Suitability of area identified for Compensatory Afforestation and from management point of view

I have Inspected the location for diversion of 0.1137ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Thiruvannamalai to Thiyagadurgam road section over a length of 3.79Km across Swamimalai RF in villupuram Diversion area (now in Kallakuruchi District) in favour of M/S Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai on 07.11.2022 along with the Forest Range Officer and staff of Ulundurpet range. The proposal for diversion of 0.1137 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Thiruvannamalai to Thiyagadurgam road section over a length of 3.79Km across Swamimalai RF villupuram Division area (now in Kallakuruchi District) in favour of M/S Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai in the State of Tamil Nadu to an extent of 0.045 ha is a linear project and it is passing through Swamimalai Reserve Forest of Kallackurichi District in Villupuram Forest Division.

The Compensatory Afforestation area for the proposed diversion area of 0.1137 ha, the degraded forest land to an extent of 0.2274 ha has been identified in Thagarai Reserved Forest for plantation.

The forest type Thagarai RF is Southern Tropical Dry mixed deciduous. The floral diversity of the Thagarai RF includes mainly tree species like Syzygium cumini, Azadirachta indica, Pongamia pinnata, Tamarindus indica, wrightia tintoria Holoptelea integrifolia, Thespesia populnea *and* Shrubby growth of other miscellaneous species etc., and the faunal diversity of the Thagarai RF is mainly comprised of Spotted deer, Indian gaur, bear, Peacock and Wild boar etc.

The Compensatory area identified in Thagarai RF is suitable for afforestation and found to be convenient in the management point of view. The proposal for afforestation is uploaded in the online web portal - Part - II of Form - A.

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