

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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

**Ref. no. EFS02-15026/12/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1,**

**Dated:08/09/2022.**

Sir,

Sub: APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 0.09 ha of forest  
- land falling in Compartment nos.456, 457 & 458 of Kuderu RF,  
Ananthapuramu Range, Ananthapuramu Division in favour of the  
Divisional Engineer, Transmission Projects, BSNL, Ananthapur for  
**laying Optical Fibre Cable from Ananthapuramu to  
Kalyandurg road** - Proposal submitted with recommending in Part-  
IV - Reg.

Ref:- 1. Unique Proposal no. FP/AP/OFC/152553/2022, dt.18.02.2022.  
2. CCF, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu, Rc.no.1102/2019/TO,  
dt.17.08.2022.

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It is submitted that, the Divisional Engineer, Transmission Projects, BSNL, Ananthapur has initiated a proposal in the PARIVESH portal on 18.02.2022 for diversion of 0.09 ha of forest land falling in Compartment nos.456, 457 & 458 of Kuderu RF, Ananthapuramu Range, Ananthapuramu Division, for laying Optical Fibre Cable from Ananthapuramu to Kalyandurg road.

The proposal has been forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuramu on 07.07.2022 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 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, cited, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu 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 the project in the forest area, the user agency has justified that, M/s BSNL, GoI Enterprise under the Ministry of Telecommunications had taken up the project i.e, laying Optical Fibre Cable for providing Telecom services like Broad Band, Highspeed data network, Cellular

communication, Core Banking Services in Rural and Urban areas covered between Ananthapur-Kalayndurg via Atmakur as a part of Digital India Programme. For laying OFC along the R&B road, there is no alternative land except forest land. Hence, forest land over an extent of 0.09 ha is required for project.

- There will be no displacement of people due to this project.
- No Employment is likely to be generated due to this project.
- RoFR certificate issued by the District Collector, Ananthapuramu District in Form-I.
- User Agency has furnished undertakings to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation, payment of NPV and addl.NPV, as decided by the Forest Department.

**The Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuramu has furnished the following information in part-II:**

- Site was inspected **on 21.07.2022**. Site inspection report may be seen at page no.96
- The Forest land proposed for diversion i.e., 0.09 ha falls in Compartment nos.456, 457 & 458 of Kuderu RF, Ananthapuramu Range, Ananthapuramu is required for laying Optical Fibre Cable along the road from Ananthapuramu – Kalyanadurg road.
- Kuderu RF is notified under Seciton 16 of Madras Forest Act, Board Proceedings No.373, dt.01.01.1894.
- Density of vegetation is 0.2.
- There are no trees existing on the alignment of OFC along the road.
- There will be no impact of soil erosion.
- The OFC cable line is passing along the road from Ananthapuramu to Kalyandurg road.
- The proposed diversion area is not forming part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor etc.
- There are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the proposed diversion area except one number of Red Sander tree.
- 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 violation has been taken place in the proposed diversion area.
- CA land is not applicable since the area proposed for diversion is less than (1) hectare.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Ananthapuramu has recommended the proposal in part-II. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu has also recommended the proposal in Part-III. Nodal officer has recommended the proposal in Part-IV. The Statutory proposal in (3) sets are submitted herewith.

The Government are requested to take necessary action under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as deemed fit and communicate orders.

This is submitted for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,  
**Y Madhusudhana Reddy Ifs**

Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force) (FAC)

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**PART-IV**

Diversion of 0.09 ha of forest land falling in Compartment nos.456, 457 & 458 of Kuderu RF, Ananthapuramu Range, Ananthapurmau Division in favour of the Divisional Engineer, Transmission Projects, BSNL, Ananthapur for laying Optical Fibre Cable from Ananthapuramu to Kalyandurg road.

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.
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Date:07/09/2022.

Signature Anand Kumar Jha.

Place : Guntur

Name:

Office Seal:Principal Chief Conservator Of Forests.

