

FIELD INSPECTION REPORT OF THE ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS AND FIELD DIRECTOR

This project is for laying Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) to develop the communication facility at National level. I have inspected the project site on **01.10.2019** along with the Deputy Director Masinagudi, Forest Range Officer, Masinagudi. The proposal in particular has been sought for laying optical fibre cable from Theppakadu to Moyar via Masinagudi passing through Mudumalai tiger reserve so as to ensure connectivity with other areas. Based on the details furnished by the Deputy Director in part – II of the proposal the use of forests land is only temporary and one time affair in the form of strip / linear proposal by digging a narrow trench to lay the OFC cable. The trench having maximum width of 300mm on the ground surface and to a depth of 1650mm is aligned in the shoulder berm portion alongside the black topped road with in the right of way admitted. Necessary Right of Way is permitted in Moyar Reserved Forests for the use of public. The size of the trench is well within the maximum permissible limit as allowed by the Government of India vide letter no: 11-9/1998-FC, dated: 05.10.2015. No felling of trees is involved. There will not be any much disturbance to the wildlife during the shorter period of work along road side. The linear stretch of land required for the project comprise about 16.00km in total with forest land in two patches at about 7.00km and 7.20km at both ends(Total 14.20km) and the remaining patch in between is non-forest land. Further, the forest area is requested at the barest minimum ($14.20\text{km} \times 0.30\text{m} = 0.426\text{Ha}$) other than the non forest land and is essentially required to ensure connectivity to the other parts. The said portion requiring temporary diversion would be restored to its original shape and net present value is being charged. The public would be benefited on completion of this project and will add to the operational capabilities for development of the nation. Hence, the proposal is recommended subject to usual terms and conditions of the Government of India.


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