



## BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

No: DCF/PR-2196/2021-22

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

Date: 07.03.2022

### OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

Sub: Permission regarding Translocation and Removal of trees which are standing in the Construction zone of the proposed Vellara Junction Metro Station (Rashtriya Military School), a segment of Underground Metro Works of Reach 6, Phase 2, BMRCL – reg

- Ref: a. Application No. BMRCL/0163/P-2/CE-UG/RT-02/BBMP/2021/7590  
dtd. 04.11.2021  
b. Public Notice. No. DCF/PR/1837/2021-22 dated 29.12.2021  
c. Field Inspection dated 01.02.2022  
d. Member Secretary Letter No. ACF/PR.80/2021-22

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#### **Preamble:**

Earlier, the BMRCL had submitted application to Tree Officer, BBMP on 13.03.2020 for removal of trees which were falling within the construction activities zone of the proposed Under Ground Tunnel and Metro Stations stipulated under Reach 6, Phase 2 extending over a length of 13.89 Kms from South Ramp (Jayanagar Fire Station) to North Ramp (Nagawara).

After observing all procedural formalities, the Tree Officer, BBMP vide his OM No. DCF/PR/177/2020-21 dtd 21.05.2020 had issued directions for retention, translocation and removal of trees depending on their growth status, morphological characters, species, location of trees, health of the trees and other factors. The proposed Vellara Junction UG Metro Station was also a segment which was covered under Reach 6, Phase 2 and the said OM included 32 trees which were standing in the project activities zone of Vellara Junction. Out of these 32 trees pertaining to Vellara Junction, 01 tree was to retained-on-site, 09 trees were to be translocated and the remaining 22 trees were to be removed.

In continuation of their earlier proposal, the BMRCL have submitted an additional application for Vellara Junction vide their letter under reference at (a) above to the Tree Officer & Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP for removal of another 10 trees standing on LHS of Adugodi

- St. Philomina's Road on the grounds that BMRCL have incorporated few changes in pattern and design for better positioning of Ventilation Exhaust Shaft and improvement of Environmental Control System.

The Chief Engineer, UG-1, BMRCL 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 Public Notice dated 29.12.2021 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 notices, no suggestion/objection was received from public within the stipulated dates. The Tree Officer also apprised that adequate number of saplings will be planted under compensatory afforestation and its proper maintenance will be taken care of.

The Field Inspection Report was tabled during the TEC meeting held on 04.02.2022 and detailed discussions were held.

- i. The primary objective of the TEC was to retain-on-site as many trees as possible.
- ii. 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.
- iii. The felling of trees has to be the last resort and that has to be done very judiciously in a prudent manner.

Based on the records/documents produced by the BMRCL followed by thorough scrutiny of the same and detailed 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 exercise of 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 04.02.2022 of the TEC for retention-on-site, translocation, and removal of trees which fall in the Construction zone of the proposed Vellara Junction Metro Station (Rashtriya Military School), a

segment of Underground Metro Works of Reach 6, Bengaluru, the below mentioned schedule is approved subject to the conditions mentioned thereon. This Order will come into effect after fifteen (15) days from the date of uploading of the order on the Official website of BBMP and for that purpose separate directions will be issued from this Office.

### **SCHEDULE**

Total number of trees assessed	-	10 trees
No. of trees to be retained-on-site	-	02 trees
		[Tree Nos. 01 & 10] (Annexure A)
No. of trees permitted for Removal	-	08 trees
		[Tree Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9] (Annexure B)

### **Conditions**

1. No damage should be caused to the trees which are retained on the spot, while carrying out the civil works/other works.
2. The trees which are retained-on-site have to be properly protected and maintained. BMRCL should give an assurance in this direction.
3. In lieu of the trees felled, 10 healthy and heighted saplings have to be planted in lieu of one tree felled. The saplings 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 saplings planted.
4. Quarterly progress reports about the saplings planted have to be submitted to the Tree Officer. Regular monitoring must be done to ensure the conducive growth of planted saplings.

  
Tree Officer and  
Deputy Conservator of Forests  
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Bengaluru

### **Copy to:**

1. The Management Director, BMRCL, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru
2. The General Manager, SEMU, BMRCL, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru
3. The Assistant Conservator of Forests, BBMP for information and further action
4. The Range Forest Officer/Deputy Range Forest Officers for information and further action
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## ANNEXURE A

### RETENTION OF TREES

Sl. No.	Tree No.	Tree Species	Girth	Height
1.	01	Peltophorum	1.25	2.00
2.	10	Rubber tree	4.50	2.00
<b>Total Retention of trees = 02 nos of trees</b>				

  
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**PARTICULARS ON TREES TO BE FELLED\***

*(to be prepared in compliance to Step 9 of the Memorandum of Procedure of TEC)*

<b>Name of the user agency</b>	Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited
<b>Purpose of the project</b>	Construction of Vellara Junction Metro Station
<b>Extent of the project area</b>	200 sq ft
<b>Location of the project area</b>	Vellara Junction Metro Station <b>Start Point</b> Lat: N 12° 54' 59.054"; Long : E 78° 22' 56.221" <b>End Point</b> Lat: N 12° 56' 40.45"; Long : E 77° 41' 53.78"
<b>Number of tree(s) enumerated in the project area</b>	10
<b>Number of tree(s) recommended for felling</b>	08

\* Note: List of the trees to be felled containing details of kind/species, girth, height, GPS coordinates should be appended to this template. These details should be extracted from relevant parts of Template 2.

Date 07-03-2022

  
Tree Officer 07/3  
Deputy Conservator of Forests  
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## FELLING OF TREES

SI No	Tree Nos	Tree Species	Girth (in Mtr)	Height (in Mtr)
1.	02	Peltophorum	1.10	2.00
2.	03	Banyan tree	4.70	2.00
3.	04	Peltophorum	1.60	2.00
	4/1	Dalichandra	0.70	2.00
4.	05	Akash Mallige	1.40	3.50
5.	06	Kadu Badami	1.25	3.00
6.	07	Akash Mallige	1.50	8.00
7.	08	Akash Mallige	0.80	4.00
8.	09	Akash Mallige	1.10	3.00
<b>Total felling of trees = 08 Nos. of trees</b>				

  
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