

## **PART-II (Recommendation)**

**(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)**

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

File No: **FP/JK/OFC/151348/2022**

Date of Proposal: **08.02.2022**

**1. Location of the project/Scheme:**

- i) State/Union Territory Jammu and Kashmir
- ii) District Kathua
- iii) Forest Division Billawar Forest Division
- iv) Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.) 0.97 Ha
- v) Legal status of forest : Reserve Forest
- vi) Density of vegetation 0.3
- vii) Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation / hydel projects enumeration at FRL, FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed.) Nil.
- viii) Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion. Not prone to erosion except few intervening stretches having precipitous slope
- ix) Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest. 0 km.
- x) Whether forms part of National Park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc. (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed). No
- xi) Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area-if so, details thereof. No
- xii) Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, if required. No

**2. Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col. 2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternatives examined. Yes**

**3. Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress. Not notice**

**4. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme:**

- i) Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch. Enclosed.
- ii) Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries. Enclosed.
- iii) Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc. Enclosed

- iv) Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme. 4.37 Lakh
  - v) Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view. (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests). Enclosed
5. Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col. 7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above. Enclosed
6. Division/District profile:
- i) Geographical area of the district. 265100 Ha.
  - ii) Forest area of the district. 90500.50 Ha.
  - iii) Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases. 1293.31 Ha
  - iv) Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/division since 1980 on
    - (a) Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation, 2023.49 Ha
    - (b) non-forest land. Nil
  - v) Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (date) 31.05.2022
    - (a) forest land 2023.49 Ha
    - (b) non-forest land. Nil
  - vi) Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.

Proposed Laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable on Mahedi-Thall- Bhullari by Vindhya Telelinks Ltd., Jammu, Proposal No. FP/JK/OFC/151348/2022 in Billawar Forest Division. The forest area proposed for diversion is 0.97 Ha falling in the category of "Reserve Forest". As the proposed project envisages provisioning for better network facility in the area, therefore, it is recommended for grant of Stage-I or In-principle approval.

**Place: Billawar**  
**Dated: 31.05.2022**

  
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