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Forest Department**

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To,  
**The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal officer(FCA)**  
Aranya Bhavana, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-03

Sir,

Subject : Diversion of 0.083ha. of forest land for laying of underground OFC cab along the road (NH-169) between Mangalore-Sringeri-Koppa E Telesonic Networks Ltd, Bengaluru through Reserve Forest in various villages of Koppa Division under VAN (SANRAKSHAN EVAM SAMVARDHAN) ADHINIYAM, 1980 .

Reference :1 Forest Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/153126/2022

2. Govt of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and climate change(forest Conservation Division), New Delhi Order Dated 06-01-2022
3. Letter No. KFD/HoFF/A5-4(Misc)/02/2019-FC dt:12-01-2023 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) Bengaluru.
4. E -office file No:KFD/HOFF/A5-3(GFL)/34/2019-FC dt 22-08-2023 of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Head of the forest force), Aranya Bhavana, Bengaluru.
5. Letter No:528/2022-23 Dt 05-11-2022 of the Range Forest Officer, kalasa Range.
6. Letter No :ACF/BHR/673/2022-23 dt 16-11-2022 of Assistant Conservator of Forests, Balehonnur Sub Division, Balehonnur.

7. This Office Letter Even No Dt:02-12-2022

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With reference to the above subject, Sri. V.V Babu, DGM,CEO, jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Bengaluru" has applied for diversion of 0.1004 Ha land for laying JIO Underground OFC Cable from Samse to Kalasa through Reserve Forest, Section 4 Notified and Deemed Forests in Samse and Mavinakere villages of Kalasa Taluk of Koppa Division, Chikkamagaluru

District through online vide proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/15312/2022. The proposal was accepted by the Nodal officer, the proposal received by this office for Verification and submission of Site inspection report.

The Range Forest Officer, Kalasa Range and Assistant Conservator of Forests, Balehonnur Sub Division, Balehonnur has inspected the site and report submitted to this office Vide ref (5) and (6) cited above.

As per the site inspection report of the Range Forest Officer, Kalasa Range and Assistant Conservator of Forests, Balehonnur Sub Division, Balehonnur, the underground OFC cable passes through Samse and Maviankere villages to an Extent of 0.1232 Ha instead of 0.1004 Ha as against the proposal submitted by the user agency. The Proposed area is in the category of Reserve Forest, Section 4 Notified Forests and Deemed forests of Kalasa Taluk. The Underground OFC cable passes along the the State Highway -66 and does not require tree felling.

#### 1.Location Details

Sl No.	Division	Taluk	Village Name	Sy no	Length in Forest (Km.)	Area (Ha.)	Name of the Forest Block	Category of Forest Land
1	Koppa	Kalasa	Mavinakere	1,2,3,42 3,422,40 9, 335, 327,155 0,1025, 321, 298 & 146	3.472	0.104	-	Non Forest Land
2	Koppa	Kalasa	Mavinakere	176	1.082	0.0324	Devarabetta Reserve Forest Block	Reserve Forest
3	Koppa	Kalasa	Mavinakere	325	0.846	0.0253	Devarabetta Reserve Forest Block	Reserve Forest



4	Koppa	Kalasa	Samse	261,262, 260,266, 271,269, 297,,298 ,15,179, 174,175, 169,168, 61 & 257	4.473	0.134	-	Non Forest Land
5	Koppa	Kalasa	Samse	183	0.556	0.0166	Samse Block I- V	Reserve Forest
6	Koppa	Kalasa	Samse	183	1.110	0.0333	-	Deemed Forest
7	Koppa	Kalasa	Samse	265	0.523	0.0156	-	Deemed Forest

The Above area has been inspected by me on 22-07-2024. The User Agency Submitted the proposal for Diversion of 0.1004 Ha of Forest land for laying of Underground OFC cable, after the field Verification it is found that the actual area covered is 0.1232 Ha of forest land. The Remaining extent does not comprises of forest land which is either malki land or govt land.

## 2. Net Present Value(NPV)

It is submitted that the above areas falling under Eco-Class-I (Semi- evergreen very dense Forests).. The proposed area is not falling in National park/Sanctuary and no felling of tree is involved. Hence there is exemption on NPV is accorded as per MOEF order vide order No:5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 6 th January 2022 vide Ref No(3).

## 3. Compensatory Afforestation(CA)

It does not attract Compensatory afforestation also since the Diversion of Land is Less than 1.00 Ha. But Compensatory Planting Cost required to be Collected considering Minimum of 16 Plants, even though no felling of trees involved. Hence Compensatory planting charges to be collected vide Ref No (4).

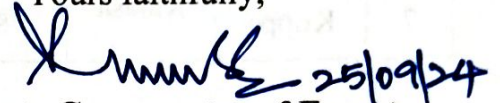
Sl No	Catogary of the Proposal	Extent(Ha)	Compensatory Planting cost (16 plants or Less)
1	Installation of OFC Cable	0.1232	2,98,495/-

The Proposed forest Land is not part of National park, Wild life Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve and Elephant Corridor etc. The Proposed Forest Land within the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Kudremukha National park notified under wildlife (Protection)Act 1972. Hence the Proposal requires approval by the Monitoring Committee.

The Proposed Diversion of 0.1232 Ha of forest land for Installation of Undergroud OFC cable between Samse to Kalasa involving various sy no's in Samse and Mavinakere Villages of Koppa forest Division is recommended for approval under VAN (SANRAKSHAN EVAM SAMVARDHAN) ADHINIYAM, 1980 .

The report along with the Part-II of Form-A, Site Inspection report and Recommendation letter is updated in the PARIVESH 2.0 website and the copy of the same is attached herewith for your kind information and further needful.

Yours faithfully,



Deputy Conservator of Forest,  
Koppa Division, Koppa

Sl No	Category of the Proposal	Extent (ha)	Compensation Planting cost (Rs. per ha or 1 cent)
1	Installation of OFC Cable	0.1232	2,02,482/-