

Date: 08/09/2024

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Divisional Forest Officer,

Forest Division, Ferozepur,

Punjab - 152002.

Subject:

Request for grant of Right of Way Permission for laying Optical Fiber Cable along the route (1.) from NH 354, Cantonment Area, Firozpur to Chhapri Sahib, Toot road near NH 354 (CH.1857-CH.9602) (2.) from Chhapri Sahib, Toot road near NH 354 to NH 354, Bir Ghugiana (CH.9902-CH.16170) (3.) from NH 354, Bir Ghugiana to Kingra road turn (CH.16870-CH.29288) (Total Length 26.431 Km) on route Ferozepur-Muktsar (Link ID 1.2.33) for Army Project ASCON PH-IV.

 Reference:
 (a) Army letter No even dt 03.03.2021

 (b) ITI letter No ITI/NSU/PIA/ASCON/001/275, dt.27.05.2021

 (c) B/50818/AWG/PhIV/T3/Contract/02, dt. 16.08.2021

Dear Sir,

Indian Army intends to rollout Optical Fiber Cable Network namely Army Static Switched Communication Network Phase-IV (ASCON-Phase-IV).

To execute this project, The Indian Army has Issued Purchase Order to M/s ITI Ltd (ITI is Project Implementing Agency) and M/s ITI Ltd has further issued Tender to M/s Vindhya Telelinks Limited to execute this project. Authorization letters issued by the Army and ITI to execute this Project are enclosed as Annexure-I &II.

The work will be executed by M/s ITI Limited through M/s Vindhya Telelinks Limited an authorized Service Partner of M/s ITI Limited (The End User is Indian Army) through HDD method as per standards, policies and guidelines laid by the authority for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC). In HDD (Trenchless) method, pits will be dug generally of dimension 1m X 0.60m X1.65m at an average interval of approximately at a distance of 150 meters. We would like to request you to accord permission for laying of this network in exclusive corridors (i.e. wherever fewer utilities of other operators are available).

OFC link in above mentioned section is falling under your jurisdiction, which is also required to be rolled out as part of this project.

So we request you to issue BT Bill/Demand notes in favor of <u>Directorate General of Signals, General Staff Branch,</u> <u>Integrated HQ of MoD (Army) AHQ PO New Delhi-110011</u> and <u>ITI Limited NSU Unit Doorvaninagar, Bangaluru</u> C/O Vindhya Telelinks Limited, E-237, Industrial Area, Phase 8-B, Mohali, Punjab-160055.

It is hereby requested to grant necessary Right of Way permission for the above-mentioned section under your jurisdiction at the earliest.

We are enclosing herewith all the requisite documents for the permissions to lay the Optical Fiber Cable along with Route Diagram for your perusal. This project is of national importance and is to be implemented in "Mission Mode" to meet the operational/strategic communication requirement of Army within stipulated timelines. Due to the strategic nature of the project, it is preferred by the Indian Army that the ROW permission should be valid for a period of ten years. Hence, it is requested that matter may be treated on priority and permission may be granted at the earliest.

As the Information pertaining to this project is highly confidential, you are requested to restrict any unauthorized disclosure or use of this Information.

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Authorized Signatory ASHOK GUPTA Additional General Manage ITI Limited, Jalandhar.