

Full title of the project :- BSNL Mobile Site at Gavi.

File No. :- C2-7131/2021

Proposal No :- FP/KL/Others/151779/2022

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Site Inspection report of Deputy Conservator of Forests

(For the forest land to be diverted under FCA)

A proposal has been received in this office from Divisional Engineer (BSS & TXMN) Bharath Sanchar Nigam Limited, Pathanamthitta towards diversion (under FCA, 1980) of 0.012 Ha of forest land at Gavi for non forestry purpose. The proposal envisages the use of forest land for Installation of Mobile tower at Gavi for providing mobile connectivity and internet connection to the local people, officials and tourists. The land proposed was inspected by me on 03.03.2022 along with Goodrical Range Forest officer and Pachakkanam station staff. The proposed site for installing BSNL mobile tower is located in the reserve forest area leased to Kerala Forest Development Corporation as per order No.GO (Ms) no 62/89/F&WLD dated 25.4.1989. The site is located at Meenar, near Gavi and comes under notified Ranni Reserve as per Topo sheet record. The extent of proposed diversion of forest land is 0.012 ha (12 X 10 m). The area is located in open forest coming under the jurisdiction of Pachakkanam Forest Station of Goodrical Range in Ranni Forest Division. It is an open area having no trees. The GPS reading of the site is N 09°26'06.07", E 77°09'32.4". Installing mobile tower in this remote area will ensure mobile connectivity to local people including school children who depend on online classes. It will also provide communication facility to forest staff. Since no felling of trees involved there is minimum damage to the forest and ecosystem. More over the extent of area proposed is only 0.012 Ha which is too small. Hence I recommend the diversion of forest land proposed by the User Agency.


Deputy Conservator of Forests

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