

Recommendation

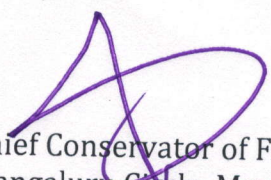
On the basis of the observation cited in Site Inspection Report I hereby recommend for the diversion of 1.329ha. for laying of Jio digital fiber underground OFC cable in the forest area along the right of way of NH-66, SH27 and PWD road side which passes through wildlife area viz. Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary and Kuduremukh National Park.

The proposed forest land for laying of underground OFC is in dense evergreen forest area with a canopy density of 1.00 and falls in the Eco class-1. The entire area falls in the western ghat which is one of the World's mega biodiversity hotspots and is home to several endemic and endangered species of flora and fauna. These are the pristine undistributed, ecologically fragile natural wilderness areas. The area receives heavy rainfall with an annual average of 3500 mm. The area falls in villages which are mentioned in Kasthuri Rangan committee report on ecological sensitive areas of Western Ghats.

The User Agency has submitted a report that the project does not involve cutting of any trees and it involves only laying of the OFC Cable underground. Above ground level no structures will be constructed.

Hence, this proposal is recommended for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

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Place: Mangalore


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