



BRUHAT BANGALORE MAHANAGARA PALIKE

No. DCF / BBMP/PR -1063/2020-21

Deputy Conservator Forest
Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike
N.R. Squire Annex Building -3
Bengaluru, Date : 17.10.2020

Official Memorandum

Sub: Permission for Clearance of trees – reg.

- Ref :** 1.Hon'ble High Court order Dt. 04.03.2020, 20.08.2020 and 03.09.2020.
2. Government of Karnataka order Apaji 41.FAF 2019 Dt. 31.08.2020.
3. Letter No.BMRCL/ENV/2020-21 Dt. 13.03.2020.
4. Letter No. ACF/PR-16/2020-21Dt.15.10.2020.
5. Proceedings of Tree Expert Committee meeting held on Dt. 14.10.2020.


Preamble: -

BMRCL had submitted the consolidated pending applications to the Tree Expert Committee (TEC) to be considered afresh by Tree Expert Committee as per Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka order dtd 04.03.2020.

In WP No.17841/2018 (PIL) Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in its order dtd 20.08.2020 had directed Government of Karnataka for re-constitution of the Tree Expert Committee (TEC), accordingly Government of Karnataka has re-constituted the committee of experts vide letter reference (2) cited above.

In deference to the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka and bearing in mind the direction issued by the Hon'ble High Court and taking into account all the papers and documents with respect to the pending applications pertaining to BMRCL, the re-constituted Committee examined the applications of BMRCL afresh and carried out field visits for on site assessment of trees infringing Metro works at various locations.

Intensive assessment of each tree was carried out by the Committee in order to retain the trees on site by understanding the overall project plan vis-a-vis the alignment of Metro line, stations, Depot etc. wherever possible, as Retention is the first priority and efficient way to save trees in any infrastructure development project area. Only when retention on site was not feasible, Committee examined as to whether the tree is sufficiently healthy to be translocated. Then if the above two options are not possible then as a last resort, the Tree Expert Committee has decided to recommend for felling of trees.


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The Committee has also inspected the proposed sites by BMRCL for translocation of trees both of existing trees locations and at receptors sites (planned for translocation) which are near to the existing trees locations at some places along with soil test reports and has approved these areas for translocation.

The directions issued by the Tree Expert Committee vide proceedings dtd 14.10.2020 regarding Retention/Translocation / Felling of trees has been communicated by Member Secretary and Assistant Conservator of Forests, BBMP vide reference (4) cited above (**Annexure - 1**) to the Tree Officer and Deputy Conservator of Forest, BBMP for granting permission under section 8(3) of KPT Act, 1976 along with the proceedings of the Tree Expert Committee held on 14.10.2020 and the field inspection reports pertaining to BMRCL Projects, under reference (5) above (**Annexure - 2**). Hence the order.

ORDER

Under the circumstances explained above, permission is hereby accorded for Retention / Translocation / Felling of trees as stated below and the details are enclosed as **Annexure - 3** (South Zone) and **Annexure - 4** (East Zone).

SOUTH ZONE

Reach5-P3 (BTM LAYOUT Area) (Total Trees – 16 Nos):

No. of Trees to be retained : 03 Nos
No. of Trees to be felled : 13 Nos

ITI College (Fabrication Yard) (Total Trees – 63 Nos):

No. of Trees to be retained : 59 Nos
No. of Trees to be felled : 04 Nos

Dairy Circle Metro Station (Total Trees – 29 Nos):

No. of Trees to be Translocation : 15 Nos
No. of Trees to be felled : 14 Nos

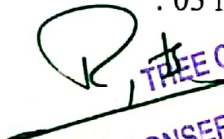
Lakkasandra Metro Station (Total Trees – 13 Nos):

No. of Trees to be Translocation : 08 Nos
No. of Trees to be felled : 05 Nos

EAST ZONE

MG Road Metro Station (Total Trees – 09 Nos):

No. of Trees to be Translocation : 06 Nos
No. of Trees to be felled : 03 Nos


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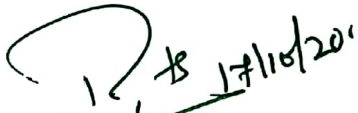
The above orders will come into effect after 15 days from the date of uploading it in the website of BBMP as per the Hon'ble High Court order dtd 04.03.2020 and have to be executed subject to the following conditions.

Conditions in respect of Felling of trees :-

1. The wood extracted would be disposed off by the Forest Wing BBMP.
2. The BMRCL to carry out planting of saplings in lieu of felling of trees at the ratio of 1:10 at suitable places and regular post care management of these saplings should be undertaken for a minimum period of three years.

Conditions in respect to Translocation of trees :-

1. The BMRCL shall translocate the trees to the locations approved by TEC and shall be maintained for a further period of three years from the date of translocation, through experienced agency and under the technical supervision of the Forest Wing of BBMP Bengaluru.
2. The BMRCL to furnish the name and address of the Person/Agency to whom the work of translocation is entrusted.
3. The Translocation of trees shall be executed as per guidelines /Methodology by GKVK Committee and TEC. Photographs and video of the translocation process should be submitted through CD, after the work completion.
4. Regular post care management of the Translocated trees should be undertaken, so that these trees survive successfully. The staff of Forest Wing shall visit the spot to assess the progress achieved by the user Agency.


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1. The Managing Director, BMRCL, 3rd Floor, BMTC Complex, Shanthinagara, Bengaluru - 27 – Favor of information.
2. Chief Engineer (R6 – UG), BMRCL – For information.
3. Environment Officer, BMRCL - For information.
4. Dy. CE – Reach 5, Package -3, BMRCL - For information.
5. The Assistant Conservator of Forest & Member Secretary, TEC - For information.
6. Range Forest Officer South Zone - For information.
7. Range Forest Officer East Zone - For information.


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