

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
Sri Y.Madhusudhana Reddy, IFS.,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of
Forest Force (FAC),
Andhra Pradesh,
'Aranya Bhavan',
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Guntur District - 522 503.

To
The Spl.Chief Secretary to the
Government,
Environment, Forests, Science &
Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi,
Amaravati - 522 503.

Ref. no. EFS02-15026/5/2021-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1,
Dated:03/08/2023.

Sir,

Sub:- APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.12 ha of forest land falling in Compartment no.322 of Gopavaram RF, Ramapuramu Beat, Badvel Range Proddatur WL Division (presently in Kadapa Division) in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Vijayawada, for laying optical fibre cable along with existing Right of Way of the road for providing 4G communication in the State of Andhra Pradesh - Proposal submitted with recommending in Part-IV - Reg.

Ref:- 1. Unique Proposal No.FP/AP/OFC/148408/2021, dt.21.10.2021
2. CCF, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool, Rc.no.4700/2020-TO, dt.20.07.2023.

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It is submitted that, in the reference 1st cited, the DGM-Regulatory-RoW, M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Vijayawada has initiated a proposal in the PARIVESH portal for diversion of 0.36 ha of forest land falling in Compartment nos.322 & 323, Gopavaram RF, Rampurma Beat and Compartment no.332, Gopavaram Extn.RF, Valleruvaripalli Beat and Compartment no.291, C.Kothapalli RF, Valleruvaripalli Beat of Badvel Range, Proddatur WL Division (presently in Kadapa Division) for laying optical fibre cable along within the admitted Right of Way between Badvel and Padamatinaidupalli village for providing 4G communication in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

On 16.03.2022, the proposal was forwarded to the erstwhile DFO, Proddatur WL division for processing the proposal as per the Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 and guidelines issued by Government of India from time to time under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

In the reference cited, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has submitted the proposal duly processed under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The details of the proposal are as follows.

The User Agency has furnished the following information in Part-I:

- For locating this project on forest land, the User Agency has justified that the Optical Fiber Cable is generally laid along the admitted RoW

of State / National Highway roads and such road side area is declared as the Protected Forest under the Indian Forest Act. The area requested for laying of the Optical Fiber Cable is the bare minimum considering the requirements and also considering the safety of the cables so laid. Since, the telecommunication cables also carry the communication from the Government offices, Defense & Strategic establishments and from different industrial organizations apart from the general public, for the safety and confidentiality of the conversation so made it is not advisable to lay such important cables on the private land belonging to different parties. The cable alignment will be suitably diverted to avoid any cutting of trees and laid within the road land boundary by excavating a narrow trench of 50 cms. width (approx.). The same strip of trench will be reinstated to its original condition and also no structure will be erected on the cable route.

- Non-forest land required for the project is 0.86 ha.
- Temporary employment likely to be generated is 13520 number of person days.
- The User agency has submitted undertakings to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation in any of the degraded forest land, payment of NPV, additional NPV, tree Extraction charges and escalation charges, if any, as per the scheme prepared by the State Government and also undertaking to provide RoFR before during issuance of Stage-II approval.
- The user agency has uploaded the authenticated DGPS surveyed maps for the area proposed for diversion.

The District Forest Officer, Kadapa has furnished the following information in part-II:-

- Site was inspected on 19.07.2023.
- **The District Forest Officer, Kadapa in Rc.no.221/2022/A14, dt.20.07.2023 has submitted that, after thorough inspection with reference to Gazette notification, RSR, FMB and Village map, only Bit-I area i.e., 0.12 ha out of 0.36 ha proposed for diversion, is falling in Compartment no.322 of Gopavaram RF, Ramapuramu Beat, Badvel Range and rest of area (Bit-2 - 0.19 ha and Bit-3 - 0.05 ha) is falling outside RF.**
- The forest land proposed is a notified RF.
- Density of vegetation is around 0.2 (Eco-Class-III - Open Forest).
- 35 nos. of tree to be felled in the area required for diversion.
- Not vulnerable to erosion.
- Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest is 0 km.
- The area required for diversion does not form part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc.
- The area required for diversion is not located within the Eco-Sensitive Zone of P.A notified under W(P) Act, 1972 or within 10 km of ESZ of P.A to be notified.
- No National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc. is located within 1 km

from the boundary of forest land proposed for diversion.

- No rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area.
- No protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishments or any other important monuments are located in the area.
- The forest land proposed for diversion is the barest minimum for the project.
- No work in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been carried out.

The District Forest Officer, Kadapa has recommended the proposal in Part-II for 0.12 ha. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool has agreed with the information provided in PART-II by the DFO, Kadapa and recommended the proposal in Part-III.

The proposal recommending in PART_IV is submitted herewith. The Government are requested to consider and process the proposal for issuance of in-principle/Stage-I approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,
Y Madhusudhana Reddy Ifs
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force (FAC)

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool Circle, Kurnool for information.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Kadapa for information.

Copy to the Manager-RD, M/s.Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, 6th Floor,
Vinaynagar Trade Centre, VIP Road, CBM Compound, Visakhapatnam 530 003 for
information.

PART-IV

Diversion of 0.12 ha of forest land falling in Compartment no.322 of Gopavaram RF, Ramapuramu Beat, Badvel Range Proddatur WL Division (presently Kadapa Division) in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Vijayawada for laying optical fibre cable along with existing Right of Way of the road for providing 4G communication in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendations of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks (while giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon)	Recommended for diversion of 0.12 ha of RF area as per the report of Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool.
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Date:02/08/2023.

Place : Mangalagiri.

Signature:

Name:Anand Kumar Jha.

Office Seal:Principal Chief Conservator Of Forests.

A.K. JHA
Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests (FCA) & Nodal Officer

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Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests (FCA) & Nodal Officer

Signed by Anand Kumar Jha

Date: 02-08-2023 18:27:28

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

FROM
Sri P.Ramakrishna, IFS.,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Kurnool Circle, Kurnool.

TO
The Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri

Rc.No.4700/2020-TO, Dated:-20.07.2023

Sir,

Sub:- APFD - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Proposals for diversion of 0.12 Ha. forest land in Compt.No.322 of Gopavaram RF in Ramapuram Beat in Badvel Range for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) along the existing Right of Way (RoW) between Badel and Padamatinaidupalli villages in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fiber Cable)P_ Ltd for providing 4G communication in Kadapa District - Proposals submission off - Reg.

Ref:- 1) PCCF, AP, Guntur Rc.No.EFS02-15026/5/2021-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dt.08.01.2022
2) DFO, Kadapa Rc.No.221/2022/A14, Dt.20.07.2023.

Adverting to the reference cited, it is submitted that in reference 2nd cited, the District Forest Officer, Kadapa has submitted the above subject proposals u/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.12 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.322 of Gopavaram Reserve forest in Ramapuram Beat of Badvel Range of Kadapa Division for laying OFC along the existing RoW between Badvel and Padamatinaidupalli (V). It is further submitted by the District Forest Officer, that the user agency has uploaded the Part-I proposals in Parivesh portal vide proposal No.FP/AP/OFC/148408/2021, Dt.17.12.2021 for diversion of 0.36 Ha. in (3) Bits i.e., Bit-I-0.12 Ha., Bit-II-0.19 Ha. and Bit-III-0.05 Ha. Totalling 0.36 Ha.

27/7/23 During the site inspection of District Forest Officer on 19.07.2023, it is noticed by the District Forest Officer that Bit-I area of 0.12 Ha. is only falling in Compt.No.322 of Gopavaram Reserve forest and the rest of the area i.e., Bit-II area 0.19 Ha. and Bit-III - 0.05 Ha. for which DGPS survey carried out and authenticated by the GIS cell, Office of the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur is falls outside Reserve forest as verified with reference to Gazette notification of the concerned Block, RSR, FMB and village maps. Hence 0.12 Ha. only proposed for diversion instead of 0.36 Ha. authenticated.

Further the District Forest Officer has submitted that the proposed diversion of forest land in Compt.No.322 i.e., 0.12 Ha. does not falls in wildlife sanctuary area, National Park, Bio-sphere Reserve and Tiger Reserve. It is also submitted that there are no protected archeological/heritage sites/defense establishments or any other important monuments are located in the area and the proposed forest area for diversion is adjacent to NH-67. The crown density is between 0.2-0.4. The topography area is plain and hilly. The floral species are Narayepi, Maddi, Neeruddi, Yelama etc. and funal special noticed indirectly are Fox, Chowsinga etc. The District Forest Officer, Kadapa fulfilled the Part-II of the proposals and recommended the proposals.

Regarding submitting the certificates regarding under RoFR Act, the user agency has given undertaking and uploaded the same saying that the RoFR certificates as required will be provided during Stage-II (final) approval. It is also submitted that no violation was taken place so far. No CA is proposed as the area proposed for diversion is 0.12 Ha. which is less than 1.00Ha. As per guidelines NPV is exempted.

In view of above, the proposals in (5) sets, both in hard and soft copy in CD format are submitted herewith duly recommending the proposals in Part-III and submitted herewith in Parivesh portal for further process. The copy of the District Forest Officers reference 2nd cited is enclosed for ready reference.

This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-P.Ramakrishna,
Chief Conservator of Forests,
Kurnool Circle, Kurnool.

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P. Shri R. Reddy
Technical Officer
24/7/23

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
Sri P. V. Sandeep Reddy, IFS.,
District Forest Officer,
YSR (T) Division, Kadapa

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Kurnool Circle,
Kurnool.

Rc. No.221/2022/A14, dt: /07/2023

Sir,

Sub :- APFD – FC (A) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 0.36 (0.12) ha. of Forest land in for laying underground optical fibre cable along the existing RoW between Badvel and Padamatinaidupalli Villages in favour of M/s Jio Digital fiber Cable private limited for providing 4 G communication in Kadapa District – Part-II proposals submitted through Parivesh portal – Report submission of - Regarding.

Ref :- 1)Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, AP, Guntur Rc. No. EFS02 – 15026/5/ 2021 – FCA SEC – PCCF/FCA-1,dt:21-03-2021 & 14-12-2021.
2)Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, AP, Guntur Rc. No. EFS02 – 15026/5/ 2021 – FCA SEC – PCCF/FCA-1,dt:08-01-2022.
3)Authorized Signatory, Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Vijayawada Lr.No.JDFPL/ROW/OFC/NLD4C/BADVEL-PADAMATINAIDUPALLE/District Forest Officer-PRODDATUR/2021-22/195, dated:17-12-2021.
4)This office Rc.No.221/2022/P8, dated:02-05-2022.
5)Forest Range Officer, Badvel Rc.No.07/2022-BDL, dated:19-07-2023.

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It is submitted that, the Part-I proposals submitted by the user agency i.e., M/s Jio Digital Fiber Private Ltd., Vijayawada vide reference 3rd cited in Parviesh portal vide proposal No.FP/AP/OFC/148408/2021, dated:17-12-2021 for diversion of 0.36 Ha forest land in Compt.No.322 of Gopavaram RF in Ramapuram Beat (Bit-I), Compt.No.322 of Goparavaram RF in Valleruvaripalli Beat (Bit-2) and in Compt.No.291 of C.Kothapalli RF in Valleruvaripalli Beat (Bit-3) in Badvel Range for laying underground optical fibre cable along the existing RoW between Badvel and Padamatinaidupalli Villages in favour of M/s Jio Digital fiber Cable private limited for providing 4 G communication in Kadapa District has been examined.

S.No.	Name	Area(Ha)
1	Bit-1	0.12
2	Bit-2	0.19
3	Bit-3	0.05
TOTAL AREA		0.36

In this connection it is submitted that as per the report submitted by the Forest Range Officer, Badvel vide reference 5th cited the undersigned has inspected the proposed area on 19-07-2023.

Site Insepction: It is submitted that, after thorough inspection with reference to Gazette Notification, RSR, FMB and Village map it is noticed that, only Bit-I area i.e., 0.12 Ha is falls in Compt.No.322 of Gopavaram RF in Ramapuram Beat of Badvel Range and rest of the area i.e., Bit-2(0.19 Ha) and Bit-3(0.05 Ha) is falls outside Reserved Forest.The proposed forest area is adjacent to NH-67 and does not falls in wildlife sanctuary area, Natonal Parks, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve. Further, there no protected archeological/heritage site/Defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area and the proposed forest area is adjacent to NH-67. There are species of Narayepi, Maddi, Neeruddi, Yelama etc found in the proposed forest area. Most of the Forests is covered with light vegetation area has very light slope, hence there is no such vulnerability to the erosion. The crown density is between 0.2-0.4. The Topography area is plan and hilly. The soil is Red soil with Shale rock. The fauna noticed indirectly are Fox(Vulpes bengalensis), Chowsinga(Tetracerus quadricornis) etc.The user agency has given Certificate for No Tree felling in the proposed forest area on 18-07-2023.

Hence, inview of the above circumstances and after examining the Part-I proposals submitted by the user agency it is recommended to consider the proposals for diversion of 0.12 Ha in Bit-I area i.e., 0.12 Ha is falls in Compt.No.322 of Gopavaram RF in Ramapuram Beat of Badvel Range in favour of User Agency for laying underground optical fibre cable along the existing RoW between Badvel and Padamatinaidupalli Villages in favour of M/s Jio Digital fiber Cable private limited for providing 4 G communication in Kadapa District. Accordingly, the Part-II proposals along with the relavant documents has been submitted in Parivesh portal on 20-07-2023.

The Part-II proposals along with relavant documents in (8) sets are submitted herewith for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully



District Forest Officer
YSR (T) Division, Kadapa

Advance copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF), A.P.Mangalagiri for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Copy to the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Proddatur for information and necessary acton.

Copy to the Forest Range Officer, Badvel for information and necessary action.