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 Date; 29th August, 2023

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-Irumbuliur 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)

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Sd/-

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