

Site Inspection Report

The State Co-ordinate Officer, Jio-Digital Fibre Private Limited, No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai-4 has submitted a proposal for the Laying of OFC along the road side across the Egumadurai RF and Kondamanallur RF in Gummudipoondi Taluk, Thiruvallur District for diversion of 0.048 Ha of Reserved Forest land in Egumadurai Reserved Forest and Kondamanallur Reserved Forest under the jurisdiction of Gummidipoondi Range, Tiruvallur Forest Division, Tiruvallur District. The proposed project site was inspected on 08.10.2024 along with forest staff.

The user agency has proposed OFC corridor in two locations in Egumadurai and Kondamanallur Reserve Forest in this proposal.

1.The user agency proposed in Egumadurai Reserve Forest for the length of 910.00 m and width of 0.30 m an area of 0.027 ha. The Egumadurai Reserved Forest was notified as Reserved Forest under Section 16 of Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882 with an extent of 133.525 Ha. The Forest type of '*southern tropical thorn scrub Forest.*' is found distributed in the Reserve Forest area. The forest is found to be degraded with canopy density. The density class is Moderately Dense with eco-value IV. The wild animals such as wild boar, porcupine, hares, jackals etc., are found in the Forest area. The user agency proposed OFC corridor for Egumadurai Reserve Forest is passing through existing road of reserve forest for the length of 910.00 m and width of 0.30 m an area of 0.027 ha. The existing road is not approved Right of way. As the proposed OFC Laying is on the existing road there will be no felling / disturbance/loss to the vegetation. No felling of spontaneous tree is involved in the project area. The user agency has requested land transfer area for the proposed Transmission Corridor does not involve forest tribal rights.

2.The user agency proposed in Kondamanallur Reserve Forest for the length of 610.00 m and width of 0.30 m an area of 0.018 ha. The Kondamanallur Reserved Forest was notified as Reserved Forest under Section 16 of Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882 with an extent of 58.93 Ha. The Forest type of '*southern tropical thorn scrub Forest.*' is found distributed in the Reserve Forest area. The forest is found to be degraded with canopy density. The density class is Moderately Dense with eco-value IV. The wild animals such as wild boar, porcupine, hares, jackals etc., are found in the Forest area. The user agency proposed OFC corridor for Kondamanallur Reserve Forest is passing through existing road of reserve forest for the length of 610.00 m and width of 0.30 m an area of 0.018 ha..

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The user agency has requested land transfer area for the proposed for OFC corridor details as follow.

Sl. No.	Location	Name of Reserve Forest	Length (M)	Width (M)	Area (sqm)	Area (Ha)
1	Egumadurai	Egumadurai RF	910.00	30.00	273.00	0.027
2	Kondamanallur	Kondamanallur RF	610.00	30.00	183.00	0.018
Total						0.045

The proposed work of laying optical Fibre cable in the Existing roads are not approved right of way in the Notification.

District Forest Officer
Tiruvallur Division
Tiruvallur