

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

No: DCF/PR-1049/2021-22

Office of the
Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
N.R Square, Bangalore

Date: 13.08.2021

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

- Sub: Permission regarding Translocation and Removal of trees which fall in the proposed area of Elevated Corridor from Ejipura Main Road, Inner Ring Road to Kendriya Sadana – reg
- Ref: a. EE letter no. ಕಾ.ಪಾ.ಅ (ಯೋ-ಕೇಂದ್ರ-5/ಪಿ.ಆರ್/78/2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ 10.06.2020
b. Public Notice dated 25.09.2020
c. Field Inspection dated 10.10.2020

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Preamble:

The Executive Engineer (Project - 5), BBMP, Bengaluru South Zone vide his letter cited under reference above at (a), has sought permission for clearance of trees which fall in the project area of Elevated Corridor from Ejipura Main Road (Inner Ring Road), Sony World Junction to Kendriya Sadana. He has submitted relevant documents which indicate that the said trees are standing in the construction activities area of the project which is being implemented in public interest. As such, a Public Notice dated 25.09.2020 was issued by the Tree Officer & DCF, BBMP as per Section 8 (3) of the Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act 1976 (as amended in 2015) with the intention to invite objections/remarks from public.

In response to the public notice, one suggestion/objection was received from public. The objector in particular has stated that already many numbers of trees have been felled earlier for the construction of the flyover near Sony Signal and St. John's Medical College, and starting a new project at the same junction will be an utter failure. Since the nature of the objection/suggestion pertained to the earlier project works of the Executive Engineer, the matter was referred to him. In response, the Executive Engineer in his letter no. EE/PC-5/PR 45/2021-22 dtd 20.05.2021 expressed that during December 2017 permission was sought for removal of trees which were standing over the median from Kendriya Sadana to Ejipura Junction for erection of piers and the then DCF, BBMP had

accorded permission in this connection for translocation for 39 nos. of trees vide order No. DCF/PR/1157/2018-19 dtd 26.12.2018.

Further in continuation of the same project, the works related to substructure (Piers) of Elevated Corridor from Kendriya Sadana to Ejipura Junction is 80% complete and the construction of portal frame for Up-ramp and Down-ramp of flyover towards the BWSSB junction i.e., St John's Medical College premises is under progress. The existing project is one and the same which has been approved by GOK to facilitate signal free movement for vehicular traffic on Inner Ring Road, Koramangala thereby avoiding four major junctions at Water Tank Junction, BDA Junction, Sony World Signal Junction and Ejipura Junction.

In this context it is to apprise that the present project proposal was received by the Tree Officer on 10.06.2020, public notice was issued on 25.09.2020, Field Forest Officers conducted the spot inspection on 01.10.2020, ACF/DCF visited the areas on 03.10.2020 and then TEC visited the area and conducted thorough field Inspection on 10.10.2020, duly examining all the trees besides having discussions with the Project Engineers.

The primary objective of the TEC was to retain-on-site as many trees as possible. In case the trees are falling within the project activity area and their removal becomes inevitable, the next option for TEC was for translocation of trees depending upon its general condition and location. The felling of trees will be the last resort and that was done very judiciously in a prudent manner.

The Field Inspection Report of TEC was tabled during the TEC meeting held on 02.12.2020 and detailed discussions were held.

From the above facts, it is evident that the entire scrutiny of the proposals and the connected field inspections were executed before the present Memorandum of Procedures (MOP) was formulated and adopted from 9th December 2020.

Based on the records/documents produced by the Project Agency followed by thorough scrutiny of the same and discussions of the field inspection reports which were prepared after examination of each and every tree, the following order is issued.



ORDER

Under the circumstances explained above and in exercising the powers vested with the undersigned as per Section 8 (3) of Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act, 1976, and based on the guidelines and decisions taken as per the Field Inspection Report and Meeting Proceedings dated 02.12.2020 of the TEC for retention-on-site, translocation and removal of trees which fall in the Project Area of Elevated Corridor from Ejipura Main Road (Inner Ring Road) to Kendriya Sadana, the below mentioned schedule is approved subject to the conditions mentioned thereon.

SCHEDULE


Total number of trees assessed	- 96 trees
No. of trees to be retained-on-site	- 12 trees (Tree Nos. 29A, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 69 70, 71, 72, 73, 74) (Annexure A)
No. of trees to be translocated	- 17 trees (Tree Nos. 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 16, 17, 23, 25, 28,32A, 36, 37, 38 40, 42, 94) + 09 unnumbered young sub-adult Ashoka trees) (Annexure B)
No. of trees permitted for felling	- 67 trees (Tree Nos. 1,3,4,5,7,9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24,26, 27, 29,30, 31, 32, 33, 34 35, 39, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93) (Annexure C)

Conditions

1. The translocation of trees should be done at suitable vacant spaces identified in collaboration with the DCF, BBMP at the premises of St. John's Medical College and Hospital, Bengaluru.
2. The Persons/Agencies who are entrusted with translocation works should have sufficient technical knowledge and experience in such works.
3. The work of translocation of trees has to be executed under close technical supervision of Officials/Officers of Forest Wing of BBMP and according to the adopted guidelines.
4. The trees so translocated have to be properly maintained and taken care for a period of three years.
5. The entire process of translocation of trees has to be properly documented and records compiled in a systematic manner.
6. In lieu of the trees felled, 10 healthy and heighted saplings have to be planted in lieu of one tree felled. The plants have to be planted as per forestry practices and to be maintained for a period of three years. Photographs and proper documentation has to be there for seedlings planted.



7. No damage should be caused to the trees which are retained on the spot, while carrying out the civil works.
8. Quarterly progress report about the translocated trees and saplings planted have to be submitted to the Tree Officer. Regular monitoring must be done to ensure the conducive growth of translocated trees and planted saplings.



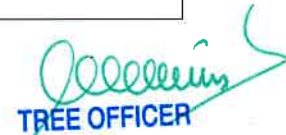
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Copy To:

1. The Executive Engineer (Project Central-5) for information and further action.
2. The Assistant Conservator of Forests, BBMP for information and further action.
3. The Range Forest Officer/Deputy Range Forest Officers for information and further action.

RETENTION OF TREES

Sl. No.	Tree No.	Tree Species	Girth	Height
1.	29A	Mahagony	0.65	2.00
2.	64	Gulmohar	3.20	3.30
3.	65	Ashoka	0.55	2.30
4.	66	Ashoka	0.60	2.00
5.	67	Ficus	7.40	5.30
6.	68	Ashoka	0.70	2.30
7.	69	Ashoka	0.70	2.00
8.	70	Ashoka	0.75	3.00
9.	71	Ashoka	0.40	3.00
10.	72	Honge	1.80	2.30
11.	73	Gulmohar	2.20	3.30
12.	74	Gulmohar	1.70	3.30
Total Retention of trees = 12 nos of trees				


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TRANSLOCATION OF TREES

Sl. No.	Tree No.	Tree Species	Girth	Height
1.	2	Mahogany	0.90	3.30
2.	6	Mahogany	2.00	5.30
3.	8	Mahogany	1.60	6.00
4.	10	Hippe	1.10	5.00
5.	11	Mahogany	1.60	5.00
6.	16	Maddale	1.45	5.00
7.	17	Mahogany	1.50	5.00
8.	23	Mahogany	1.90	4.00
9.	25	Mahogany	1.20	5.00
10.	28	Tabebuia rosea	1.20	5.00
11.	32A	Mahogany	0.65	2.30
12.	36	Honge Tree	0.70	4.00
13.	37	Tabebuia avellaneda	0.87	3.50
14.	38	Tabebuia avellaneda	0.70	4.00
15.	40	Tabebuia argentea	0.65	3.30
16.	42	Tabebuia avellaneda	0.90	4.00
17.	94	Honge	0.90	3.30
Total Translocation of Trees = 17 nos of trees 09 Un-numbered young Sub-adult Ashoka Trees				


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FELLING OF TREES

Sl. No	Tree Nos	Tree Species	Girth (m)	Height (m)
1.	1	Rain Tree	2.75	5.30
2.	3	Hippe	1.90	5.00
3.	4	Rain Tree	3.10	6.00
4.	5	Rain Tree	3.60	5.00
5.	7	Rain Tree	3.80	5.00
6.	9	Mahogany	2.60	5.30
7.	12	Jacaranda	1.80	3.00
8.	13	Rain Tree	4.60	5.30
9.	14	Jacaranda	2.40	4.30
10.	15	Mahogany	2.00	5.30
11.	18	Spethodia	3.20	6.00
12.	19	Rain Tree	3.80	6.00
13.	20	Tabebuia rosea	1.40	5.00
14.	21	Tabebuia rosea	2.00	5.30
15.	22	Seemetangadi	1.40	3.00
16.	24	Rain Tree	3.00	5.30
17.	26	Rain Tree	2.80	5.00
18.	27	Atti	1.90	5.30
19.	29	Rain Tree	4.80	6.30
20.	30	Rain Tree	3.25	6.30
21.	31	Rain Tree	3.65	6.00
22.	32	Rain Tree	4.30	5.30
23.	33	Jacaranda	1.80	3.50
24.	34	Rain Tree	3.90	5.30
25.	35	Mahogany	1.10	4.00
26.	39	Gulmohar	2.36	4.30
27.	41	Gulmohar	1.70	4.30
28.	43	Tabebuia rosea	1.86	5.30
29.	44	Tabebuia argentea	1.00	3.00
30.	45	Gulmohar	2.15	4.30
31.	46	Tecoma	1.70	3.30
32.	47	Gulmohar	2.25	3.30
33.	48	Tabebuia avellanedeia	1.00	1.00
34.	49	Gulmohar	2.25	3.30
35.	50	Tabebuia avellanedeia	1.50	5.00
36.	51	Gulmohar	2.30	4.50

37.	52	Spethodia	1.25	5.00
38.	53	Honge	1.10	3.00
39.	54	Gulmohar	3.20	3.30
40.	55	Jacaranda	1.75	4.30
41.	56	Gulmohar	2.20	5.00
42.	57	Jacaranda	0.65	4.30
43.	58	Gulmohar	2.60	5.00
44.	59	Sphethodia	4.10	5.30
45.	60	Gulmohar	3.30	4.50
46.	61	Tecoma	1.30	4.30
47.	62	Gulmohar	2.90	3.30
48.	63	Spethodia	3.55	4.30
49.	75	Gulmohar	2.00	3.00
50.	76	Rain Tree	4.15	5.00
51.	77	Gulmohar	2.30	3.30
52.	78	Rain Tree	3.75	5.00
53.	79	Gulmohar	2.10	4.30
54.	80	Gulmohar	2.15	4.00
55.	81	Rain tree	3.70	5.30
56.	82	Rain Tree	2.30	4.30
57.	83	Rain tree	2.80	4.30
58.	84	Gulmohar	1.55	4.00
59.	85	Rain tree	3.50	5.30
60.	86	Rain tree	2.20	5.00
61.	87	Rain tree	2.55	4.30
62.	88	Rain tree	2.40	5.00
63.	89	Rain tree	2.80	5.30
64.	90	Rain tree	2.60	5.00
65.	91	Rain tree	2.60	5.00
66.	92	Tabebuia	0.75	4.30
67.	93	Rain tree	3.85	6.00
Total Felling of trees = 67 nos of trees				


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EXTRACT OF THE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE TREE EXPERT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 02-12-2020 AT 2.30 PM AT
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A. Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike

Construction of Elevated Corridor by integrating Ejjipura Main Road, Inner Ring Road Junction. Sony World Junction and Kendriya Sadan Junction (94Trees):-

The proposal comprises of 94 numbers of trees

After preliminary deliberations, the Committee had decided to visit the spot. The spot inspection was conducted by the Committee and the Field Inspection Report was placed for discussions.

Based on the field inspection report, the following inference was drawn

1. Trees to be retained on site -12 Nos [including one additional trees, number 29 A]
2. Tree to be translocated - 17 Nos [including one additional trees, No 32A]



3. Trees to be felled

- 67 Nos

Hence the Committee resolved that the Tree Officer can peruse in detail the Field Inspection Report of TEC and based on that he can take action as per the provisions stipulated under Karnataka Preservation of Trees Act, 1976.

General:

The Committee directed that for all proposals seeking permission for removal / translocation of trees, colour photographs of the trees as valid documents should also form part and parcel of the proposal. Besides this, the reason for the tree removal shall specifically be furnished in the proposal.


Regarding translocation of trees, the Tree Officers are directed to property document the translocation process which includes inter-alia location of the translocated trees, name and address of the person/agency to whom the translocation work was entrusted, agreement regarding the proper maintenance of the translocated trees for a period of three years by the User/Project Agency

The Committee emphasized that in respect of trees to be removed/felled, 10 Nos. of tall healthy saplings have to be planted in lieu of one tree

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removed/ felled and it should be ensured that the greenery of Bengaluru Urban/BBMP Areas is enhanced through proper maintenance of all planted saplings, translocated trees and also standing trees under all circumstances.


Member Secretary and
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