

C.No.TS3/39365/2021

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests (Head of Forest Force),
Forest Head Quarters Building, Guindy-
Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai-32.

Dated: 13.07.2023.

- Sub Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 4.46 ha of forest land in Perungalathur RF for formation of Tambaram Eastern Bypass road branching from km 17/4 of Malmalong bridge-Irumbuliyur road from Rajakilpakkam via Agaramthen road towards Perungalathur at km 0/0-9/300 in Chengalpattu District – Forwarded - Regarding.
- Ref 1 Online application uploaded by the Divisional Engineer, Metro, Highways Department, CMDP Division-I, No. 78 Real Diamond Building, Annasai, Guindy Chennai-32 - Proposal No. FP/TN/Road/148656/2021, dated 22.10.2021 and Resubmission of proposal on 13.03.2023 and 25.03.2023
- 2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. TS3/39365/2021 dated 05.05.2023.
- 3 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Chennai Forest Division, Chennai on 15.05.2023
- 4 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, Chennai on 10.07.2023

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Attention of the Chief Conservator of Forests is invited to the references cited.

In the reference 4th cited, the Chief Conservator of Forests has forwarded the online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the Divisional Engineer, Highways, Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan Division-I, Chennai under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.46 ha of forest land in Perungalathur RF for formation of Tambaram Eastern Bypass road branching from km 17/4 of Malmalong bridge-Irumbuliyur road from Rajakilpakkam via Agaramthen road towards Perungalathur at km 0/0-9/300 in Chengalpattu District and recommended by the District Forest Officer, Chennai Division.

2) In the proposal forwarded by the Chief Conservator of Forests, the following shortcomings have been noticed.

i) Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion has not been reported in Section 8(i).

ii) For the proposed diversion of 4.46 ha of forest land, compensatory land has been identified by the user agency in S. F. No. 96/1 of Vedhanarayanapuram

village of Chengalpattu District and compensatory afforestation has been proposed in 8.92 ha of degraded forest area in Gudalur RF and reported that since the selected CA land is already having vegetation and forest like characteristics, compensatory afforestation plantation cannot be taken up in the CA land.

a) For doing 8.92 ha of CA plantation, an amount of Rs. 2,76,21,047/- has been proposed including 10 years maintenance work. For doing 8.92 ha plantation work, above amount seems to be very high (Pro rata amount of Rs. 30,96,530/- per ha).

b) Excess provisions have been made in watering the container plants due to non-adoption of approved model estimate, collection and supply of soil in the degraded forest area planting site has been proposed and excess amount provided for Catch water pits work.

c) Further, CA plantation has been proposed in 8.92 ha of degraded forest area of Gudalur RF under the control of Forest Department. However, engagement of two protection mazdoors have been proposed for protection of 8.92 ha area. This provision may be deleted as the CA plantation has been proposed in degraded forest area under the management control of Forest Department.

d) Compensatory afforestation scheme may be proposed adopting the current FSR.

iii) In the additional information details section the District Forest Officer has uploaded document on proposal for construction of compound wall over a length of 1000m at project cost of Rs. 1,07,90,000/-

Construction of compound wall may not be proposed under Compensatory Afforestation scheme.

iv) Further document on proposal for construction of a check dam in Tambaram Range at a project cost of Rs. 48,000/- has been uploaded.

It also is not necessary to be included in Compensatory Afforestation.

v) In the site inspection and recommendation of the proposal, the District Forest Officer has reported that, diversion of forest area of 4.46 ha proposed in Vandalur RF, which includes 1.25 ha Vandalur RF under Modern Nursery Perungalathur Research wing.

