

### RECOMMENDATION OF THE DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER, THENI

- The proposal for laying of underground Optic Fiber Cable for an area of 0.193 Ha in Cumbum west range, Suranganar beat and Kumili beat, Suranganar Reserved Forest is bare minimum and unavoidable.
- The proposed area does not fall in eco-sensitive zone of Megamalai and Kodaikanal Wildlife Sanctuaries.
- The proposed area does not fall in Eco-sensitive Area (ESA).
- Part of the proposed area i.e., 1.30km falls within the Tiger Corridor as per the file available in the website of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, [www.ntca.gov.in](http://www.ntca.gov.in). The corridor connects the Mathikettan Shola National Park and Periyar National Park, in the state of Kerala.
- The project aims at providing improvement of communication facilities under the Hon'ble Prime Ministers vision of Digital India. Hence the proposed area involving a diversion of 0.193 H a of forest area for non-forestry purpose may be permitted.

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