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Recommendation of Wildlife Warden, Wayanad

Sir,

Sub:- Application submitted by Sri. Ajesh for M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited 2nd Floor Bank of Baroda building Mangal Pandey Nagar Meerut, UP for lying optical Fibre Cable by trenching/HDD method and installation of MH from Appappara to Thetturoad Jn and Kutta border to Karrikulam - Reg:-

Ref:- 1. Application No. FP/KL/OFC/155484/2022

2. Letter No. T1-634/2022 dated 23.05.2022 of Assistant Wildlife Warden Tholpetty Range.

The Authorized Signatory, Sri. Ajesh for M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited 2nd Floor Bank of Baroda building Mangal Pandey Nagar Meerut, UP has applied for wildlife clearance for the proposal Appappara to Thetturoad Jn and Kutta border to Karrikulam for lying optical Fibre Cable by trenching/HDD method and installation of MH for connecting telecommunication Tower for enhance the connectivity and coverage and OFC redundancy connectivity in roads passing through Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary from Thetturoad to Pulivalmoola (0.1380 ha), Begur to Naiketty (0.2292 ha) and Naiketty to Kutta state border (0.0939 ha) in Mananthavady Taluk of Wayanad District. The applied area for the proposal in the PA is 0.4611 ha. The Asst. Wildlife Warden, Tholpetty vide reference (2) has reported the proposed area falls within Tholpetty Range of Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary.

Based on the 1st application submitted by the user Agency vide application No. FP/KL/OFC/153556/2022, I have inspected the area proposed for the project on 11.05.2022 along with the Assistant Wildlife Warden, Tholpetty and staff. During my inspection, I noticed a discrepancy between the areas mentioned in the application and required by the user agency in the portal. The user agency rectified the error and submitted a new application vide application No. FP/KL/OFC/155484/2022. On 07.06.2022, I have inspected the proposed project area with the Asst. Wildlife Warden, Tholpetty and staff.

The proposed area falls in Tholpetty Range which is under Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary and the area runs along the side of the road passing through the Sanctuary. No works in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act have been carried out in the proposed 0.4611 Ha (*segment No. 1- Thetturoad to Pulivalmoola (0.1380 ha), segment 2- Begur to Naiketetty (0.2292 ha) and segment 3- Naiketetty to Kutta state border (0.0939 ha) Total 0.4611 ha*) area is maximum required for the proposed project. Hence, it is recommended to divert 0.4611 Ha of Forest Land temporarily for the implementation of laying of Optical Fiber Cable. There will not be any disturbance for the flora and fauna as it is a underground laying the Optical Fiber Cable. The user agency should cover up the trench and restore the Forest Land and hand it back over to the forest Department. The work will result in providing better mobile connectivity to the remote villages mainly tribal colony members and also to the various camps of Forest Department.

The road passing through the sanctuary is State Highway and PWD roads. The User agency shall install solar powered stand alone cameras (10 Nos.) with internet connection in the road side for monitoring the wild animals, thus ensuring the better protection of the area. Also the Range office, Stations, Camping station shall be provided with internet connections for better communications.

The impact of the project is minimal as the area proposed is road side in the sanctuary. So the project is recommended with above recommended activities for lying of Optical Fiber Cable by the JIO Digital Fire Pvt. Ltd.



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