

**Government of Meghalaya**  
**Office of the Divisional Forest Officer**  
East & North Garo Hills (T) Division, Williamnagar

No.B/19/III/H/ 2365

Dated Williamnagar, the 13<sup>th</sup> July., 2022

✓ To,

Shri. Avinash Dwivedi  
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Kamrup, Assam-781007

**Sub:** FCA – Diversion of 0.15 Ha of Forest land for Laying of Underground Fibre Cable at Darugre RF by Mukand Systems and Networking Pvt Ltd – reg.

**Ref:** GoM Notification No.FOR.9/2020/131 dt 02.06.2022

Sir,

With reference to the FCA Proposal No. FP/ML/OFC/51000/2020 for Diversion of 0.15 Ha of Forest Land for Laying of Underground Fibre Cable at Darugre RF, it is to enclose herewith the Government of Meghalaya Notification under reference according Stage-I Approval for diversion of Forest Land for Laying of Underground Fibre Cable along the Road inside Songsak RF and Rongrenggre RF subject to the conditions mentioned in the notification.

In this regard, you are requested to submit the compliance for all the conditions mentioned in the Government of Meghalaya Notification under reference and the conditions mentioned in this letter in order to process the final approval of the above-mentioned project.

1. The Legal Status of the Forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The user agency shall make deposit of the Compensatory Afforestation & Cost of Boundary Pillars as mentioned in the table below and submit the proof of payment to the office of undersigned.

Component	Amount	Mode of Payment	Remarks
Net Present Value (NPV)	Exemption from NPV as per S.No.6 of the Stage – I Approval.	Through e-portal <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in">https://parivesh.nic.in</a>	Estimates enclosed herewith
Compensatory Afforestation (CA)	Rs. 1,63,188/-		
Cost of Boundary Pillars	Rs. 78,000/-	Name : DIV FOREST OFF E AND N GH(T) DIV W/NAGAR A/C No : 50200053723369 IFSC : HDFC0002097 Bank : HDFC Bank, Williamnagar	As per S.No.9 of the Approval

## Calculation for Cost of NPV, Compensatory Afforestation

Sal No: FP/ML/OFC/51000/2020

of Project: Optical Fibre Cable laying (Nengkhra – Rongjeng) through Darugre Reserve Forest from Samanda to Asanang.

(in Ha): 0.15 Ha

### Net Present Value (NPV)

Full Exemption from NPV as per the Chapter 3.5 of the Handbook on FCA Guidelines and vide letter F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 as the forest area being diverted falls outside National Park/Sanctuary and no felling of trees is involved.

### Compensatory Afforestation

Since the Total Forest Area (0.15 Ha) to be diverted for the laying of OFC Cable is less than 1 Ha, as per Chapter 2.6 (i)(b) of the Handbook on FCA Guidelines issued vide letter F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 the Compensatory Afforestation for this project has been calculated at the rate of Planting 10 times the Number of Trees being felled with 10 years of maintenance (subject to a minimum no. of 100 plants).

No of Trees to be felled: 0

No of Saplings to be planted as CA: 100

Area/Length of Road Side Plantation for planting 100 Saplings: 0.1 Ha

Man days for 1 Ha of Plantation & Nursery: 2375 Man days

Laying of Grazing proof bamboo basket around the saplings to protect the Road Side plantations incl of material cost : 2000 Man days per Ha

Wage Rate: Rs. 373

Total Cost of Plantation, Nursery & Bamboo basket (0.1 Ha)  $(0.1 \times 4375 \times 373)$ : Rs. 1,63,188/- (Rupees One Lakhs Sixty-Three Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-Eight Only).

### Cost of Boundary Pillar

As per the S.No.9 of Government of Meghalaya No.FOR.9/2020/131 dt 02.06.2022.

No of Pillars to be erected (every 500 m): 12 (Twelve)

Cost per pillar including the Forward & Backward bearing with GPS coordinates: Rs. 6500/-

Total Cost of Demarcation and Pillar Post: Rs. 78,000/- (Rupees Seventy-Eight Thousand Only).

  
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9. The User Agency shall bear and deposit the amount of the cost of demarcation of the land proposed for diversion directly to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer shall demarcate the land proposed for diversion on the ground by erecting at least 4' high cement-concrete pillars duly numbered, forward and backward bearing and distance from pillar to pillar written on the pillars and DGPS co-ordinates to be inscribed on the pillars. The competent authority shall verify and issue a certificate to this effect. Photographs showing permanent boundary pillars with GPS co-ordinates to be submitted.
10. The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
11. The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the project provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if required under the said Act.
12. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
13. No felling of trees on the forest land being diverted shall be reduced to the bare minimum and the trees should be felled under strict supervision of State Forest Department.
14. The User Agency will have to obtain the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, clearance for stone, river boulders in forest land, if necessary.
15. Sufficient quantity of firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the user agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source for alternate fuel.
16. The Department shall ensure that the User Agency, provide proper drainage, retaining wall and stabilization of side slope.
17. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency department or person.
18. The lay out plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the State Government.
19. As per Ministry's letter No.11-30/96-FC(Pt), dt.14.09.2001, if the compliance of stipulated conditions is awaited from the State Government for more than 5 (five) years, the in-principle approval would summarily be revoked considering that the User Agency is no longer interested in the project.

No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of project work.

The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the User Agency or the project life, whichever is less.