

SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE FOREST AREA PROPOSED FOR LAYING OF OPTICAL FIBER CABLE ALONG THE ROAD WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY (ROW) PASSING THROUGH FOREST UNDER KAKINADA DIVISION OVER AN EXTENT OF 4.64 HA FOR PROVIDING LTE VOICE & DATA SERVICE IN THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH BY THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KAKINADA DIVISION, KAKINADA ON 21-10-2018

In compliance to the instructions of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, I have inspected the proposed site for Laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the Right of Way (RoW) passing through forest under Kakinada Division over an extent of 4.64 ha for providing LTE voice & Data service in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s.Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Visakhapatnam along with the Sub-Divisional Forest Officer, Rampachodavaram and the Forest Range Officer, Rampachodavaram and his staff on 21.10.2018 and submit my remarks as follows.

1. There is an existing right of way in the proposed areas for diversion.
 - i) **2.37 ha (23800 mts x 0.996 mts)** of area proposed for diversion in the right of way along the Rampa chodavaram to Chinturu road which passes through Maredumilli RF for laying of OFC in favour of Reliance JIO infocomm Limited.
 - ii) **1.29 ha** with 2 different widths **(13000 mts x 0.45 mts = 0.585 ha in PNP area & 7121 mts x 0.99 mts = 0.705 ha in Non-PNP RF area)** of area proposed for diversion in the right of way along the Rampa chodavaram to Chinturu road which passes through Valamuru RF for laying of OFC in favour of Reliance JIO infocomm Ltd.
 - iii) **0.98 ha (16340 mts x 0.600 mts)** of area is proposed for diversion in the right of way along the road of Mothugudem to Sileru which passes through Antilova RF For laying of OFC in favour of Reliance JIO infocomm Ltd.
2. Now the user agency submitted proposals for laying OFC over a length 60156 mts with a width of 0.6 mts to 0.996 mts under Forest Conservation act, 1980.

The details are submitted hereunder.

Sl. No	Name of the RF	Length (Mtrs)	Width (Mtrs)	Area in Ha
1	Bhupathipalem PF, Cheruvumpalem PF, Devarapalli RF, Maredumilli RF, Geddada RF, Geddada PF, Maredumilli south RF, Nurupudi West RF,	23800	0.996	2.37
2	Kutrawada RF, Valamuru RF, Kundada RF, Devarapalli RF, Satlawada RF	20016	0.644	1.29
3	Antilova RF, Sileru PF	16340	0.600	0.98
	Total	60156		4.64

3. The user agency requires an area of 4.640 ha in Reserve Forests of Kakinada Division as mentioned in the above table.
4. The location maps showing the existing right of way and the area proposed for diversion are submitted for perusal.

5. No tree growth clearance is required for laying of the OFC as it is proposed in the already existing right of way. Regarding the bamboo clumps which are present in Valamuru RF the clumps should not be removed while laying the OFC and the user agency is requested to take loop where there are bamboo clumps.

6. **1.29 ha (20016 mts x 0.644 mts)** of area proposed for diversion in the right of way along the Rampa chodavaram to Chinturu road which passes through Valamuru RF for laying of OFC in favour of Reliance JIO infocomm Ltd. The proposed area is **passing through Papikonda National Park in Comp.no.183 from Pamuleru vagu to two hillock junction where the boundary of compartment no 183 ends and continues along the road in compartment no. 172 and its Eco sensitive zone of Valamuru Beat of Maredumilli Section.**

7. The proposed area is not a part of Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve or Elephant corridor.

8. No Archeologically important structures are present in the proposed area.

9. The proposals for laying OFC may be accepted with specified width and lengths in total area of 4.640 Ha.

Hence the permission may be accorded to the user agency for diversion of 4.640 Ha in reserve forests and Protected areas of Kakinada Division for laying OFC in favour of M/s.Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Visakhapatnam subject to the following conditions.

- a) The status of the area remains as Reserve Forests.
- b) The proposed area is meant only for what the user agency has sought for but not for any other commercial purposes whatever it may be.
- c) The user agency should inform the commencement of the work.
- d) The user agency should invariably demarcate the proposed land for diversion with any suitable permanent stones/ pillars. After demarcation only the works should be commenced.
- e) The user agency should not resort to excavate the surrounding forest land for collection of earth to be used in laying of OFC. If such excavation is found during work period or later the user agency and its site in-charge Officer will be charged with suitable provisions of relevant Acts.
- f) The diversion work will be executed under the supervision of the Forest department.
- g) The user agency shall obey to any other conditions stipulated by the Forest department as per Acts and Rules.
- h) For every violation which attracts the provisions of A.P.Forest Act, 1967 and Forest (Conservation Act), 1980 the user agency is solely responsible for violations if any.
- i) The user agency shall give an undertaking in accordance to the condition stipulated.
- j) Any other conditions to be applicable in the National Park and Eco sensitive zone.



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