

Proposal for diversion of 1.043 ha. forest land for laying Optical Fiber Cable within RoW of the existing Road of SH-337 and SH-356 from Nagpur/Bhandara district border to Chicholi in District Bhandara in the State of Maharashtra.

(Proposal No. FP/MH/OFC/ 156907/2022)

## Site Inspection Report

(Prescribed vide PCCF (HoFF) No Desk-17-4, Dated.05/11/2015)

Items	Observation and remarks			
Name of the project and location	Laying underground Optical Fiber Cable within RoW of the existing Road SH-337 and SH-356 from Nagpur/Bhandara district border to Chicholi in District Bhandara in f/o Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.			
Village, Range, Round, Beat :	Village /Comptt No	Range	Round	Beat
	Bawanthadi Old Block Comptt. No. 37-RF and Mangarli	Jambkandri	Mangarli	Mangarli-3
	Bawanthadi Old Block Comptt. No. 41-RF	Jambkandri	Mangarli	Mangarli-4
	Bawanthadi Old Block Comptt. No. 47-RF	Jambkandri	Kandri	Pitesur-1
	Bawanthadi Old Block Comptt. No. 48-RF	Lendezari	Lendezari	Lendezari-1
	Bawanthadi Old Block Comptt. No. 52-RF	Lendezari	Lendezari	Lendezari-3
	Pangdi, Bawanthadi Old Block Comptt. No. 57-RF and Garra	Nakadongri	Bagheda	Garra
	Jogiwada	Nakadongri	Chicholi South	Karli-1
Name of the User Agency.	Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.			
Date of site inspection.	25/07/2022			
Extent (ha.) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion.	i) RF : 0.8880 ii) PF : 0.0948 iii) Zudpi Jungle : 0.0471 iv) Bade jhar ka jungle : 0.0131 <b>Total - 1.0430</b>			
a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land.	Laying underground 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.	No.			
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).	Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of Koka Wildlife Sanctuary is 35 kms. is approx.
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 scared 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	Recommended for approval under section 2 of Forest Conservation Act 1980.

Place : Bhandara

Date : 10-8-22

  
(Signature)

Name of Inspecting Officer: Rahul Gawai  
Designation: Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
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