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ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & FOREST(FR.10) DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 9.

Letter No.5227778/FR.10/2023 - 2, dated: 15.09.2023

From  
Thiru.T.Ritto Cyriac, I.F.S.,  
Special Secretary (Forest).

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Chennai - 32.(w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Proposals (FP/TN/Road/151930/2022) for diversion of 0.95472 ha of forest land in Vandalur RF for construction of Road over Bridge and (FP/TN/ROAD/148656/2021) for diversion of 4.46 ha. in Vandalur RF for formation of Tambaram Eastern Bypass road in Chengalpattu District in favour of the Divisional Engineer, Highways, Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan Division, Chennai - Regarding.

- Ref:
1. Your letter No.TS3/2987/2022, dated 15.07.2023 and TS3/39365/2021 dated 25.07.2023.
  2. Government letter No.5227778/FR.10/2023-1, dated 03.08.2023.
  3. Government letter No.5280413/FR.10/2023-1, dated 03.08.2023.
  4. From the Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai letter F.No.4-TNB109/2023-CHN/1035, dated 29.08.2023.

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I am directed to enclose a copy of the reference fourth cited and to request you to inform all stake holders including Forest Department Officials not to split the proposals in future and also direct the User Agency i.e. Chief Engineer, Metro, Highways Department to withdraw the above mentioned two proposals (FP/TN/ROAD/151930/2022 and FP/TN/ROAD/148656/2021) from the PARIVESH portal and to submit a fresh proposal for the revised area of 5.41472 ha. (0.95472 ha + 4.46 ha).

2. Further, I am to request you to instruct the Nodal Officer to re-examine and submit appropriate Compensatory Afforestation scheme as per the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 along with the revised proposal.

Yours faithfully,

M. Megala  
19/9/2023

for Special Secretary (Forest)

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F.No.4-TNB109/2023-CHN/ 1035  
Date: 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Environment & Forests Department,  
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009

**Subject: Diversion of 4.46 ha of forest land in Vandalur 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 in favour of the Divisional Engineer, Highways, Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan Division-I, Chennai- Reg**

**Reference: Online proposal No FP/TN/ROAD/148656/2021**

Sir,

With reference to the subject and reference above, I am directed to inform that, upon preliminary examination of the subject proposal, it is seen that the UA, i.e. Chief Engineer, Metro, Highways Department submitted two proposals i.e. FP/TN/ROAD/151930/2022 for 0.95472 ha and FP/TN/ROAD/148656/2021 for 4.46 ha and noted that above mentioned two proposals are in same stretch and continuous in alignment. The State Government vide letter dated 03.08.2023 requested the RO Chennai to convey approval for felling of 204 spontaneous trees under proposal No FP/TN/ROAD/151930/2022 involves diversion 0.95472 ha and whereas submitted the subject proposal to this office for approval under FCA, 1980;

In view of the above, it is to inform that, splitting of same stretch of road in to smaller area shall not be done and especially for linear proposals, proposal shall be submitted for its entirety. By splitting of proposals, competent authority to decide on such proposal will also change as per the delegation of powers and such artificial splitting is not permissible.

Considering the above facts, it is requested that State Government may inform all stake holders including forest department Officials not to

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split the proposals in future. Further, the UA i.e. Chief Engineer, Metro, Highways Department may be directed to withdraw the above two proposals from the PARIVESH and to submit a fresh proposal for the revised area by combining **0.95472 ha + 4.46 ha = 5.41472 ha**.

As the combined area will be more than 5 ha, the revised proposal needs to be processed through Project Screening Committee (PSC) as per the provision of FC rules 2022. Further, it is also noticed that, the proposed CA scheme is not as per the provision of FC rules 2022, hence, Nodal Officer may be advised to re-examine the CA scheme and to submit appropriate CA scheme along with the said revised proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by Karthikeyan

Karuppiah

Date: 29-08-2023 14:56:10

Reason: Approved

(K.Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:

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2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, Guindy Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai - 32.
3. Chief Engineer, Metro, Highways Department, HRS Campus, Guindy, Chennai 600 025 [ade3cmdpmetro@gmail.com](mailto:ade3cmdpmetro@gmail.com)
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Sd/-

(K.Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)