

Site Inspection Report

I have inspected the forest area proposed to be diverted for the purpose of Jio Optical Fiber Cable along the Right of Way in NH-73 road in favour of Jio Digital Fiber Private Limited, No.51, RMZ Icon, Palace Cross Road, Vasanthanagar, Bangalore on 19-11-2022 and 16-02-2023.

An area of 0.385 ha. is proposed for Optical Fiber Cable is passing through Reserve Forest of Belthangady Range, Belthangady Taluk of Mangaluru Division. No trees are required to be cut for this project.

SL. No.	Name of the Forest	Village	Sy.No.	Length (mtr)	Width (mtr)	Total Area (in Ha.)	No. of Trees Enumerated
1	Mundaje Kapu Reserve Forest	Mundaje	255	1650	0.30	0.049	NIL
2	Darmasthala Mundaje RF	Chibidre	86/1	1105	0.30	0.033	NIL
3	Charmady Kanapady RF	Charmady	194, 195, 197/1	9000	0.30	0.270	NIL
4	Private owned Deemed Forest Neriya	Neriya	146	1090	0.30	0.033	NIL
Total						0.385	

At the time of my inspection it is noticed that the User Agency has not marked or demarcated the proposed line along the NH-73 and certain documents were asked to submit User Agency letter dated 19-12-2022, reply is as below ;

1.	No Marking on the ground:	This will be done at the time of execution and this is under laying Optical Fiber Cable laying at sub-surface with the sign boards all along the ROW of the existing roads
2.	Engineering Drawing not available:	This technical point is not required because digging at a particular point and laying in sub surface along the ROW of the existing roads.
3.	Obtaining NH Permission:	The NH permissions area already submitted along with proposal but if required additional permissions we will check those and get the permission with in stage-II clearance.

I inspected the site on 16-02-2023. It was found that marking was done. As per the information submitted to this office and site shown by User Agency represented by Mr. Nithin, it seems to be within in N.H.73 ROW, but everything can be ascertained after obtained ROW agreement from N.H. Authority , Survey Sketch, Plan layout.

As of now going by claim made by User Agency is only 0.385 ha.of land have to be diverted which is bare minimum requirement for the project.

The area does not contain any protected archeological / heritage site and it is not marked area for defence establishment. Further, the area does not form national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, and tiger reserve but in some places Elephant are passing through in CharmadyKannapady RF once in year and there is no perceived threat to wildlife due to the project.

Since, the project requires less than 1 ha. offorest area, and as per sec. 3.2 (vii) (b) of Forest Conservation Act 1980, for the projects that requires less than 1 ha. Compensatory Afforestation shall not be insisted. Hence, the user agency has not identified area for Compensatory Afforestation.

Hence, in my opinion the proposal may be considered for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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Mangaluru Division, Mangaluru.