineer, Highways, Construction and Maintenance Division, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram Proposal No.FP/TN/Road/24465/17

2. This office Ref.No.D/184/2019 Dt.06.05.2019.

In the reference 1st cited, the Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Construction and Maintenance, Chengalpattu has uploaded an online application under sec 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for a diversion of 10.23 Ha of forest land in Mannur RF, Sengundram RF and Thirutheri RF of Kancheepuram Forest Division for forming peripheral road connecting Mahabalipuram to Ennore Port (Via) Singaperumankoil, Sriperumbudur, Thiruvallur, Thamaraipakkam, Periyapalayam, Puduvoyal and Kattupalli.

In the application submitted by user agency the alignment for the proposed Chennai peripheral road, by passing Sengundram RF and Thirutheri RF was examined. In the reference 2nd cited the user agency was informed to provide an alternate alignment to avoid the fragmentation of Thirutheri RF and Sengundram RF. But no alternate alignment was given by user agency to avoid the fragmentation of forest area.

You are requested to provide the justification on why the alternate alignment by passing the forest area to reduce the fragmentation of RF was rejected by you.

You are also requested to provide the cost benefit analysis for the alternate alignment proposed in the application by user agency and any steps taken to accept the alternate alignment before proposing the alignment which involves diversion of forest land in Sengundram RF and Thirutheri RF.

> District Forest Officer. Chengalpattu Division,

Kancheepuram.

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