

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.913/Section-II/2022/(1705935)

Dated:10.05.2022

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government
EFS&T Department,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati-522503.

To
The Inspector General of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office,
Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 0.45 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos.308, 309, 310 & 312 of Rapur-Yerragonda RF, Compartment No.333 of Rapur Veligonda Block "A" Extn "B" RF and Compartment No.331 of Rapur-Veligonda Block Extn "C" RF, Nellore Division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) in favour of Authorized Signatory, M/s Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad - Proposal submitted for Forest Clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.no.EFS02-15026/17/2020-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated:07.04.2022.

I enclose herewith a copy of the letter cited along with statutory proforma proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, for diversion of 0.45 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos.308, 309, 310 & 312 of Rapur-Yerragonda RF, Compartment No.333 of Rapur Veligonda Block "A" Extn "B" RF and Compartment No.331 of Rapur-Veligonda Block Extn "C" RF, Nellore Division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) in favour of Authorized Signatory, M/s Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad.

2. I am to inform that the User Agency i.e., M/s Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad has uploaded the subject proposal (Proposal No.FP/AP/OFC/81411/2020) in the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, web portal (www.parivesh.nic.in) for prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980. The User Agency has justified that the area required for laying of the OFC is the bare minimum considering the requirements and also considering the safety of cables so laid. Since the Telecommunication cables also carry the communication from the Government offices, Defense and strategic establishments, and from the differential industrial organizations apart from the general public, for the safety and confidentiality of the conservation so made it not advisable to lay such important cables on the private land belonging to different parties. The cable alignment will be suitable diverted to avoid any cutting of trees and laid within the road land boundary by excavating a narrow trench of 0.47 m. width. The same strip of trench will be reinstated to its original condition. It is also intimated that no structure will be erected on the cable route. The project does not involve felling of trees as OFC is laid within the Road Boundary along the Road only. The User Agency has furnished RoFR Certificate in form-I issued by the District Collector, SPSR Nellore and also undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA and tree extraction charges etc.

3. Further, I am to inform that the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore has recommended the proposal in Part-II. The Conservator of Forests, Guntur has agreed with the information provided in Part-II by the District Forest Officer, and also recommended the proposal in Part-III. The Nodal Officer (FCA), Andhra Pradesh has recommended the proposal in Part-IV. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh recommend the proposal in Part-V, which is enclosed herewith.

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4. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.45 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos.308, 309, 310 & 312 of Rapur-Yerragonda RF, Compartment No.333 of Rapur Veligonda Block "A" Extn "B" RF and Compartment No.331 of Rapur-Veligonda Block Extn "C" RF, Nellore Division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) in favour of Authorized Signatory, M/s Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

N. Jagadeeswaru
for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

The Authorized Signatory, M/s Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad.

PART-V

Proposal for diversion of 0.45 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos.308, 309, 310 & 312 of Rapur-Yerragonda RF, Compartment No.333 of Rapur Veligonda Block "A" Extn "B" RF and Compartment No.331 of Rapur-Veligonda Block Extn "C" RF, Nellore Division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) in favour of Authorized Signatory, M/s Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad.

18.	Recommendation of the State Government	Recommended
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Signature



Name & Designation

Dr. P.V. CHALAPATHI RAO, I.F.S.,

Special Secretary to Government

Environment, Forests, Science

Official Seal

and Technology Department

A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522238.

Date: 10-05-2022

Place: AMARAVATI