

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.1408/Section-II/2022/1755202

Dated:13.07.2022

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government
EFS&T Department,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati-522503.

To
The Inspector General of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office,
Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 0.14 ha forest land in compartment No.1205, 1206, 1207 & 1208 of Arilova RF, Narsipatnam Division for laying of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) from Yerravaram to Pappusettipalem route in Golugonda (M), Visakhapatnam District in favour of M/s Vindya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad - Proposal submitted for Forest Clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/3/2021-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated:26.05.2022.

I enclose herewith a copy of the letter cited along with statutory proforma proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, for diversion of 0.14 ha forest land in compartment No.1205, 1206, 1207 & 1208 of Arilova RF, Narsipatnam Division for laying of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) from Yerravaram to Pappusettipalem route in Golugonda (M), Visakhapatnam District in favour of M/s Vindya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad.

2. I am to inform that the User Agency i.e., M/s Vindya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad has uploaded the subject proposal in the Ministry's web portal (www.parivesh.nic.in) for prior approval of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. He has justified that the area requested for laying of the Optical Fiber Cable is the bare minimum considering the requirements and considering the safety of the cables so laid. Since, the telecommunication cables also carry the communication from the Government offices, Defense & Strategic establishments and from different industrial organizations apart from the public, for the safety and confidentiality of the conversation so made, it is not advisable to lay such important cables on the private land belonging to different parties. The cable alignment will be suitably diverted to avoid any cutting of trees and laid within the road land boundary by excavating a narrow trench of 40 cms approx width. The same strip of trench will be reinstated to its original condition. No structure will be erected on the cable route. The User Agency has furnished RoFR Certificate in form-I issued by the District Collector, Visakhapatnam and also undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, and CA etc.

3. Further, I am to inform that the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam has recommended the proposal in Part-II. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam has agreed with the information provided in Part-II by the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam and also recommended the proposal in Part-III for diversion of forest land. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Andhra Pradesh has recommended the proposal in Part-IV. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh recommend the proposal in Part-V, which is enclosed herewith.

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4. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.14 ha forest land in compartment No.1205, 1206, 1207 & 1208 of Arilova RF, Narsipatnam Division for laying of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) from Yerravaram to Pappusettipalem route in Golugonda (M), Visakhapatnam District in favour of M/s Vindya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,


for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

The Authorized Signatory, M/s Vindhya Tele Links Ltd.,
Willington Street, Near AOC centre, Secunderabad-500015

PART-V

Proposal for diversion of 0.14 ha forest land in compartment No.1205, 1206, 1207 & 1208 of Arilova RF, Narsipatnam Division for laying of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) from Yerravaram to Pappusettipalem route in Golugonda (M), Visakhapatnam District in favour of M/s Vindya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad.

18.	Recommendation of the State Government	Recommended
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Signature


Name & Designation
D. R. V. CHIDAMBATHUR AO, I.F.S.,
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Environment, Forests, Science
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Official Seal
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522238.

Date: 13-07-2022

Place: AMARAVATI