

ANNEXURE D-I

Justification for locating the Project in Forest Land and Details of alternate examined

Name of the Project:

Proposal for Laying of underground OFC along road side from Batlagundu to Theni by BSNL, OFC Projects, Madurai across Pinnathevanpatti RL, Ammapuram Bit II RF, Paramasivankovil Karadu RL and Valkaradu R.F. of Theni Forest Division


Location of the Project:

The project proposed to be executed from Batlagundu to Theni through the villages like Old Batlagundu, Viralipatti, Eluvanampatti, Bomminaickanpatti, Sindhuvampatti, Jayamangalam, Melmangalam, Kamakkapatti, Chokkathavanpatti, Ammapatti and Pinnathevanpatti. The area proposed for this proposal lies near Allinagaram, Pinnathevanpatti, Boduvarpatti, Karuvelnaickanpatti villages in Theni District.

Details of the Project:

BSNL, OFC Projects, Division-I, Madurai has proposed an 48F OFC route from Batlagundu to Theni in order to provide fault free mobile connectivity and quality Broadband network for Arasu Cable TV and to the better mobile communication facility to the people.

Moreover, the existing 12 F Optical Fibre Cable from Batlagundu to Theni along NH Road is full loaded and also damaged in many locations due to road expansion work and activities of other agencies. The project is planned mostly through village areas to ensure better connectivity to remote areas.



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The area required for the OFC execution work for the project is Telephone Exchange through PLB duct as an alternate route for Theni District Headquarters and interstate connectivity to Kerala. This project was approved in Regional Trunk Planning and Coordination (BSNL).

The area requested for laying Optical Fibre Cable is minimum, which is a part of the protected forest land and also considering the requirements and safety of the cables so laid.

The cable alignment will be suitably diverted to avoid any cutting of trees and laid within the road boundary by excavating a narrow trench of 0.30 meters width and up to 1 to 2 meter depth. 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 area does not involve any diversion of forest area in any manner. No alternative was considered as the project is site specific.


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