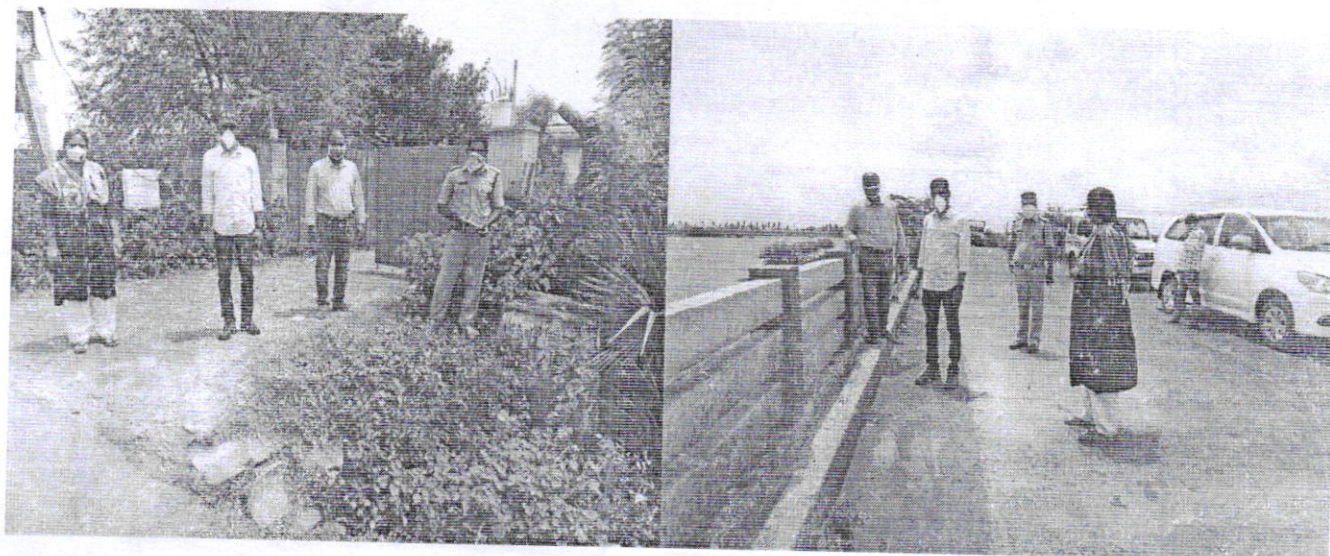


SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF SRI C. SELVAM, IFS., DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION, ELURU ON FOREST AREA PROPOSED FOR DIVERSION FOR LAYING OF OPTICAL FIBRE CABLE BY DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, OFP, BSNL, VIJAYAWADA.

A proposal has been received by this office from the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Guntur for diversion (under FCA-1980) of 0.21 Ha of Forest land for laying of optical fibre cable between Eluru and Kaikaluru for providing high speed communication & data service to Government and Non-Government and Public use. The laying out cable along the R&B road from Chinayadlagadi to Pedayadlagadi falls inside the Kolleru Wildlife sanctuary limit i.e., located in below +5 Contour. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been carried out by me along with FRO, WLM Kaikaluru and DE, BSNL, Vijayawada on 08.08.2020.

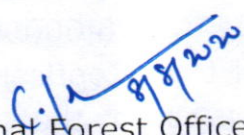
On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the user agency is a sanctuary area measuring 0.21 Ha. The area was notified under G.O.Ms.No.120, EFS&T (For.III) Dept., dt.04.10.1999. The said area is falling along the berm of the road (Eluru to Kaikaluru R&B road). The project starts from Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary boundary pillar stone near Kalakurru Check post in Eluru WLM Range – West Godavari District (N 16.61838, E 81.15557) and ends at the end of the Chinayadlagadi bridge (N 16.60090, E 81.18496) in Kaikaluru WLM Range – Krishna District. The optical fibre cable is to be laid along the road edge (0.8-1.0 m away from the road edge) by digging trench with a depth of 165 cm and width of 30 cm over a length of 3795 m (as per DGPS survey) except in two bridges where cable will be attached to the Bridge structure. The trench will be refilled after cable is laid. The proposed area of 0.21 ha is not a notified forest area but is part of Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary and no tree growth is found on the proposed area.



1. The proposed area is not located in any protected Archeological/ Heritage sites/ Defence establishment site/ any other important monument.
2. There are no rare / endangered species of flora and fauna.
3. The user agency has not violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and no work was commenced till today at the location.

In view of this above, that the laying of Optical Fibre Cable along the road edge is essential for providing high speed data and communication to the local public and government offices in and around Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary. There will be no impact on wildlife due to this proposed project. The total work is in linear length along with the berm of the road, the land required unavoidable, hence recommended with condition that suitable signages and awareness board to be kept along the R&B road in identified location by the forest department for the purpose of creating awareness.

Date: 08-08-2020
Place: Eluru


Divisional Forest Officer,
Wildlife Management Division,
Eluru.