FIELD INSPECTION NOTE OF THE FOREST DIVISIONAL OFFICER, MAHABUBABAD ON 20.12.2019 IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED DIVERSION OF RESERVE FOREST LAND FOR LAYING OF OPTICAL FIBER CABLE NETWORK

As per the proposal for diversion of forest area received and request made by M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, I have inspected the site on 20.12.2019 for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing Right of Way in Compt. Nos. 1225, 1224, 1223 & 1222 which are falling in Reserve Forest area (0.2582 Ha.) of Jamandlapally Reserve Forest in Mahabubabad Range, Compt. Nos.50, 56, 53, 51, 52 & 54 which are falling in Protected Forest area (0.1991 Ha.) of Garla Protected Forest in Bayyaram Range along with concerned Forest Range Officers, Mahabubabad and Bayyaram. The User Agency has requested for diversion of 0.4573 Ha of Forest land for laying of Optical Fiber Cable.

The proposed alignment is a linear patch project passing through the Reserve Forest and Protected Forest with an extent of 0.4573 Ha. The User Agency, M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited has got the area demarcated on the ground.

During the inspection, it was observed that only bush growth is found on the path of linear project proposed for diversion. The prominent species existing in the Reserve Forest are Chennangi, Palakodisha, Teak, Ullanda, Thirumanu, Billudu, Somi, Bontha, Sandra, Nallamaddi, Moduga, Gumpena, Pachari, Pala, Kodisha, Rela, Sandra, Ippa, Jitregi, Tellamaddi, Mullam Bamboo, etc.,.

The wildlife in the surrounding forest areas are Wild boar, Spotted Deer, Chowsinga, Hare, Peacocks, Sambar, Python, etc.,

Other alternatives for this linear project were evaluated, but this proposed project is the shortest and technically feasible compared to others. This is the barest minimum area that is required for laying of Optical Fiber Cable Network.

The User Agency has submitted their undertakings to implement the following conditions:

The proposals for diversion of forest land to an extent of 0.4573 Ha in Mahabubabad Division of Mahabubabad District for laying of Optical Fiber Network cable in the Reserve Forest and within the existing right of way with 0.40 Mtrs. Width and there are no trees falling in the proposed area and no flora and fauna will be damaged for the project.

Hence, the proposals for laying of Optical Fiber Network in Compt. Nos. 1225, 1224, 1223 & 1222 of Jamandlapally Reserve Forest, Mahabubabad Range and in Compt. Nos. 50, 56, 53, 51, 52 & 54 of Garla Protected Forest, Bayyaram Range is recommended with the following conditions.

- 1. The Legal status of the Reserve Forest land proposed to be diverted does not change.
- Any other conditions imposed by Forest Divisional Officer, Mahabubabad from time to time shall be followed by the User Agency.

The Proposals for diversion of 0.4573 Ha of Reserve Forest land for laying of Optical Fiber Network is **recommended**.

Forest Divisional Officer,
Mahabubabad.

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