

Recommendations of the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Forest Division

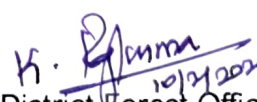
The proposal is for laying Optical Fiber Cable along the existing black topped Road. It is proposed along the existing road from Bevanur Forest Check Post to Ootamalai – Biligundulu, which is passing through the Pennagaram RF and Woddapatti RF of Hogenakkal Range. As the proposed alignment of laying OFC is lies along one side of the existing black topped road, the negative impact of project is very minimal. The Project proponent mentioned slightly higher length of Road which included in Non-RF area. The actual field conditions are as follows ;

Segment	Name of the Reserve Forests	As per Proposal		Actual	
		Length (in km)	Area (in ha)	Length (in km)	Area (in ha)
Segment I	Pennagaram RF	12.40	0.372	11.35	0.341
	Woddapatty RF			0.95	0.029
Total of Segment I		12.40	0.372	12.30	0.370
Segment II	Woddapatty RF (in Dharmapuri part)	3.50	0.105	2.50	0.075
Total of Segment II		3.50	0.105	2.50	0.075
Total km / Area to be diverted		15.90	0.477	14.80	0.445

Based on the above field condition it is recommended for diversion of 14.80 km length (0.445 ha) for above OFC laying project. The Project Proponent has given undertaking that, to bear the cost of lease rent as fixed by the Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation in future for the forest land to be diverted. The User Agency agreed to fill the excavated earth immediately after laying cables. The work will be permitted after strict supervision of forest officers. Possible damage to wild flora and fauna due to this project is very low and there is no tree-felling is involved.

Considering the above facts and field observations, I recommend this proposal for seeking diversion of land.

Dharmapuri
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