

Full Title of the Project: **Laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable on Machhedi-Thall- Bhullari**

File No: **FP/JK/OFC/151348/202**

Date of Proposal: **08.02.2022**

**Site inspection report by an officer not below the rank of DCF/DFO
(For the forest land to be diverted under FCA)**

1. A proposal has been received by this office from Vindhya Telelinks Ltd., Jammu, for diversion (under FCA, 1980) of 0.97 Ha of forest land for non-forestry purpose. The subject envisages the use of forest land for Laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable on Mahedi-Thall- Bhullari. The site inspection of the land involved in the proposal has been done by me on 17.04.2022. On inspection of the site, it is found that the land required by the User Agency is a forest land measuring, 0.97 ha located in **Ishu Reserve Forest in Compartment No. 25b/Blr & Brotha Reserve Forest in 78/Bni of Malhar Range**. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in Col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and is barest minimum required for the project.
2. Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area? If so, the details thereof: No
3. Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area? If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required. No
4. **The UA has not violated the provisions of the FCA. 1980 and no work has been started without proper sanction**
5. Specific recommendations for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal: The proposed Laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable on Mahedi-Thall- Bhullari shall bring a great respite to the local inhabitants by providing better network facility in the area. Moreover, the construction of the project shall not involve felling of any tree or any loss to local biodiversity in any way. Therefore, it is recommended that the proposal may kindly be accorded Stage-I Approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Place: Billawar

Date: 17.04.2022


**Divisional Forest Officer
Billawar Forest Division
Billawar**