


Recommendation

Recommendations regarding the forest area diversion for the "Proposal of Jio digital fiber underground OFC cable laying in forest area along the right of way of NH/SH/PWD road side in madamakki-nadusala, mudrady-varanga & kervase-kalasa of Kudremukha division of Chikmagalur district and Udupi district" vide Proposal No: FP/KA/OFC/51672/2020 are as follows:

- a. The proposed forest land for laying of underground OFC is in dense Evergreen Forest area with the canopy density of 1.0 and falls in ECO CLASS-I
- b. The entire area falls in the Western Ghats which is one of the World Mega Bio Diversity Hotspot. These are the pristine undisturbed, ecologically fragile natural wilderness areas.
- c. The area receives heavy rainfall with the annual average of 3500 mm. The proposed area involves several valleys/ridges and highly prone to erosion.
- d. The area proposed is all along the road. i.e. NH-66 and SH-27, which passes through the wildlife habitat/area.

The User agency has submitted that the project does not involve cutting of any trees and it involves only laying of the OFC Cable below ground. No above ground structures will be constructed. In this background, the request of the User agency for diversion of forest land may be considered as per their requirements of the project.

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