

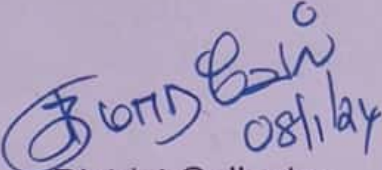
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Office of the District Collector,  
Vellore District,

Date: 08.01.2024.

### CERTIFICATE

Certified that no alternate lands other than this forest land is available for the proposed underground OFC laying project along the roadside in Vellore - Odugathur road, from Eriputhur to Thangal in Pallikonda R.F. in Anaicut Taluk, Vellore District.

  
District Collector,  
Vellore District. 1/2

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**FORM - I**  
[for linear projects]  
Government of TamilNadu  
Office of the District Collector, Vellore

K.Dis.No. B3/E-1587713/2023

Dated : 08.01.2024.

**TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN**

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India's Letter No. 11-9/98-FC (pt.) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 ('FRA', for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes read with MoEF's letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that the forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of M/s. Telesonic Networks Limited, Chennai for erection of underground OFC in the existing road side Vellore - Odugathur road section across from Eriputhur to Thangal village in Pallikonda R.F. in Anaicut Taluk, Vellore District.

It is further certified that:

- (i) The complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the forest area proposed for diversion.
- (ii) Certified that there are no Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers in Pallikonda R.F. forest area of Anaicut Taluk, Vellore District and consequently no claims have been received under this Act with respect to the area proposed for erection of underground OFC in the existing road section.
- (iii) Certified that there are no Primitive Tribal Groups (PTG) and Pre-Agricultural Communities (PAC) in the Pallikonda R.F. area of Vellore District. So, the recognized rights of PTG and PAC are not affected.

  
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