Full title of the Project : BSNL, Mobile Site at Gavi File No : KFDSC/611/2022-CCF SC/QC1 Proposal No : FP/KL/Others/151779/2022

Date of proposal : 02.02.2022

<u>Site Inspection report of Chief Conservator of Forests.</u> (For the forest land to be diverted under FCA)

A proposal has been received in this office on 16.03.2022 from Divisional Forest Officer, Ranni via PARIVESH Web portal towards diversion (Under FC Act 1980) of 0.012 Ha of Forest land at Gavi for non-forestry purpose. The proposal is for the diversion of forest land for installation of mobile tower at Gavi for providing mobile connectivity and internet connection to the officials, local people and tourists. The proposed area was inspected by me on 23.03.2022 along with Ranni Divisional Forest Officer & Goodrical Range Forest Officer. The proposed site for installing BSNL Mobile tower is located is the reserve forest area leased to Kerala Forest Development corporation as per GO(MS) No 62/89/F&WLD dated 25.04.1989. The site is located at Meenar near Gavi under the jurisdiction of Pachakkanam Forest Station of Goodrical Range in Ranni Division. It is an open area having no trees. Installing mobile tower in this remote area will provide communication facility to forest staff and it also ensure the mobile connectivity to local people including school children, who depend on online classes.

The required of forest land as proposed by the user agency is essential and land requested is the barest minimum required for the project. No endangered flora / fauna shall be affected due to the diversion of the forest land. It as open area having no trees hence there is minimum damages to forest & eco system. Since the extend of Forest land diverted is 0.012 Ha., no compensatory afforestation is required. Hence I recommend the diversion of 0.012 Ha. of forest land proposed by the user agency.

Chief Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle, Kollam.