

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER,
PUDUKKOTTAI

**Diversion of forest land in Ammankurichi RF of Ponnamaravathy Range
for Laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) along road side
from Sokkanathapuram to Maravamadurai by Jio Digital Fibre Private
Limited, Chennai**

An area of 0.0107 Ha. of Forest Land in Ammankurichi RF of Ponnamaravathy Range was proposed to be diverted for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) along road side from Sokkanathapuram to Maravamadurai by Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Chennai.

During inspection on 15.12.2022, the length of proposed site is measured as 357m. It was proposed to lay the OFC at a depth of 1 to 2 meter by digging earth in a width of 0.3m. The Senior Executive Officer informed that the OFC will be laid on the right side of the road from Sokkanathapuram to Maravamadurai across Ammankurichi RF. The Forest Range Officer, Ponnamaravathy Range informed that the actual length measured on ground in the proposed site is 357m which is confirmed in the site during this joint inspection. Hence, the area of forest land to be diverted in the said Reserved Forest for this project is $357\text{m} \times 0.3\text{m} = 0.0107\text{ Ha}$.

The Senior Executive Officer informed that no trees or vegetation will be felled or disturbed during the execution of the project. While questioning about the machinery to be used for excavation and its impact, Senior Executive Officer informed that an earth mover will be used without disturbing the vegetation and the excavated earth will be refilled and compressed on the same place.

The project is important for better connectivity of 4G network to all the publics for communication. The Senior Executive Officer also informed that the excavation will be immediately closed after laying the underground OFC without affecting the migrating wildlife.


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