

## **Recommendation of District Forest Officer**

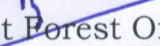
The State Co-ordinate Officer, Jio-Digital Fibre Private Limited, No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai-4 has submitted a proposal for the Laying of OFC along the road side across the Egumadurai RF and Kondamanallur RF in Gummudipoondi Taluk, Tiruvallur District for diversion of 0.048 Ha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

The user agency has proposed OFC corridor in two locations in Egumadurai and Kondamanallur Reserve Forest in this proposal. The proposed Forest Land diversion for carrying out the Laying of OFC involves forest area to an extent 0.027 Ha of Egumadurai Reserved Forest and 0.018 Ha of Kondamanallur Reserved Forest for the total area of 0.045 Ha. The proposed diversion of Forest Land does not lie in the Protected Area. The proposed site is situated about 20km away from Pulicat wildlife sanctuary. The diversion of the forest land is found to be bare minimum area. The user agency has proposed OFC corridor in two locations in Egumadurai and Kondamanallur Reserve Forest area through existing road, it 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.

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

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

Considering the above views, the diversion of 0.045 Ha. of Forest Land in Egumadurai and Kondamanallur Reserve Forest under the jurisdiction of Gummudipoondi range, Tiruvallur Forest Division is not recommended, since the proposed work of laying optical fibre cable in the Existing roads are not approved right of way in the Notification. More over there are feasibilities for laying the optical fibre cable outside the RF limits

  
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