

## SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER, THENI

A proposal for laying of underground Optic Fibre Cable has been received for diversion of 0.193Ha for non-forestry purpose in Theni District.

- I have inspected the proposed area on 16.11.2021, 04.01.2022 and 02.03.2022. The area requested by the User agency for diversion is 0.193 Ha. The requirement of forest land proposed is bare minimum and there is no alternate route.
- The proposed area falls in Theni Division, Cumbum west range, Suranganar beat and Kumili beat, Suranganar Reserved Forest.
- The proposed area is along the right side of the Kollam-Dindigul National highway (NH 183), running between Cumbum-Kumili.
- The proposed area is requested for laying of underground Optic Fiber Cable as follows:
  - Length - 6.44 kms
  - Width - 0.30 m
  - Depth - 2.00 m
- The proposed area is devoid of any vegetation and no tree felling is required for carrying out the proposal.
- The area does not have protected, archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monuments.
- On inspection of the site, it is found that the proposed area for the project runs along the existing National highways road. The proposed area does not involve rare species of flora and fauna. During site inspection endangered species such as Lion Tail Macaque was noted.
- There is no report of violation of Forest Conservation Act against the User Agency for the proposed project.

Place: Theni

Date: 03.03.2022

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