Field inspection report of the Deputy Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Masinagudi

The area of the proposed project has been inspected by me along with the Forest Range Officer on 03-07-2019 with the relevant records. The Project falls within the core area of Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in Moyar Reserved Forest as notified in 88 dated: 05-03-1886 and necessary right of way has been permitted as per the said RF Notification for the use of the road by the public. The proposed project stretch over a length of about 14.20 km from Theppakadu via Masinagudi to Moyar excluding the Non – Forest land in between.

The work involves a narrow trench to a top width of 450mm and bottom width of 300mm, with a height of 1650mm has for laying of OFC and which is well within the maximum permissible limit as allowed by the government of India vide reference No. 11-9/1998-FC dated: 07-09-2005. The trench is aligned in the edge (berm portion alongside the black topped road) within the right of way admitted and where no felling of trees are involved. The use of forest land is only temporary and one time affair in the form of strip, there would be no disturbance to wildlife as the said portion would be restored to its original surface. The forest area proposed for use of this project is about 0.426 ha. The user agency has furnished undertaking to the effect that, there will be no cutting of trees involved in the project and to pay the Net Present Value charged by the Government.

Since the project is not involving any cutting of trees and having not much disturbance to the wildlife and considering the development of communication with 4G facilities the project is recommended subject to usual term and conditions and special conditions stipulated by the Government of India.

Deputy Director

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