

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Letter No.2845/Section-II/2022/1938670

Dated:10.01.2023

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

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 0.52 ha forest land in Kanupuru East RF, Surveypalli RF, Surveypalli Extn RF of Nellore Range and Puduru& Yellasiri RF of Venkatagiri Range Nellore Division for laying optical fiber cable by 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.EFS02-15026/17/2018-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated: 18.11.2022.

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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 0.52 ha forest land in Kanupuru East RF, Surveypalli RF, Surveypalli Extn RF of Nellore Range and Puduru& Yellasiri RF of Venkatagiri Range Nellore Division for laying optical fiber cable by M/s.Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad.

2. In this regard, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has informed that the User Agency i.e., M/s.Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad has uploaded the subject proposal (No.FP/AP/ROAD/143854/2021) in the Parivesh portal for prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest Conservation 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 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 issued by the District Collector, SPSR Nellore District and also undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA and tree extraction charges etc.

3. Further, he has informed that the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore has stated that **the User Agency has violated the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 on Puduru RF. The field staff has booked forest cases against the person responsible for violation. Copy of the cases booked against the User Agency is furnished herewith. As regards the staff responsible, explanation is called for from the staff for the violation.** In column no. 13 of Part-II, the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore has "Recommended" the proposal after imposing due penal provisions on the user agency. In part -III, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur has agreed with the information furnished by the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore and Recommended the proposal for diversion of forest land. In Part -IV, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) & Nodal Officer (FCA), has agreed with the information furnished by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur and the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore and Recommended the proposal for diversion of forest land.

4. I inform that based on the above recommendations, State Government recommends the proposal in Part-V, which is enclosed herewith.

5. 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 0.52 ha forest land in Kanupuru East RF, Surveypalli RF, Survepalli Extn RF of Nellore Range and Puduru & Yellasiri RF of Venkatagiri Range Nellore Division for laying optical fiber cable by M/s. Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

  
for Special Chief Secretary to Government  


**Copy to:**


The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,  
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.  
M/s. Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad.

**PART-V**

Proposal for diversion of 0.52 ha forest land in Kanupuru East RF, Surveypalli RF, Surveypalli Extn RF of Nellore Range and Puduru & Yellasiri RF of Venkatagiri Range Nellore Division for laying optical fiber cable by M/s. Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad.

18.	Recommendation of the State Government	Recommended
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Signature

  
Dr. P.V. CHALAPATHI RAO, I.F.S.,  
Name & Designation  
Special Secretary to Government  
Environment, Forests, Science  
and Technology Department  
Official Seal  
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522238.

Date: 12-01-2023

Place: AMARAVATI