

ABSTRUCT

Highways Department – Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Project (CPRR) – Section-I - Northern Port Access Road – Land Acquisition - Administrative Sanction amount fully borne by the State Government, neglecting the cost sharing from Ennore and Kattupalli Ports - Orders - Issued.

Highways and Minor Ports (EAP-II(1)) Department

G.O.Ms.No.153

Dated:03.12.2020

சார்வரி, கார்த்திகை-18, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு - 2051

Read:

- 1. G.O.Ms.No.33, Highways and Minor Ports (HF-2) Department, dated 19.02.2016.
- 2. From the Project Director, Highways, Chennai Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor Project (FAC), Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Project, Letter No.532/CPRR/AE/ 2019, dated 13.02.2020.

ORDER:

In the Government order first read above, the Government have sanctioned Rs.951.00 Crore for the Acquisition of 174.65 Hectare for formation of Northern Port Access Road in Ponneri Taluk of Thiruvallur District. It has also been ordered, among other things, that the cost of Land Acquisition shall be shared by Ennore and Kattupalli Ports to the extent of 50% and the remaining 50% to be borne by Government of Tamil Nadu.

2. In his letter second read above, the Project Director, Highways, Chennai Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor Project (FAC), Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Project has stated that the Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Limited has made several Correspondences for depositing the 50% of the share amount (ie. Rs.237.75 Crore for each port) and conducted the meetings with the port authorities on 09.09.2019 & 25.09.2019. On the meeting held on 25.09.2019, it was requested to deposit Rs.237.75 Crore for each port in the shape of Demand Draft in favour of the Divisional Engineer, Highways Department, Construction and Maintenance, Thiruvallur. The Adani Kattupalli Port Limited has informed that they are developing port and in view of the economic slowdown in business and their ongoing projects in Kattupalli Port, they are not in a position to bear the expenditure towards land acquisition cost of the Northern Port Access Road Project. The Chairman and Managing Director, Kamaraj Port Limited has also stated that, considering the increasing road traffic movement of import / export of cargoes, Kattupalli Port Limited is implementing the Southern Port access road project (i.e. Widening from 2 lane to 4 lane of existing road from Vallur junction

(Tiruvottiyur-Ponneri-Panchetti Road) to (Kamarajar Port Main entrance) with its own at a cost of Rs.195.00 Crore through Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Limited without any contribution from other Stake holder / users. In view of the above development, Kattupalli Port Limited is not in a position to share the cost of Land Acquisition towards the development of Northern Port Access Road Project. Hence it is seen that, both the ports are not committed to share the cost towards Land Acquisition as per the Government order first read above, which in turn will adversely affect the process of Land Acquisition.

- 3. The Project Director, Highways, Chennai Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor Project (FAC), Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Project has also stated that, during the Joint Working Committee meeting, held on 29.10.2019, the Chief Secretary has opined that, this issue should not be a hindrance for going ahead with the project as it is an important one. Hence requested to take the funding from State Government and proceed with the works while having parallel discussion on sharing of the cost. The Chief Secretary has also indicated that, if they do not want to share the cost, their vehicles may not be getting the intended concessions. The Land Acquisition work has been expedited for the above stretch and hence the additional Land Acquisition cost of Rs.475.50 Crore (which is to be shared by both the ports) needs to be borne by the State Government.
- 4. The Project Director, Highways, Chennai Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor Project (FAC), Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Project has therefore requested orders of the Government that the amount sanctioned in G.O.Ms.No.33, Highways and Minor Ports (HF-2) Department, dated 19.02.2016, towards Land Acquisition for Northern Port Access Road Project for Rs.951.00 Crore will be fully borne by the State Government, neglecting the cost sharing from Ennore & Kattupalli Ports.
- 5. The Government after careful examination, accept the proposal of the Project Director, Highways, Chennai Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor Project (FAC), Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Project and direct that the amount sanctioned in G.O.Ms.No.33, Highways and Minor Ports (HF-2) Department, dated 19.02.2016, towards Land Acquisition for Northern Port Access Road Project for Rs.951.00 Crore shall be fully borne by the State Government, neglecting the cost sharing from Ennore & Kattupalli Ports subject to the condition that this road should be tolled and the ultimate cost recovery should include the land acquisition cost including the interest element of the financial cost now being incurred by Government of Tamil Nadu.
- 6. This orders issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.43631/PW-1/2020, dated 30.11.2020.

(By Order of the Governor)

A. Karthik
Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Project Director (H),

Chennai Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor Project (FAC),

Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Project, Chennai-25.

The Chairman and Managing Director,

Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Limited, Chennai-28.

The Chief Engineer (Construction and Maintenance), Highways Department, Chennai-25.

The District Collector, Thiruvallur.

The Accountant General, Chennai-18.

The Treasury Officer, Thiruvallur District.

The Pay and Accounts Officer, Chennai-35.

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The Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government, Highways and Minor Ports Department, Chennai-9.

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