

Field inspection of Sri Y. Srinivasa Reddy, IFS, Dy.
Conservator of Forests, Nellore on 24-12-2019,
25-12-2019 & 28-12-2019.

Diversion of Forest land for laying of Optical Fibre cable in difference Reserve Forest areas of Nellore Division by Reliance Jio Info Comm. Ltd.

The user agency has submitted proposals for diversion of 1.33 ha., of forest land in the RF areas of Nellore Division. After field inspections by concerned Forest Range Officers, alternatives have identified to avoid the forest areas for laying of OFC by the user agency. Thus the requirement of RF areas has reduced from 1.33 ha. to 1.01 Ha. as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Range	Section	Beat	Name of the RF	RF areas requested by User agency (inHa.)	RF areas for which alternative non forest lands identified (in Ha.)	RF area now required in Ha.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Udayagiri	Udayagiri	Udayagiri	Kondayapalem	0.24	0.24	0
2	Venkatatgiri	Marlapudi	Gilakapadu	Pothukonda and Pothukonda Extn.	0.23	0	0.23
3	Venkatatgiri	Marlapudi	Jorepalli	Cherlopalli	0.2	0.08	0.12
4	Venkatatgiri	Marlapudi	Gilakapadu	Marlapudi, Extn& Chaganam	0.1	0	0.1
5	Nellore	Amancherla	Marupuru	Marupuru and Toderu	0.16	0	0.16
6	Nellore	Amancherla	Marupuru	South Mopuru Extn.	0.08	0	0.08
7	Nellore	Amancherla	Donthali	Amancherla (E), Nellore RF & Ambapuram	0.32	0	0.32
				Total	1.33	0.32	1.01

Since it is a linear proposal with requirement of RF area is 1.01 Ha., in different RFs, some of the above RF areas are randomly inspected. The density of vegetation along the proposed alignment is less than 0.10 with small bushes. No tree felling is required along the alignment. Out of 1.01 Ha. to total RF area required, an extent of 0.23 Ha. in Pothukonda and Pothukonda extrn RFS (as shown in Sl.No.2) falls in Eco-sensitive Zone of Sri Penusila Narasimha Wild Life Sanctuary of Nellore Division. **As per Govt. of India extraordinary Gazette of No. 25, dt. 3-1-2018 pertaining to Eco-Sensitive Zone of Sri Penusila Narasimha Wild Life Sanctuary, the laying of under ground Optical Fibre Cable is not mentioned under "Prohibited activities". The same is mentioned under "Regulated activates" and in "Remarks" column, it was mentioned that, "Under ground cabling may be Promoted".**

The proposed area falls under the Eco-class III (Tropical dry deciduous Forests) with Eco-value of open forest. There are no rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the proposed area. The proposed Forest areas does not fall in any archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment and important monument area. This area does not fall in any National park/Wild life sanctuary. There is no violation to the provision of FC Act, 1980.


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