

Site Inspection Report of the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri

Name of the Project : Diversion of 0.477 ha of forest land in Pennagaram RF and Woddapatti Reserved Forests in Dharmapuri Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable (OFC).

Date of Inspection : 09 – 02 – 2021

Staffs accompanied : Thiru. N. Sekar, Forest Range Officer and Range staff.


The proposed site was inspected by me on 09-02-2021. The proposal was submitted by the User Agency for requesting prior permission under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, for diversion of 0.792 ha forest land in Dharmapuri and Hosur Forest Divisions for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) to improve mobile network connectivity.

The proposal is for linear project, and it is proposed along the stretches of Pennagaram - Anchetti Road, which is passing through the Pennagaram RF and Woddapatti RF of Hogenakkal Range. During the field inspection of proposed linear path, it is observed that,

1. The proposed length and area mentioned in the proposal of User Agency is slightly higher than actual field condition. The details are,

Segment	Name of the Reserve Forests	As per Proposal		Actual	
		Length (in km)	Area (in ha)	Length (in km)	Area (in ha)
Segment I	Pennagaram RF	12.40	0.372	11.35	0.341
	Woddapatty RF			0.95	0.029
Total of Segment I		12.40	0.372	12.30	0.370
Segment II	Woddapatty RF (in Dharmapuri part)	3.50	0.105	2.50	0.075
Total of Segment II		3.50	0.105	2.50	0.075
Total km / Area to be diverted		15.90	0.477	14.80	0.445

2. The User Agency, i.e., Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited., has not yet commenced any work in the field, therefore the question of violation of provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 does not arise and there is no encroachment in this area.
3. The forest land required for the project is not the part of any National Park / Wildlife sanctuary / Biosphere.
4. The proposed alignment of laying OFC is lies along one side of the existing black topped road from Bevanur Check post to Hogenakkal and again from Ootamalai to Biligundulu.
5. The alignment of the proposed OFC does not involve any tree felling there would be no disturbance to wild flora and fauna.
6. The Optical Fiber Cable is proposed to be laid underground along the side of the road by way of digging trench of size 0.30 m width and 0.60 m depth only.


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