

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
Sri N. Prateep Kumar, IFS.,  
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &  
Head of Forest Force,  
Andhra Pradesh,  
Guntur - 522 004.

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

**Ref. no. EFS02-15026/16/2020-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:  
10/02/2022.**

Sir,

Sub: APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of forest land to an extent of - 0.48 ha (i.e., 0.9 ha in Compartment no.206 of Ragimanupenta RF, Chittoor West Range, 0.16 ha in Compartment no.311 of Jagamerla RF, Palamaner Range, 0.10 ha in Compartment nos.245 & 246 of Thotakanuma RF, Palamaner Range and 0.13 ha in Compartment nos.345 & 346 of Kangundi RF, Kuppam Range) in Chittoor West Division in favour of the Sr. General Manager, M/s. BBNL, Vijayawada, for laying optical fibre cable to provide connectivity to Grama Panchayats covered in Chittoor District under Bharat Net Project - Proposal submitted - Reg.

Ref:- 1. Online Proposal no.FP/AP/OFC/112287/2020, dt.18.01.2020.  
2. CCF, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu, Rc.no.353/2020/TO, dt.10.01.2022 & 08.02.2022.

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It is submitted that, the Sr. General Manager, M/s. Bharat Broadband Network Limited, Vijayawada has initiated a proposal for diversion of forest land to an extent of 0.48 ha (i.e., 0.9 ha in Compartment no.206 of Ragimanupenta RF, Chittoor West Range, 0.16 ha in Compartment no.311 of Jagamerla RF, Palamaner Range, 0.10 ha in Compartment nos.245 & 246 of Thotakanuma RF, Palamaner Range and 0.13 ha in Compartment nos.345 & 346 of Kangundi RF, Kuppam Range) in Chittoor West Division in favour of the Sr. General Manager, M/s. BBNL, Vijayawada, for laying optical fibre cable to provide connectivity to Grama Panchayats covered in Chittoor District under Bharat Net Project.

The proposal was forwarded to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu and the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West in the parivesh.nic.in web portal on 20.01.2021, for processing the proposal under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited has submitted the proposal duly processed under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The details of the proposal is as follows;

**The User Agency has furnished the following information in Part-I:**

- For locating the project in forest area, the User Agency has justified that, Bharat Net (erstwhile NOFN) project is an initiative of Government of India to connect Grama Panchayats across the country by laying incremental optical fibre cable from Telephone Exchange. The area required for laying the OFC is the barest minimum. As the telecommunication cable also carry communication from the Government Offices, Defense and strategic establishments and difference industrial organizations apart from the general public and in view of the safety and confidentiality of the conversation so made it is not advisable to lay OFC on private lands belonging to different parties, the forest area is chosen for laying OFC.
- Cost of the project Rs.45.50 lakh.
- There will be no displacement of people due to this project.
- Project does not require of Cost-Benefit analysis.
- Employment likely to be generated due to this project is permanent in 10 number of persons and temporary in 10 number of persons.
- The User Agency has submitted undertakings to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation in the degraded forest land, NPV and addl.NPV.

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

- Site was inspected on 01.04.2021 & 07.04.2021 along with Forest Range Officer and Beat staff.
- Details of Reserve Forest land required for laying Optical Fibre Cable is as follows.

Sl.no	Range	RF	Compartment no.	Bit nos.	Area (in ha)	Notification no. & date
1.	Chittoor West	Ragimanupenta	206	1	0.09	Notified U/s 15 vide G.O.Ms.no.306, F&RD (For.II), dt.17.06.1981
2.	Palamaner	Jagamerla	311	2	0.16	Notified U/s 4 vide G.O.Ms.no.1345, F&A, Dept., dt.05.07.1961.
	Palamaner	Thotakanuma	245 & 246	3	0.10	Notified U/s 16 vide notification in B.P.no.82, dt. 26.02.1897.
4.	Kuppam	Kangundi	345 & 346	1	0.13	Notified U/s 4 vide G.O.Ms.no.2325, F&A (For.III), dt.04.07.1961.
		<b>Total:</b>			<b>0.48</b>	

- Density of vegetation is on an average of 0.20 along the berm of roads where laying OFC is proposed.
- Tree felling is not required.
- There will be no impact of soil erosion in and around the proposed forest area.
- The proposed area is just abutting to RF boundary.
- **The proposed area for diversion at (4) locations mentioned in the above table is not falling under National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, but the areas proposed at Sl.no.2 & 4 locations falling in Jagamerla RF and Kangundi RF mentioned in the above table are falling in Elephant corridor/ Eco-Sensitive Zone of Koundinya Wild Life Sanctuary.**
- There are no rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the proposed diversion area.
- There are no protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishments or any other important monuments are located in the area.
- The forest land required for diversion is the barest minimum.
- No violations were taken place in the proposed area.
- Compensatory Afforestation is not required from the project as the area required is below 1.00 ha.
- RoFR certificate in Form-I issued by the District Collector, Chittoor District.
- Statement showing the calculation of Net Present Value in the proposed area for diversion arrived as per the existing rules , is detailed below.

Sl.no.	Type of forest land	Total area proposed (ha.)	Net Present Value (Rate/ha.) (in Lakh)	Total cost of NPV (in Rupees)
1	Class-III (open forest)	0.48	9.57780	Rs.4597344/-

**The Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor WL has recommended the proposal in Part-II. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu has agreed with the information given in part-II by the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West and recommended the proposal in part-III.**

The proposal for diversion of forest land to an extent of 0.48 ha (i.e., 0.9 ha in Compartment no.206 of Ragimanupenta RF, Chittoor West Range, 0.16 ha in Compartment no.311 of Jagamerla RF, Palamaner Range, 0.10 ha in Compartment nos.245 & 246 of Thotakanuma RF, Palamaner Range and 0.13 ha in Compartment nos.345 & 346 of Kangundi RF, Kuppam Range) in Chittoor West Division in favour of the Sr. General Manager, M/s. BBNL, Vijayawada, for laying optical fibre cable to provide connectivity to Grama Panchayats covered in Chittoor District under Bharat Net Project in (2) sets, is submitted herewith.

The Government are requested to consider the proposal and take necessary action as per Chapter-4 of the guidelines issued by the GoI, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi in F.no.5-2/2017-FC, dt. 28.03.2019 under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,  
**N Prateep Kumar Ifs**  
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &  
Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu for information.

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officer, Chittoor West for information.

Copy to the Sr. General Manager, M/s. BBNL, D7, BSNL office complex, Tikkle road, MoghalRaj Puram, Vijayawada for information.

**PART-IV**

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:**10/02/2022.** Signature **N Prateep Kumar Ifs.**

Place: Guntur. Name:**N Prateep Kumar Ifs.**

Office Seal:**Principal Chief Conservator Of Forests.**





Proposal for diversion of forest land to an extent of 0.45 ha  
in Chittoor West Division in P/O Sr GM, M/S. BBNL, Vijayawada  
**PART-IV** for laying off.

**(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator  
of Forests or Head of the Forest Department)**

17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposals with remarks.	:	Recommended.
	(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).	:	

Date: 10-02-2022

Place: Guntur



Signature

Name & Designation

(Official Seal)

**N. Prateep Kumar, IFS.,  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &  
Head of Forest Force,  
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur**