

**RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS (WILD LIFE)  
AND FIELD DIRECTOR, PALAKKAD**

The user agency vide application No. FP/KL/OFC/153556/2022 submitted a proposal for laying optical fiber cable through forest areas of Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary. The proposed area falls within Tholpetty Range under Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary. The proposed area runs along the side of the road passing through Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary. The proposed area under Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary is 0.4611 Ha (segment No. 1- Thetturoad to Pulivalmoola (0.1380 ha), segment 2- Begur to Naiketetty (0.2292 ha) and segment 3- Naiketetty to Kutta state border (0.0939 ha) Total 0.4611 ha) barest minimum area required for the proposed project. Wildlife Warden, Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary, inspected the site on 07.06.2022 and informed that no work in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act have been carried out. The Wildlife Warden informed that there will not be any disturbance for the flora and fauna due to implementation of the project as it is underground laying of Optical Fiber Cable. The user agency will cover up the trench and restore the forest land and hand it over back to the Forest Department. The Wildlife Warden also informed, the work will result in providing better mobile connectivity to the remote villages mainly tribal settlement and also to the Forest Office, Forest Stations and Camping stations of Forest Department and recommended the project. Hence, considering all this factors, the proposal is recommended for 0.4611 Ha for Forest Clearance as per the norms and guidelines of MoEF & CC, Government of India.

  
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