

PART - II

**(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm (OFC Cable)**

7.	Location of the Project / Scheme	Laying of Optical Fiber Cable by M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd Over a length of 17.13274 KMs Passing through the forest area of Manuguru Division of Bhadradri- Kothagudem Dist						
i.	State/Union Territory	:	Telangana					
ii.	District	:	Erstwhile KHAMMAM Presently falling in Bhadradri Kothagudem District.					
iii	Forest Division	:	Manuguru (Erstwhile Paloncha Division)					
iv	Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in Ha):0.685 Ha	:	Sl. No.	Name of RF	Compt. No.	Length in Meters	Width in Meters	Area
			1	Kistasagar	223	1570	0.4	0.0628
		2	Kistasagar	221	1560	0.4	0.0624	
		3	Ratangutta	143	1110	0.4	0.0444	
		4	Ratangutta	142	643	0.4	0.0257	
		5	Kondapur	120	600	0.4	0.024	
		6	Kondapur	118	2023	0.4	0.0809	
		7	Kondapur	118	640	0.4	0.0256	
		8	Kondapur	118	381	0.4	0.0152	
		9	Peddipally	111	495	0.4	0.0198	
		10	Kondaigudem	108	980	0.4	0.0392	
		11	Janampeta	30	1494	0.4	0.0597	
		12	Janampeta	29	864	0.4	0.0345	
		13	Janampeta	43	68	0.4	0.0027	
			Total :				12427	
<p>The user agency has furnished proposals for diversion of Forest area to an extent of 0.685 Ha in Manuguru Division. Whereas on verification in the field with reference to Reserve Forest and the map submitted by the User Agency, the total area required in this project in Manuguru Division is 0.4971 Ha.</p> <p>The User Agency has proposed for laying of OFC line with in the admitted Right of way of different RFs in Manuguru Division. The OFC line is passing through within the admitted Right of way to a width of 20 Mtrs in the Kistasagar RF, 30 Mtrs in Ratangutta and Kondapur Reserve Forests. The R&B Road from Burgampadu to Eturunagaram is passing through the Kistasagar, Ratnagutta, Kondapur, Peddipally, Kondaigudem and Janampeta Reserve Forests.</p> <p>The Proposed OFC is passing through the above Reserve Forests along the Existing R&B Road from Sarapaka to Eturunagaram.</p>								
V)	Legal status of forest	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reserved Forest Block Kistasagar was Notified U/s 15 of APF Act, 1967 G.O.Ms.No.92 EFEST (Form-II-2) Dt.16.04.1993.2. Reserved Forest Block Ratangutta was Notified U/s 15 of APF Act, G.O.Ms.No.44 F&RD (For-III) Dt.29.01.1980.3. Reserved Forest Block Kondapur was Notified u/s 15 of APF Act, 1967, G.O.Ms.No.604 F&RD (For-III), Dt:12.08.19754. Reserved Forest Block Peddipalli was Notified u/s 19 of APF					

		Act, 1967, G.O.Ms.No.189 F&RD, Dt:03.10.1953 5. Reserved Forest Block Kondaigudem was Notified U/s 4 of APF Act, 1967 G.O.Ms.No.89/Forest and Rural Development and A For. III Dt.07.02.1974. 6. Reserved Forest Block Janampeta was Notified U/s 15 of APF Act, 1967 G.O.Ms.No.1285 F&A (For-III), Dt.27.11.1973.
Vi	Density of vegetation.	: The density of Forest adjacent to this proposed line is 0.3.
Vii	Species wise (scientific names) and diameter class wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed.	: "Nil" Statement enclosed.
Viii	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	: There will be no noticeable erosion, as it is a under ground linear project along the existing R&B Road.
Ix	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	: The proposed under ground OFC line is passing along adjacent to Existing R&B Road and this R&B Road passing through the different Reserve Forests as mentioned above.
X	Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant corridor, etc.	: The proposed area is not falling in National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant corridor, etc.,
Xi	Whether any rare/ endangered / Unique species of flora and fauna found in the area - if so details thereof.	: No such rare/endangered/unique species found.
Xii	Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.	: No protected archaeological / heritage site/ defense establishment or any other important monument are located in the area.
8	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Column 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.	: Yes, the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in Column 2 of Part-I is 0.658. During field inspection it is found that 0.4971 Ha area only is falling in Reserve Forest area which is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.
9	Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes / No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress.	: No violation carried out by the User Agency.
10	Details of compensatory afforestation scheme:-	: It is submitted that the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, TS, Hyderabad vide his Rc.No.6711/2015/FCA-1/TS, Dt:25-08-2015 has informed that the GOI, MOEF, New Delhi have issued guidelines for Diversion of Forest land for underground laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC), Telephone lines and Drinking Water supply pipe lines. As per the guidelines of GOI it is clarified that as the general approval for the said project was given with the condition that such projects should not involve tree felling. Therefore, the question of CA does not arise.
i)	Details of non-forest area / degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest number of patches, size of each patch.	: The Forest area proposed for diversion is less than 5 Ha. In LWE District of Bhadravadi Kothagudem. Hence not applicable.
ii)	Map showing non - forest / degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and	: The Forest area proposed for diversion is less than 5 Ha. In LWE District of Bhadravadi Kothagudem. Hence not applicable.

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	adjoining forest boundaries.								
iii)	Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.	:	Not applicable						
iv)	Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.	:	Rs.85.67 Lakhs approximately.						
v)	Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view (to be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests).	:	The Forest area proposed for diversion is less than 5 Ha. In LWE District of Bhadravadi Kothagudem. Hence not applicable.						
11	Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked In Columns 7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above.	:	The Inspection report is enclosed.						
12	Division/District profile:-	:							
i)	Geographical area of the district.	:	7,48,300 Ha						
ii)	Forest area of the district.	:	3,49,476.5 Ha.						
iii)	Total forest area diverted in the division since 1980 with number of cases.	:	2682.78 Ha in 17 cases						
iv)	Total Compensatory afforestation stipulated in the division since 1980 with number of cases.	:							
a)	Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation.	:	<table><tr><td>1248.15</td><td>Ha planted.</td></tr><tr><td>121.31</td><td>Ha. ANR</td></tr><tr><td>1369.46</td><td>Ha. Total</td></tr></table>	1248.15	Ha planted.	121.31	Ha. ANR	1369.46	Ha. Total
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b)	Non – Forest land.	:	174.83 Ha.						
V)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on 25-08-2018	:							
a)	Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation.	:	2780.67 Ha.						
b)	Non – Forest land.	:	174.83 Ha.						
	RoFR Exemption:		As per the guidelines issued in MoEF Lr.No. F.No.11-9/98-FC(pt.) Dt:05.02.2013. Proposals seeking prior approval of Central Government under the Forest (Conservation)Act, 1980 for Projects like construction of Roads, Canals, laying of pipelines/ optical fibers and transmission lines etc., where linear diversion of use of forest land in several villages are involved, unless recognized rights of PTG/ PA being affected, are exempted from the requirement of obtaining consent of the concerned Grama sabha(s) as stipulated in clause © read with clause (b), (e) and (f) in second para of this Ministry's said letter Dt:03.08.2009.						

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		There are no PTG/ PAs are effected in this proposed OFC Line.
Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	:	The laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) will improve the digital communication and connectivity in the interior areas in LWE District of Bhadradri Kothagudem. Hence, It is recommended for considering the proposal.


25/8/18
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