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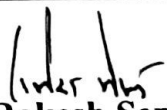
**Proposal for diversion of forest land for Laying Optical Fiber Cable along with Kondhali – Sawali Kh Road in Wardha District under Wardha Forest Division in the State of Maharashtra.**

**(Online Proposal No. FP/MH/OFC/155250/2022)**

**Site Inspection Report**

<b>Items</b>		<b>Observation and remarks</b>	
(Prescribed vide PCCF (HoFF) No Desk-17-4. Dated.05/11/2015)			
Name of the project and location		Laying underground Optical Fiber Cable along with Kondhali – Sawali Kh Road in Wardha District under Wardha Forest Division	
Village :		Raipur, Kannawargram, Heti and Kundi and Reserved Forest Comptt. No. 53, 54, 55- RF.	
Range :		Karanja	
Round :		Bangdapur	
Beat :		Nandora, Bori, Hetikundi	
Name of the User Agency.		M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur	
Date of site inspection.		Dt.08/06/2022	
Extent (ha.) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion.		Area – 0.34963 ha. Legal status of forest land – Reserved Forest, Protected Forests & Zudpi Jungle.	
a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land.		Laying of Optical Fiber Cable	
b) Density and Eco-value class.		<b>Density: below 0.2 (Open Forests).</b> ECO Value Class III comes under southern tropical Dry deciduous forests.	
Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col.2 of part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternative examined.		Yes.	
Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not? If yes, details thereof.		No.	
a) Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not.		Yes	
b) Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof.		No.	
c) Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any protected Area (km).		Area under project is 6.3 km away from Bor Tiger Reserve and Compartment No. 53, 54 & 55 (Reserve Forest) and Compartment No. 171/1 (Protected Forest) are Passing through the Bor Buffer area of Bor Tiger Reserve and ESZ Area.	
d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project.		No.	
e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If yes, reasons therefore:		No.	
Details of vegetation:			
a) Total number of trees to be felled:		0	
b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm:		0	

c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm:	0
d) Effect of removal of trees on the general eco-system in the area.	NA.
Background note on the proposal (short summary).	-
Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980? If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached.	No.
Whether the proposal involves rehabilitation of displaced person. If yes, whether rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	No.
Details on catchment and culturable command area under the project (if applicable).	Not Applicable.
Status of catchment area treatment plan to prevent siltation of reservoir (if applicable).	Not Applicable.
Utility of the project.	OFC cable for reliable Communication from remote places to district /State headquarters. By laying of Cable media connectivity can be provided to further remote area.
Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/ religious values? Whether any sacred grove or very old growth trees/forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion?	No.
Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if required).	Project Note enclosed in the proposal.
Details of documents and photographs enclosed:	Enclosed.
Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer	Optical Fiber cable project are mainly to provide communication to less accessible areas with reliable and high speed media connectivity, which is very important in current days to provide information and technology. Proposed project is along the road, hence minimal disturbance of forest and breaking of land. However "The proposed project is passing through Buffer area of Bor Tiger Reserve. Hence apart from permission of NBWL is also required. Proposal is recommended for approval for diverting the required forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980."

  
(Rakesh Sepat)

**Deputy Conservator of Forests  
Wardha Division, Wardha**

Place : Wardha  
Dated: 08/06/2022