



BRUHAT BANGALORE MAHANAGARA PALIKE

No: DCF//PR. 177/2020-21

Office of the
Deputy Conservator of Forests
Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike
N.R.Squre Annex Biliding-3
Bangalore, dated: 21.05.2020

Official Memorandum

Sub: Permission for removal of trees –reg.

Ref: 1. Letter number BMRCL/ENV/2020/21 dtd: 13.3.2020.

2. Letter No.ACF/MS/PR152 dtd:14.05.2020.

3. Proceeding of the Expert Tree Committee meeting held on 16.3.2020.

4. Proceeding of the Expert Tree Committee meeting held on 28.4.2020.

PREAMBLE

The Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in W.P No 17841/2018 vide its order dated: 04.3.2020 has directed the fifth (5th) respondent i.e BMRCL on their IA seeking modifications of earlier orders dated 20.1.2020 and 27.01.2020 of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka to submit to the special committee a compilation of all the applications so far made by it for seeking permission under sub-section (2) of section 8 of the Karnataka Preservation of Trees Acts, 1976, along with supporting documents with the directions that the applications shall be considered by the Special Committee afresh.

Accordingly BMRCL has submitted applications vide their letter cited under reference (1) above.

In pursuance to the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka dated 04.03.2020 and on receipt of fresh applications from BMRCL, with the intention to explore the possibilities of saving more trees, the Tree Expert Committee with the guidance of Chairman, discussed with the BMRCL authorities about adjustments in alignment of the project for saving more trees on the site. The presentation of the BMRCL plan and the field site visit convinced Tree Expert Committee that change in alignment will not be possible and therefore taking into consideration the existing alignment, the exercise of re visit to various BMRCL project locations was executed by the Chairman, and Members of Tree Expert Committee on 18.03.2020 of the under mentioned Reach-6 Underground Metro Stations and Ramp, falling under the jurisdiction of South and East Zones of BBMP.


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The decision of the Tree Expert Committee regarding Retention/Translocation/Felling of trees has been communicated by Member Secretary and Assistant Conservator of Forests to the Tree Officer and Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP for granting permission under section 8(3) of KPT Act 1976 along with the extract of proceedings of the Tree Expert Committee held on 16.03.2020 & 28.04.2020 pertaining to BMRCL projects, under reference (2) above, which are enclosed. Hence the order.

ORDER

Under the circumstances explained above and in partial supersession of our earlier orders/directions if any pertaining to under mentioned trees of these stations, permission is hereby accorded for Retention/Translocation /Felling of trees as stated below and the details are enclosed as Annexure - 1(South Zone) and Annexure - 2(East Zone) :-

SOUTH ZONE

South Ramp: [Jayanagar Fire Station Location]

1. Trees to be Retained : 02
2. Trees to be Translocated : 29 (already translocated - 04)
3. Trees to be Felled : 81

EAST ZONE

Vellara Junction : [Rashtriya Military School Metro Station]

1. Trees to be Retained : 01
2. Trees to be Translocated : 09 (already translocated - 06)
3. Trees to be Felled : 22

MG Road Metro Station :

1. Trees to be Translocated : 17 (already translocated - 17)
2. Trees to be Felled : 30

Shivajinagar Metro Station :

1. Trees to be Translocated : 12 (already translocated - 12)
2. Trees to be Felled : Nil

Cantonment Metro Station :

1. Trees to be Translocated : 28 (already translocated - 11)
2. Trees to be Felled : 22


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Pottery Town Metro Station :

1. Trees to be Translocated : 16
2. Trees to be Felled : 10

The above orders will come into effect after 15 days from the date of uploading it in the website of BBMP and have to be executed subject to the following conditions.

Conditions in respect of Felling of trees :-


1. The wood extracted would be disposed of through E -auction. Till such time the BMRCL may take all necessary steps like extraction and stacking at mutually agreed location.
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 of Translocation of trees:-

1. The BMRCL shall give an undertaking that the above mentioned trees would be translocated and would be maintained for a further period of three years from the date of translocation, through experienced personnel and under the technical supervision of the Forest Wing of BBMP Bangalore.
2. The BMRCL to furnish the name and address of the Person/Agency to whom the work of translocation is entrusted.
3. The details of technique used by them for translocation should be furnished, and the photo graph and video of the translocation process should be submitted through CD, after the work completion.
4. Regular post care management of the trees translocated 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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5. In respect of translocation of trees, if the user Agency i.e BMRCL fails to maintain the translocated trees properly for another 3 years, the cost involved in maintaining the trees shall be recovered from the user Agency and the tree shall be maintained departmentally.


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Enclosures:

1. Proceedings of the Tree Expert Committee meeting dated: 16.3.2020 and 28.4.2020.
2. Annexure-1 and 2.

Copy to:

1. The Managing Director, BMRCL, 3rd Floor, BMTC Complex, Shanthinagara-Bengaluru-27, favor of information.
2. Chief Engineer (R6 – UG), BMRCL.
3. The Assistant Conservator of Forest & Member Secretary, BBMP for information.
4. Deputy Range Forest Officer South Zone, for information.
5. Deputy Range Forest Officer BBMP East Zone, for information.