

Recommendation of the Wildlife Warden, Hosur Forest Division

Inspected the proposed site on 22.12.2020 with the Forest Range Officer and the staff of Anchetty Range.

The site for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) is proposed along the stretches of Dharmapuri - Anchetty route Hogenakkal stretch, which is passing through within the Woddapatti and Biligundulu Reserved Forests. As the area proposed for laying OFC is alongside of the existing road, the question of tree felling does not arise and no damages will be caused to Wildlife due to this project.

The Project Proponent stated that, laying of OFC through the forest area is an important step for the better connectivity of 4G networks in this region and there is no possibility of laying OFC except the forest areas proposed, because the forest areas are continuous stretch.

The Project Proponent has given undertaking that, to bear the cost of Compensatory Afforestation / Penal Compensatory Afforestation / Maintenance of Plantation / Protection of Plantation and also agreed to pay the cost towards lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation in future for the forest land to be diverted.

Enabling 4G connectivity through the forest will also help the forest department as there are plans to erect CCTV camera at the entry and exit point of the forest roads to enable monitoring of movement of traffic through live streaming using internet connectivity.

Hence, under the above circumstances, I recommend this proposal for seeking diversion of land.


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