

**Suitability of area identified for Compensatory Afforestation and from management point of view**

I have Inspected the location for diversion of 0.045 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Rishivandiyam to Poondi Eraiyur and Adhiyur to Eraiyur road section in Rishivandiyam to Nemili road section across Seedevi RF in villupuram Division area (now in Kallakuruchi District) in favour of M/S Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai on 07.11.2022 along with Forest Range Officer and staff of Ulundurpet range. The proposal for diversion of 0.045 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Rishivandiyam to Poondi Eraiyur and Adhiyur to Eraiyur road section in Rishivandiyam to Nemili road section across Seedevi RF in villupuram Division area (now in Kallakuruchi District) in favour of M/S Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai in the State of Tamil Nadu to an extent of 0.045 ha is a linear project and it is passing through Seedevi Reserve Forest of Ulundurpet range in Villupuram Forest Division.

The Compensatory Afforestation area for the proposed diversion area of 0.045 ha, in degraded forest land to an extent of 0.09 ha has been identified in Thagarai Reserved Forest for plantation.

The forest type Thagarai RF is Southern Tropical Dry mixed deciduous. The floral diversity of the Thagarai RF includes mainly tree species like Syzygium cumini, Azadirachta indica, Pongamia pinnata, Tamarindus indica, wrightia tintoria Holoptelea integrifolia, Thespesia populnea. and Shrubby growth of other miscellaneous species etc., and the faunal diversity of the Thagarai RF mainly comprises of Spotted deer, Indian guar, bear, Peacock and Wild boar etc.

The Compensatory afforestation area identified in Thagarai RF is suitable for afforestation and found to be convenient in the management point of view. The proposal for afforestation is uploaded in the online web portal - Part - II of Form - A.

  
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