

Site Inspection Report

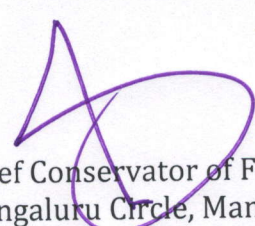
I have inspected the proposed site for Construction of Jio Digital Fiber underground OFC Cable from Karkala to Shringeri through Reserve Forest in various village of Chikmagalur and Udupi District on 20-02-2022.

The proposed area falls under both Kundapur territorial division and Kudremukh wildlife Division, Karkala. However, the proposed area falls under the Non Forest area in Karkala Kasaba, Kiyaru & Kervase village. which doesn't come under Reserve Forest in the Jurisdiction of Kundapur Division. Whereas the proposed area falls under Reserved Forest in Kudremukh wildlife Division, Karkala.

During inspection, the required linear project area applied under Forest Conservation Act 1980, runs along the alignment of National Highway 169 (from point Mala [N13.24678, E75.11475] to point S.K Border [N13.28422, E75.14210]) and then along the alignment of National Highway 169 (from point S.K Border [N13.28422, E75.14210] to point Tanikod check post [N13.36266, E75.19606]) of Kudremukh wildlife Division, Karkala, within the used width limits of the said road. Upon inspection it is found that the project doesn't require removal of any trees. Once the work is completed the area remains undisturbed and no lasting negative impact of the project. The impact is limited and restricted to the installation phase. Since the land required by the project (for laying optical fiber cable is all along a public highway the impacts to forest is minimal.

The project will improve the mobile and internet connectivity of the region which is essential for its overall development. It is recommended that the forest land of extent is 0.62451 ha., that is the total length of 20.817 km and 0.3 wide may be diverted for the project.

Hence, the proposal may be considered for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 with recommendation of Construction of Jio Digital Fiber underground OFC Cable from Karkala to Shringeri through Reserve Forest in various village of Chikmagalur and Udupi District, with conditions noted by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kudremukh wildlife Division, Karkala in his recommendation.


Chief Conservator of Forests,
Mangaluru Circle, Mangaluru.

Date: 21.02.2022
Place: Mangalore