



# BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

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

No: DCF/PR. 260/2023-24

Date: 10.08.2023

## OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

- Sub: Permission regarding Translocation and Removal of trees which are standing at the Project Area for **BMRCL Project**, Bengaluru – reg
- Ref: a. CE, BMRCL Application No. BMRCL/ORR/Ph-2A/P1/2023/169/1628 dtd 02.05.2023
- b. Member Secretary, TEC and ACF letter No. ACF-South/PR 24 /2023-24 dtd 09.08.2023 along with Report and Proceedings of Tree Expert Committee

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### **Preamble:**

The Chief Engineer, BMRCL vide their letter cited under reference (a) above, has sought permission for clearance of 15 number of trees which are standing at the Project area at an area extending from Agara Port Pier and Ibbalur Port Pier on both LHS/RHS, Ibbalur, Bengaluru for BMRCL project work of “Construction of Elevated Structures (Viaduct & Station) for Phase 2A (Package 01) and 3A Works”, Bengaluru

As such Public Notice dated 07.06.2023 was issued by the Tree Officer & DCF, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike 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, no objections/suggestions have been received from public within the stipulated dates. The Tree Officer, BBMP has reported that even though no objections/suggestions have been received from the public, the procedures as stipulated under the Government Acts and Rules are being followed besides duly obeying the directives of the Hon’ble High Court of Karnataka.

Further, the Tree Officer, BBMP also emphasized that the first priority of the Forest authorities will be to save and retain more number of trees at the spot/site and in case that is not possible, the next option would be translocation of such trees which fulfill the desired criteria and felling of the trees has to be last resort. The Compensatory Afforestation would involve planting of saplings duly following the norms of 10 saplings to be planted in lieu of each tree translocated/felled (i.e., in the ratio 1:10).

In this context, the Field Forest Officers, BBMP conducted the spot inspections on 02.06.2023, the ACF/DCF visited the areas on 15.06.2023, and then TEC visited the areas and conducted field Inspections on 22.06.2023, duly examining all the trees besides having discussions with the Project Engineers.

The Field Inspection Report was tabled during the TEC meeting held on 06.07.2023 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 its location so that the extraction of root ball of adequate size becomes feasible.
- 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 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 Proceedings of the Meeting dated 06.07.2023 of the TEC for retention-on-site, translocation, and removal of trees which fall in the Project area at an area extending from Agara Port Pier to Ibbalur Port Pier on both the LHS/RHS of Service Road, Ibbalur, 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**

1. Based on the considerations as stated above and also detailed in the Report, the Eight (08) trees which are listed with justification, enclosed to this Official Memorandum as Annexure A have to be translocated. Hence permission is accorded to translocate the said 08 trees to suitable places as mentioned below in the 'Conditions'.
2. The remaining Eight (08) trees only which are listed with justification, enclosed to this Official Memorandum as Annexure C can be removed. Hence permission is accorded for removal of these said 08 trees only as per the felling of trees norms adopted by Karnataka Forest Department (KFD).

## **Conditions**

1. No damage should be caused to the trees which are retained on the spot, while carrying out the civil works or any project related works.
2. The trees which are retained-on-site have to be properly protected and maintained. Accordingly BMRCL should give an assurance in this respect.
3. The translocation of trees should be done at the following proposed locations in collaboration with the DCF, BBMP. As per your letter cited under ref. (c), no other developmental activity has to be carried out in the following proposed areas for translocation of trees

*CMP Centre Training Area, HSR 1<sup>st</sup> Sector, 27<sup>th</sup> Cross, Ibbalur, Bengaluru*

4. The Persons/Agencies who are entrusted with translocation works should have sufficient knowledge and experience in such works.
5. The work of translocation of trees has to be executed under close supervision of Officials/Officers of Forest Wing of BBMP and according to the formulated guidelines of UAS, Bengaluru.
6. The trees so translocated have to be properly maintained and taken care of, for a minimum period of three years.
7. The entire process of translocation of trees has to be properly documented and records compiled in a systematic manner.
8. As per the Section 10 of KPT Act 1976, which provides that where any tree has fallen or destroyed due to force of nature or other natural causes, requires to plant a tree or trees in place of the tree so fallen or destroyed.
9. In lieu of the trees translocated and felled, 10 healthy and heighted saplings have to be planted in lieu of each tree either translocated or felled. The saplings have to be planted as per forestry practices and maintained for a minimum period of three years. Photographs and proper documentation has to be submitted for saplings/seedlings planted.
10. Regular monitoring must be done to ensure the conducive growth of translocated trees and planted saplings/seedlings.



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## **Copy to:**

1. The Chief Engineer, ORR, Phase 2A (Package 01), BMRCL, Bengaluru
2. The Chairman, Tree Authority and Chief Conservator of Forests, Bangalore Circle, Bangalore for kind information
3. The Member Secretary – Tree Expect Committee, and the Assistant Conservator of Forests, BBMP for information and further action.
4. The Assistant Conservator of Forests, BBMP for information and further action
5. The Range Forest Officer/Deputy Range Forest Officers for information and further action
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## Transplantation of Trees

**Project Area:** An area extending from Agara Port Pier to Ibbalur Port Pier for the Construction of Elevated Structures (Viaduct & Station) for Phase 2A (Package 01) and Phase 3A Works

Sl No.	Tree No	Species Name	Girth (Mtr)	Full Height (Mtr)	Justification
1	(N-1) 243	<i>Tabebuia rosea</i>	0.30	5.00	The tree is standing in the existing median (main carriage and service road), proposed for viaduct portal piers (ORP 164 to 167) (LHS). The trunk of the tree is with canker symptom at half meter from the base and the protection zone is limited for excavation of root ball. No major defects are present on the tree and hence recommended for translocation.
2	(N-7) 249	<i>Tabebuia rosea</i>	0.30	2.50	The tree is standing in the existing median (main carriage and service road), proposed for viaduct portal piers (ORP 164 to 167) (RHS). No major defects are present on the tree and hence recommended for translocation.
3	(N-10) 252	<i>Tabebuia rosea</i>	0.30	6.00	The tree is standing in the existing median (main carriage and service road), proposed for viaduct portal piers (ORP 164 to 167) (RHS). No major defects are present on the tree and hence recommended for translocation.
4	(N-11) 253	<i>Tabebuia rosea</i>	0.30	3.00	The tree is standing in the existing median (main carriage and service road), proposed for viaduct portal piers (ORP 164 to 167) (RHS). No major defects are present on the tree and hence recommended for translocation.
5	(N-12) 254	Mahogany	0.45	7.00	The tree is standing in the existing median (main carriage and service road), proposed for viaduct portal piers (ORP 164 to 167) (RHS). No major defects are present on the tree and hence recommended for translocation.
6	(N-13) 255	Honge	0.50	3.00	The tree is standing in the existing median (main carriage and service road), proposed for viaduct portal piers (ORP 164 to 167) (RHS). No major defects are present on the tree and hence recommended for translocation.
7	(N-14) 256	Honge	0.50	5.00	The tree is standing in the existing median (main carriage and service road), proposed for viaduct portal piers (ORP 164 to 167) (RHS). No major defects are present on the tree and hence recommended for translocation.
8	(N-15) 257	Honge	0.40	3.00	The tree is standing in the existing median (main carriage and service road), proposed for viaduct portal piers (ORP 164 to 167) (RHS). No major defects are present on the tree and hence recommended for translocation.
<b>Total trees for Translocation = 08Nos.</b>					

  
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## Felling of Trees

**Project Area:** An area extending from Agara Port Pier to Ibbalur Port Pier for the Construction of Elevated Structures (Viaduct & Station) for Phase 2A (Package 01) and Phase 3A Works

Sl No.	Tree No	Species Name	Girth (Mtr)	Full Height (Mtr)	Justification
1	(N-2) 244	Rain Tree	0.50	4.00	The tree is standing in the existing median (main carriage and service road), proposed for viaduct portal piers (ORP 164 to 167) (LHS). The trunk of the tree is partially decayed and epicormic shoots are grown in and around the decayed region. The tree is recommended for felling.
2	(N-3) 245	<i>Tabebuia rosea</i>	0.20	6.00	The tree is standing in the existing median (main carriage and service road), proposed for viaduct portal piers (ORP 164 to 167) (LHS). The canopy of the tree is defoliated and the base of the trunk is conjoined with tree no. N-3/1. The tree is recommended for felling.
3	(N-4) 246	Rain Tree	1.30	10.00	The tree is standing in the existing median (main carriage and service road), proposed for viaduct portal piers (ORP 164 to 167) (LHS). The tree is matured (for excavation / relocation), forked at 2m from the base, with weak branch union and decayed stubs / remains of the cut branches. The tree is recommended for felling.
4	(N-5) 247	Rain Tree	1.00	10.00	The tree is standing in the existing median (main carriage and service road), proposed for viaduct portal piers (ORP 164 to 167) (LHS). The tree is matured (for excavation / relocation), forked at 1m from the base, with decayed cut ends and restricted roots. The tree is recommended for felling.
5	(N-6) 248	Rain Tree	1.20	10.00	The tree is standing in the existing median (main carriage and service road), proposed for viaduct portal piers (ORP 164 to 167) (RHS). The tree is matured (for excavation / relocation), bent towards the road side and with restricted roots. The tree is recommended for felling.
6	(N-8) 250	Subabul	0.50	5.00	The tree is standing in the existing median (main carriage and service road), proposed for viaduct portal piers (ORP 164 to 167) (RHS). The tree is forked with weak branch union and defoliated. The tree is recommended for felling.
7	(N-9) 251	Subabul	0.40	4.00	The tree is standing in the existing median (main carriage and service road), proposed for viaduct portal piers (ORP 164 to 167) (RHS). The canopy of the tree is deprived of leaves and recommended for felling.
8	UN-01	Subabul	0.40	5.00	The tree is standing in the existing median (main carriage and service road), proposed for viaduct portal piers (ORP 164 to 167) (LHS). The base of the trunk portion of the tree is conjoined with tree no. N-3. The tree is recommended for felling.
<b>Total trees for Felling = 08 Nos.</b>					

  
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