

**Letter No.4801/FR.10/2023-2, dated:30.10.2023**

From  
Tmt.Supriya Sahu, IAS.,  
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To  
The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,  
Regional Office,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Additional Office Block for GPOA,  
Shastri Bhawan, Haddows Road,  
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 006 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Srivilliputhur  
Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai circle – Srivilliputhur Wildlife  
Division & Megamalai Wildlife Division – Proposal  
(FP/TN/Others/23908/2017) for diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land  
for laying of underground OFC along Theni Mallapuram route in  
Saptur Reserved Forest in Srivilliputhur Wildlife Division, Madurai  
District in favour of Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai -  
Forwarding of - Regarding.

Ref: 1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) letter  
No.TS4/4382/2017, dated 08.06.2023.  
2. Government letter No.4801/FR.10/2023-1, dated 04.07.2023.  
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) letter  
No.TS4/4382/2017, dated 06.07.2023.

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I am directed to enclose copies of the references 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> cited and to state that, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) in his letter first cited has stated that, M/s.Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai has uploaded online forest clearance proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along Theni Mallapuram route in Saptur Reserved Forest in Srivilliputhur Wildlife Division, Madurai District in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai.

2. In the Part-II of Form-A, the Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Srivilliputhur Division, Srivilliputhur has provided the density of vegetation as 0.4 and type of forest is Eco-class- 3 and furnished the following particulars:-

- i. In Sec.8(i), the details of wildlife present are Grizzled Giant Squirrel, Common Languor Leopard, Slender Loris, Indian Gaur, Sambar Chital,



- Jungle Cat, Small Indian Civet Common Palm, Civet Brown Palm, Civet Common Mongoose, Sloth Bear Ruddy mongoose, Wild pig Indian Pangolin, Star tortoise, Indian Porcupine Monitor Lizard, Changeable hawk eagle, Serpent eagle, Eagle owl, Jungle owlet, Peafowl Grey jungle fowl, Spectacled cobra, Rat snake, Indian krait.
- ii. In section 8(ii), whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant corridor, Wildlife migration corridor etc., the District Forest Officer has mentioned as "Yes" and for details and comments on the impact of Project on such areas it is stated that since the project proposed is all along the existing road, the impact is minimal.
  - iii. In sec 8(iii), the forest land proposed for diversion is not located within Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. However, in EDS reply dated 21.04.2023, the Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Srivilliputhur has stated that out of total length of 6.23 Kms required for the project, 4.30 Kms passes through Sanctuary area, 1.83 Kms passes through non-sanctuary area and 0.100 Km passes through Eco Sensitive Zone of Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve.
  - iv. In section 8(iv), Whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located within 1Km from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion is "Yes" and details and comments on the impact of Project on such areas, he has mentioned as since the project proposed is all along the existing road, the impact is minimal.
  - v. In section 8(v), whether any rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area the Deputy Director has uploaded as "Yes" and the details of the species were not uploaded in the section. The endangered species of fauna furnished in the site inspection report of the Deputy Director.
  - vi. In section 9, No protected archaeological / heritage site / defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.
  - vii. In section 10, The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project.
  - viii. In section 11, No work in violation of the Act or guidelines issued under the Act has been carried out.
  - ix. In section 13, Compensatory Afforestation scheme to be carried out in Saptur Reserved Forest over an area 0.38 ha to an amount of 8.87 lakhs.
  - x. The SL sheet Map for showing the boundary of proposed area for Compensatory Afforestation and geo referenced map of the forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation have been uploaded. Suitability of land for Compensatory Afforestation has been uploaded by the Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Srivilliputhur.

3. The Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Srivilliputhur has inspected the proposed area along with the concerned Saptur Range staff on 09.02.2022 and stated that,

- i. The area requested by the user agency is 6.23 km.
- ii. The ecological importance of the proposed area is,
  - a) Part of Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve
  - b) Part of Agasthiyar Biosphere landscape.
  - c) Part of Elephant reserve No.7
  - d) Erstwhile Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary.



- iii. The entire project falls inside the Mallapuram beat of Saptur Reserved Forest all along Mallapuram - Myladumparai road for which right is admitted as per G.O.(Ms)No.14 dated 08.02.2021. The road passes through the buffer area of Tiger which involves both sanctuary and non sanctuary area. The Optical Fibre Cable passes through 4.30KM in Sanctuary area and 0.70Km non-sanctuary area. The site has several endangered wildlife species also.
- iv. However damage caused to flora and fauna is very minimal as the project is proposed along the road from Muthalamparai village to Mallapuram village through Saptur Reserved Forest.
- v. This will enable transportation of equipment to lay Optical Fibre Cable through the road and also facilitate easy operation and maintenance in future.
- vi. The Project site doesn't have any important monuments which has archeological importance/heritage site/ defence establishment, etc.

4. Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) has stated that, the total length of the road from Mallapuram to Myladumparai is 6.23 km. Out of total area, 5.00 Km (4.30 Km passes through Sanctuary area and 0.70 Km non-sanctuary area) is under the control of Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Srivilliputhur and the balance (6.23-5.00) 1.23Km is under the control of Megamalai Division.

5. In the recommendation, the Deputy Director has stated that the site proposed for laying Optical Fibre Cable is home for several endangered species. However damage caused to flora and fauna is very minimal as the project is proposed along the road from Muthalamparai village to Mallapuram village through Saptur Reserved Forest. This will enable transportation of equipment to lay Optical Fibre Cable through the road and also facilitate easy operation and maintenance in future. The project site doesn't have any important monuments which has archeological importance/ heritage site / defence establishment, etc.

6. Further Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife in his letter ref.No.WL5/20666/2022 dated 16.12.2022 has stated that this proposal was recommended by the State Board for Wildlife with some conditions.

7. The Deputy Director, Megamalai Division, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Theni has stated in his Ref.No.D1/10060/2022 dated 14.02.2023 that, the above said area was inspected and surveyed along with Forest Settlement Officer, Bodi, Forest Range Officers of Gandamanur and Varushanadu Range along with their field staff and surveyor on 24.12.2022. During the inspection, the boundary stones of SF No. 1313/1, 1444/1,2, 1445/1,2 of Kadamalaikundu Village were identified on ground and it was ascertained that the road passes through these survey numbers and the same was reported by the Forest Settlement Officer, Bodi in his letter No.360/2022 dated 30.01.2023. As per his report, the alignment identified by the user agency falls in S.F.No.1313, 1444/1,2, 1445/1,2 of Kadamalaikundu village and then enters the Reserved Forest of Madurai District, and as per the village records the S.F.No.1313 is Un-Assessed Wasteland, S.F.No.1445/1 is Anathinam and S.F.No.1444/1,2, 1445/2 are joint patta (Patta No.4289) and hence it is submitted that the site required for the proposed Optical Fibre Cable works not pertaining to this Megamalai Division.

8. In Part – III, the Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai has stated that the project area was inspected



on 07.04.2023, and agreed the remarks of Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Srivilliputhur Division and Megamalai Division. In the specific recommendation, she has stated that as the above proposal is for laying Optical Fibre Cable along the existing Theni Mallapuram Road, no tree felling involved and laid underground, this project is recommended for diversion of 0.19 ha in Saptur Reserved Forest of Srivilliputhur Division.

9. Further, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) has stated that the user agency has uploaded the online proposal for Wildlife Clearance for seeking recommendation of Standing Committee of State Board for Wildlife and clearance obtained from State Board for Wildlife and communicated in Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai Ref. No.WL5/20666/2022 dated 16.12.2022 with some terms and conditions.

10. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has sent the proposal duly recommended by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation Act) / Nodal Officer Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 of the State of Tamil Nadu.

11. Based on the recommendations made by the Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Srivilliputhur Division, Srivilliputhur, Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai and Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA), the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF) has recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along Theni Mallapuram route in Saptur Reserved Forest in Srivilliputhur Wildlife Division, Madurai District in favour of M/s.Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai for a period of 20 years, under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to the following conditions and requested the Government to forward the same to Government of India for obtaining their approval for the project proposal:-

- i. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests.
- ii. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at appropriate place as per the directions of District Forest Officer concerned at the cost of User Agency.
- iii. The User Agency shall remit Compensatory Afforestation amount as demanded by the Forest Department.
- iv. The User Agency shall pay the Net present value of the diverted forest area at the rates stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests from time to time, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2009 in I.A. Nos.826 in 566 with related IAs in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
- v. The fund from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited by generating chalan from the Ministry's online web portal. UTR No. and date should be furnished.
- vi. The Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to the effect.



- vii. The user Agency shall be responsible for any loss of Flora and Fauna in the surroundings and shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
- viii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- ix. The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.Ms.No.272, Environment and Forest (FR.XIII) Department, dated 15.04.1991.
- x. The period of lease is 20 years.
- xi. The User Agency should send renewal proposal one year before expiry of lease.
- xii. The Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director and District Forest Officer / Deputy Director may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation / protection / and development of forest.

12. On further clarification, with regard to the payment of Net Present Value, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has stated that, the User Agency has given undertaking to pay the Net Present Value and Additional Net Present Value amount as fixed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Further the proposal has been recommended with a condition that Net Present Value and Additional Net Present Value as fixed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India (Condition No.4 & 6) shall be paid by the User Agency. No exemption has been given to the User Agency for payment of Net Present Value and Additional Net Present Value. The User Agency will be insisted to pay the Net Present Value and Additional Net Present Value after getting prior Stage-I approval from the Government of India based on the Eco class and Density of Forest area.

13. The Government have examined and accept the proposal (FP/TN/Others/23908/2017) of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) for diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along Theni-Mallapuram route in Saptur Reserved Forest in Srivilliputhur Wildlife Division, Madurai District in favour of M/s.Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai for a period of 20 years, under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and decided to forward the same to Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India for obtaining their concurrence.

14. I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly obtain the concurrence of the Competent Authority and communicate the same to this Government, early.

Yours faithfully

M. Hegde  
2/11/2023

for Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

2/11/23

**Copy to:-**

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Chennai-32.

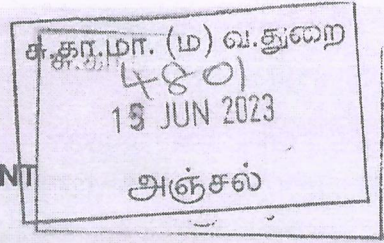
The Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,  
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C.No. 4801 / FR.10/2023



**TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Forest Headquarters Building,  
Guindy - Velachery Main road,  
Near Kannikapuram Checkpost,  
Guindy, Chennai - 600 032

To  
The Additional Chief Secretary to  
Government,  
Environment Climate Change and  
Forests Department,  
Secretariat,  
Chennai 600 009.

**Ref. No. TS4/4382/2017 dated. 08.06.2023**

Madam,

Sub: Forest – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – SMTR Madurai circle – Srivilliputhur Wildlife Division & Megamalai Wildlife Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along Theni Mallapuram route in Saptur Reserved Forest – online proposal submission by the User Agency ie., Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai – Regarding.

- Ref:
1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai. (FP/TN/Others/23908/2017) on 02.02.2017.
  2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15 Ref.No:TS4/4382/2017 dated:27.07.2020.
  3. Part-II recommendation and field inspection report by the Deputy Director, SMTR, Srivilliputhur Division, Srivilliputhur Ref. No: D/2376/2018 dated 22.09.2022 & 21.04.2023
  4. Deputy Director, Megamalai Division, SMTR, Theni Ref. No: D1/10060/2022 dated 14.02.2023 & 24.03.2023
  5. Part-III recommendation and field inspection report by the Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai Lr.No:6099/2021/D1dated. 03.05.2023.

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I wish to state that the user agency Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai has uploaded an online proposal for diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along Theni - Mallapuram route in Saptur Reserved Forest in Srivilliputhur Wildlife Division, Madurai district under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the prescribed format.

2) The User Agency has furnished following Certificates /Undertakings.



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i) Form-A, Part-1 for seeking prior approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

ii) short narrative of the proposal for which the forest land is required. (As required vide A-1 (iii) of proposal format).

iii) Certificate of competence authority for making online application.

Power of Attorney to Thiru.T.T.Balsamy on behalf of company to do all works such as signing of agreements, documents or any other works.

iv) kml file along with GPS readings.

v) Copy of Survey of India topo sheet indicating boundary of forest land proposed to be diverted has been up-loaded forest boundary (Section C of Maps-C.iii)

vi) Geo referenced location map of the proposed diversion of forest area for formation of road marked in the google earth (Section C of Maps -C.iv)

vii) Note containing justification for locating the project in forest area (As required vide D.(i) of proposal format) enclosed.

In the justification, the user agency has stated that the area requested for this proposal is minimum considering the requirements and also considering the safety of the cables so laid. Since the telecommunication cables also carry the communication from the Government offices, Defense & Strategic establishments and from the different industrial organizations apart from the general public, for the safety and confidentiality of the conversation so made it is not advisable to lay such important cables on the private land belonging to different parties.

viii) Certificate obtained from the District Collector, Madurai District about settlement of Tribes under Forest Rights Act 2006 in the prescribed format.(Form-i for linear projects) in Ref.No:6288/2018/Y1 dated 06.12.2019.

ix) Certificate obtained from the District Collector, Madurai District regarding no suitable alternate non forest land other than forest land available for the project in Ref.No:6288/2018/Y1 dated 04.12.2019.

x) Area requirement details for the project Area-0.19ha

(6.23km x30cm = 1869sqm or 0.19ha)

3) The following certificates/undertakings were enclosed by the user agency.  
Combined undertaking for the following.

i) to bear the cost of Compensatory Afforestation, Penal Compensatory Afforestation/Maintenance of plantation/Protection of plantation for the proposed area of diversion.



- ii) for the payment of cost towards lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted.
- iii) To pay the value of cost of trees if any required to cut during expansion & maintenance works.
- iv) to pay the NPV amount as fixed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India required for the project.
- v) to pay the Additional NPV amount as fixed by the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India required for the project.
- vi) Agree if any conditions and amount has been fixed by the Forest Department.
- vii) Certificate regarding there is no catchment area treatment plan in the approved plan.
- viii) Certificate regarding no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- ix) Certificate regarding the requirement of forest land is barest minimum.
- x) to bear the cost of Compensatory Afforestation, Penal Compensatory Afforestation/Maintenance of plantation/Protection of plantation for the proposed area of diversion.
- xi) Undertaking to pay any cost of escalation for exploitation of trees if any available in the alignment path for the proposed diversion.
- xii) Undertaking to bear the cost of felling of trees and transportation cost of the trees to be removed if any available in the alignment path for the proposed diversion.
- xiii) Certificate from the user agency regarding there is no suitable and technically approved alternate non forest land available for the project.

4) In part-II, the Deputy Director, SMTR, Srivilliputhur Division, Srivilliputhur has provided the density of vegetation as 0.4 and type of forest is Eco-class-3.

5) In sec.8(i), the details of wildlife present are Grizzled Giant Squirrel Common Langur Leopard Slender Loris Indian Gaur Sambar Chital Jungle Cat Small Indian Civet Common Palm Civet Brown Palm Civet Common Mongoose Sloth Bear Ruddy mongoose Wild pig Indian Pangolin Star tortoise Indian Porcupine Monitor Lizard Changeable hawk eagle Serpent eagle Eagle owl Jungle owlet Peafowl Grey jungle fowl Spectacled cobra Rat snake Indian krait



6) In section 8(ii), Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant corridor, Wildlife migration corridor etc. the District Forest Officer has mentioned as "Yes" and for Details and comments on the impact of Project on such areas it is stated that since the project proposed is all along the existing road, the impact is minimal

7) In sec 8(iii), the forest land proposed for diversion is not located within Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. However, in EDS reply dt.21.04.2023, the Deputy Director, SMTR Srivilliputhur has stated that out of total length of 6.23 Kms required for the project, 4.30 Kms passes through Sanctuary area, 1.83 Kms passes through non-sanctuary area and 0.100 Km passes through Eco Sensitive Zone of SMTR.

8) In section 8(iv), Whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion is 'Yes' and details and comments on the impact of Project on such areas, he has mentioned as since the project proposed is all along the existing road, the impact is minimal

9) In section 8(v), Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area the DD has uploaded as 'Yes' and the details of the species were not uploaded in this section. The endangered species of fauna furnished in the site inspection report of the Deputy Director.

10) In section 9, No protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.

11) In section 10, The requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project.

12) In section 11, No work in violation of the Act or guidelines issued under the Act has been carried out.

13) In section 13, CA scheme to be carried out in Saptur RF over an area 0.38ha to an amount of 8.87lacs.

14) The SI sheet Map for showing the boundary of proposed area for CA and geo referenced map of the forest land proposed for CA have been uploaded.



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Suitability of land for CA has been uploaded by the Deputy Director, SMTR, Srivilliputhur.

15) The Deputy Director, SMTR, Srivilliputhur has inspected the proposed area along with the concerned Saptur Range staff on 09.02. 2022 and stated that

- i). The area requested by the user agency is 6.23km.
- ii). The ecological importance of the proposed area is
  - a) Part of SMTR
  - b) Part of Agasthiyar Biosphere landscape.
  - c) Part of Elephant reserve No:7
  - d) Ertswile Grizzled Squirrel WLS.
- iii). The entire project falls inside the Mallapuram beat of Saptur RF all along Mallapuram- Myladumparai road for which right is admitted as per GO.(Ms)No. 14 dated 08.02.2021. The road passes through the buffer area of Tiger which involves both sanctuary and non sanctuary area. The OFC passes through 4.30 KM in Sanctuary area and 0.70 KM non-sanctuary area. The site has several endangered wildlife species also.
- iv). However damage caused to flora and fauna is very minimal as the project is proposed along the road from Muthalamparai village to Mallapuram village through Saptur RF.
- v). This will enable transportation of equipment to lay OFC through the road and also facilitate easy operation and maintenance in future.
- vi). The project site doesn't have any important monuments which has archeological importance / heritage site / defence establishment etc.

He has also stated that, the total length of the road from Mallapuram to Myladumparai is 6.23km. Out of total area 5.00 KM (4.30 KM passes through Sanctuary area and 0.70 KM non-sanctuary area) is under the control of DD, SMTR, Srivilliputhur and the balance (6.23 - 5.00) 1.23 KM is under the control of Megamalai Division.



16) In the recommendation, the DD has stated that the site proposed for laying OFC is home for several endangered species. However damage caused to flora and fauna is very minimal as the project is proposed along the road from Muthalamparai village to Mallapuram village through Saptur RF. This will enable transportation of equipment to lay OFC through the road and also facilitate easy operation and maintenance in future. The project site doesn't have any important monuments which has archeological importance / heritage site / defence establishment etc.

17) Further in Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CWLW, Chennai-32 ref.no: WL5/20666/2022 dated 16.12.2022, this proposal was recommended by the SBWL with some conditions.

18) The DD, Megamalai Division, SMTR, Theni has stated in his ref.no: D1/10060/2022 dated 14.02.2023 that, the above said area was inspected and surveyed along with Forest Settlement Officer, Bodi, Forest Range Officers of Gandamanur and Varushanadu Range along with their field staff and surveyor on 24.12.2022. During the inspection, the boundary stones of SF No. 1313/1, 1444/1, 2, 1445/1, 2 of Kadamalaikundu Village were identified on ground and it was ascertained that the road passes through these survey numbers and the same was reported by the Forest Settlement Officer, Bodi in his letter No. 3602022 dated 30.01.2023. As per his report, the alignment identified by the user agency falls in S.F.No.1313, 1444/1, 2, 1445/1, 2 of Kadamalaikundu village and then enters the R.F. of Madurai District, and as per the village records the S.F.No.1313 is Un-Assessed Wasteland, S.F.No.1445/1 is Anathinam and S.F.No.1444/1, 2, 1445/2 are joint patta (Patta No. 4289) and hence it is submitted that the site required for the proposed OFC cable works not pertaining to this Megamalai Division.

19) In Part-III, the CCF & FD, SMTR, Madurai has stated that the project area was inspected on 07.04.2023, and agreed the remarks of Deputy Director, SMTR Srivilliputhur Division and Megamalai Division. In the specific recommendation, she has stated that as the above proposal is for laying of Optical Fibre Cable along the existing Theni Mallapuram Road, no tree felling involved and laid underground this project is recommended for diversion of 0.19 ha in Saptur RF of Srivilliputhur Division.

20) The user agency has uploaded the online proposal for Wildlife Clearance for seeking recommendation of Standing Committee of State Board for Wildlife and



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clearance obtained from State Board for Wildlife and communicated in PCCF & CWLW, Chennai Ref.No:WL5/20666/2022 dated 16.12.2022 with some terms and conditions.(copy enclosed)

21) In this regard, it is submitted that the User Agency has uploaded all the certificates /undertakings/details as required in this proposal. This proposal has been accepted by the Nodal Officer before the receipt of FC Rules 2022.

22) The proposal is sent herewith duly recommended in the part IV format proposal by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) / Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation Act).

23) The area proposed for diversion of 0.19ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along forest land for laying of underground OFC along Theni Mallapuram route in Saptur Reserved Forest in Srivilliputhur Wildlife Division is recommended and forwarded to the Government of Tamilnadu for obtaining approval from Government of India subject to the following conditions.

1. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests.
2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at appropriate places as per the directions of District Forest Officer concerned at the cost of User Agency.
3. The User Agency shall remit Compensatory Afforestation amount as demanded by the Forest Department.
4. The User Agency shall pay the Net present value of the diverted forest area at the rates stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests from time to time, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IAS in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
5. The fund from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation and NPV under this project shall be deposited by generating chalan from the Ministry's online web portal. UTR No and date should be furnished.
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- Court of India in future shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to the effect.
7. The User Agency shall be responsible for any loss to Flora and Fauna in the surroundings and shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
  8. The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
  9. The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.Ms.No.272, E&F(FR.XIII) Dept. dated 15.04.1991.
  10. The period of lease is 20 years
  11. The User Agency should send renewal proposal one year before expiry of lease.
  12. The Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director and District Forest Officer / Deputy Director\$ may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation /protection land development of forests.
- 24) I am enclosing the proposal in duplicate duly recommended for obtaining concurrence of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate change, Integrated Regional Office, Nungambakkam, Chennai under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion 0.19ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along Theni - Mallappuram route in Saptur Reserved Forest for 20 years in favour of Reliance Jio Infocomm Pvt.Ltd., Chennai )

Encl.: Proposal in duplicate.

Yours faithfully

for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)  
P. Anand  
09/06/2023  
07/06/23



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PART IV

(To be filed in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

**Name of the work:** Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 –SMTR, Madurai Circle – SMTR, Srivilliputhur Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.19ha of forest land in Saptur Reserved Forest for laying of underground OFC along Theni-Mallapuram route – Online proposal submission by the User Agency ie. Jio Digital Fibre private Ltd., Chennai.

**Proposal No:** (FP/TN/OFC/23908/2017)

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department. for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.

(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

Date:

Place:

Signature:

Name :

Official Seal:

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservation Act)/Nodal Officer

Recommended  
K. Raja  
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## TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From  
Subrat Mohabatra IFS.,  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Forest Headquarters Building,  
Guindy - Velachery Main road,  
Near Kannikapuram Checkpost,  
Guindy, Chennai - 600 032

To  
The Additional Chief Secretary to  
Government,  
Environment Climate Change and  
Forests Department,  
Secretariat,  
Chennai 600 009.

**Ref. No. TS4/4382/2017 dated. 06.07.2023**

Madam,

Sub: Forest – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – SMTR Madurai circle  
– Srivilliputhur Wildlife Division & Megamalai Wildlife Division –  
Proposal for diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land for laying of  
underground OFC along Theni Mallapuram route in Saptur  
Reserved Forest – online proposal submission by the User Agency  
ie., Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai – Regarding.

- Ref:
1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai. (FP/TN/Others/23908/2017) on 02.02.2017.
  2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15 Ref.No:TS4/4382/2017 dated:27.07.2020.
  3. Part-II recommendation and field inspection report by the Deputy Director, SMTR, Srivilliputhur Division, Srivilliputhur Ref. No: D/2376/2018 dated 22.09.2022 & 21.04.2023
  4. Deputy Director, Megamalai Division, SMTR, Theni Ref. No: D1/10060/2022 dated 14.02.2023 & 24.03.2023
  5. Part-III recommendation and field inspection report by the Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai Lr.No:6099/2021/D1dated. 03.05.2023.
  6. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests ref. No. TS4/4382/2017, dt. 08.06.2023.
  7. Government letter No. 4801/FR-120/2023-1, dt. 04.07.2023.

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I wish to inform that with reference to Government letter 7<sup>th</sup> cited, the User Agency has given undertaking to pay the Net Present Value and Additional Net Present Value amount as fixed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Further the proposal has



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been forwarded to the Government vide reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited subject to the undertaking by the User Agency to pay Net Present Value and with condition that Net Present Value and Additional Net Present Value as fixed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India (Condition No. 4 & 6) will be paid by the User Agency. No exemption has been given to the User Agency for payment of Net Present Value and Additional Net Present Value. The User Agency will be insisted to pay the Net Present Value and Additional Net Present Value after getting prior stage I approval from the Government of India based on the Eco class and Density of Forest area.

Hence, I request that the proposal sent vide reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited may be approved and forwarded to the Government of India for stage I approval.

Yours faithfully

P. K. Verma  
6/07/2023  
for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

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**TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
Thiru. Srinivas R Reddy, I.F.S.,  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
and Chief Wildlife Warden (FAC),  
Forest Head Quarters Building,  
Guindy-Velachery Main Road,  
Near Kanikapuram Check Post,  
Chennai - 600 032.

To  
The Additional Chief Secretary to  
Government,  
Environment Climate Change & Forests  
Department,  
Secretariat, Chennai - 9.

Ref. No. WL5/29695/2021 dated 18-11-2022

Madam,

Sub: Forests - Wildlife - State Board for Wildlife - Meeting held on  
16-11-2022 - Minutes of the meeting - Regarding.

Ref: Government letter No. 7677/FR.5/2022-10 dated 17-11-2022

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With reference to the above, I wish to enclose herewith the draft minutes of the meeting (English version) for State Board for Wildlife for kind perusal.

Further I wish to state that the 15 copies of agenda and other materials (including all booklets) along with draft minutes of the meeting (Tamil version) will be sent to Government in due course.

This is for kind information.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As stated above

*S. Muralidharan*  
18/11/2022  
for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
and Chief Wildlife Warden (FAC)

*[Signature]*  
18/11/22







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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD FOR WILDLIFE HELD**  
**ON 16.11.2022**

The 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the State Board for Wildlife was conducted under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 16.11.2022 at 11:00 A.M. in the Conference Hall of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

At the outset, the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department welcomed the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Minister for Forests and all Members.

1. MLA Cumbum Assembly Constituency has informed that 17.8 % Forests exists now and Forest Fire destroys rare flora and fauna and action to be taken to control the forest fire. To remove the invasive bushes and to protect the natural flora and generate revenue from the wood logs and plant natural species in the place. Tamil Nadu Biodiversity and Greening Protection (TBGP) may be extended. Digital Survey by Kerala to be vigilantly monitored by Revenue and Forest Department to prevent encroachment. The original residents of forests and their rights to be protected.
2. MLA Sankarapuram Assembly Constituency has informed that the earlier cattle grazing in buffer zone were permitted by Forest Department by issuing passes. This may be restored again. 2.6 Kms canal maintenance works in Kalvarayan hills to be permitted by the Forest Department. Basic infrastructure to the residents to be provided by Forest Department.
3. MLA Palani Assembly Constituency has appreciated the action taken by Forest Department by removing invasive species and also replanting. A joint committee with officials of Forest Department, Water Resource Department and local community to be formed for proper maintenance of water resources / tanks available within the Forest area. Road connectivity to the tribal hamlets in the forest area to be re-laid and maintained properly. Right of Way entitled to the Tribal Community to be restored.
4. Tmt. Savithiri Kani has stated that Anti-poaching watchers are working for the past 18-19 years. Their services to be regularized. Thanked for issuing pattas in one hamlets and survey started in other hamlets. The difficulties faced by the non-tribal residents of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve area has also to be addressed.

**The list of participants is annexed.**



Agenda Nos.	Name of the Agenda	Board Resolution
Agenda No. 1.	<b>Action Taken Report</b> - Action taken report on the resolution adopted in the last meeting held on 19-12-2018	
Agenda No. 2.	A Compendium on the initiatives of Government of Tamil Nadu	Books released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
Agenda No. 3.	Proposal to de-silt 4 lakhs cubic meters of silt (45.23 Ha Forest land has to be involved) from Papanasam Diversion Weir Reservoir (Online proposal No. FP/TN/HYD/2131/2018).	After detailed deliberations, the Board, resolved to recommend the proposal subject to the conditions mentioned in Part IV. Further the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department suggested to add one more condition viz., the Tribal rights to be protected and should not be disturbed.
Agenda No. 4.	Diversion of Surplus water from the Ramanthi reservoir to the Jambunathi System of Tanks and Excavation of New Canal from Padmanabaperi tanks to Pungakulam and Lower down tanks in Tenkasi and Alangular Taluks of Tenkasi District. (Online proposal No. FP/TN/Canal/5768/2021).	After detailed deliberations, the Board, resolved to recommend the proposal subject to the conditions mentioned in Part IV.
Agenda No. 5.	Proposal for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side from Dharmapuri - Anchetty State Highway for a distance of 8.6 Kms in Krishnagiri District (diversion of forest land is 0.258 Ha) (Online proposal No. FP/TN/Others/30207/2017).	After detailed deliberations, the Board, resolved to recommend and forward the proposal to Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife subject to the conditions mentioned in Part IV. Since there is no existing right of way for the proposed road.
Agenda No. 6.	Proposal for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side from Anchetty - Denkanikottai for a distance of 10.4 Kms in Krishnagiri District (diversion of forest land is 0.312 Ha (Noganur RF 0.042 Ha and Panai RF 0.270 Ha)) (Online proposal No. FP/TN/Others/30208/2017).	After detailed deliberations, the Board, resolved to recommend and forward the proposal to Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife subject to the conditions mentioned in Part IV. Since there is no existing right of way for the proposed road.
Agenda No. 7.	Proposal for laying of optical fiber cable along the Theni-Mallapuram route involves forest area of Theni, Myladumparai and Mallapuram (Online proposal No. FP/TN/Others/23908/2017).	After detailed deliberations, the Board, resolved to recommend the proposal subject to the conditions mentioned in Part IV.
Agenda No. 8.	Proposal for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side from Denkanikottai to Tamil Nadu border (Karnataka State) to a distance of 2.145	After detailed deliberations, the Board, resolved to recommend the proposal subject to the conditions mentioned in Part IV.

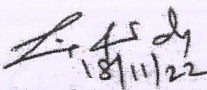


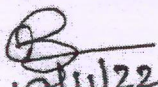
Agenda Nos.	Name of the Agenda	Board Resolution
	Kms in Krishnagiri District (diversion of forest land is 0.06435 Ha) (Online proposal No. FP/TN/Others/47017/2020).	
Agenda No. 9.	Proposal for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side from Theppakadu-Masinagudi-Moyar for a distance of 14.20 Kms in Nilgiris District (diversion of forest land is 0.426 Ha) (Online proposal No. FP/TN/Others/24406/2017).	After detailed deliberations, the Board, resolved to recommend the proposal subject to the conditions mentioned in Part IV.

**During deliberations, the following important issues were also discussed.**

1. State Board for Wildlife meeting to be conducted once in 6 months.
2. Tribal settlement rights issue meeting to be convened by Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department and Forest Department frequently.
3. Tamil Nadu Forest Department and Kerala Forest Department to coordinate during conduct of jointly going to conduct DGPS survey of the interstate boundary.
4. Whenever Forest Encroachments are evicted by the Government based on the directions of the Hon'ble Courts, adequate alternative arrangements to be explored to the residents for resettlement.

**Meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair and all the Members.**

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
and Chief Wildlife Warden (FAC)

  
18/11/22

Additional Chief Secretary to  
Government, Environment and Forests  
Department

Hon'ble Minister for Forests

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.



**Annexure**

**7<sup>th</sup> State Board for Wildlife meeting held on 16-11-2022 under the chairmanship of  
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and Chairperson of the Board.**

Sl. No.	List of Participants
1.	Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
2.	Hon'ble Minister (Forest)
3.	Thiru N. Eramakrishnan, Member of Legislative Assembly, Cumbum Assembly Constituency.
4.	Thiru T. Udayasuriyan, Member of Legislative Assembly, Sankarapuram Assembly Constituency
5.	Thiru I.P. Senthil Kumar, Member of Legislative Assembly Palani Assembly Constituency.
6.	Thiru, Pratim Roy, Keystone Foundation, Kotagiri.
7.	Thiru. K. Kalidasan, President, OSAI Environmental Organization, Coimbatore
8.	Dr. C.P. Rajkumar, Nalam Hospital, Theni
9.	Thiru. Tarsh Thekaekara, The sholas, Gudalur.
10.	Thiru. Antony Clement Rubin, Chennai.
11.	Thiru Shravan Krishnan, The Director, Besant Memorial Animal Dispensary, Chennai.
12.	Thiru. S. Bharathidasan, Coimbatore.
13.	Tmt. S. Savithiri Kani (ST), Servalar Kani Kudiurppu, Tirunelveli.
14.	Thiru. S. Thangapandi, Theni District
15.	Thiru. R. Sundararaju, IFS., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Ret.), Chennai
16.	Thiru. D. Boominathan, Coimbatore.
17.	The Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.
18.	The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.
19.	The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai - 32.
20.	The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.
21.	The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation, Chennai - 600 002.
22.	The Additional Director General of Police, Headquarters, Chennai
23.	The Station Commander Indian Army, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.
24.	The Director, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Science Department, Chennai.
25.	The Director, Fisheries Department, Chennai-600 006.
26.	Dr. M. U. Sharief, Scientist F & HOD, Botanical Survey of India, Coimbatore
27.	Dr. K.A. Subramanian, Zoological Survey of India, Chennai
28.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden



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**TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
Tmt. R. Padmawathe, I.F.S.,  
Chief Conservator of Forests and  
Field Director,  
Srivilliputhur Megamalai  
Tiger Reserve,  
Madurai - 2.

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Forest Headquarters,  
Guindy - Velachery Main Road,  
Near Kannigapuram Check Post,  
Guindy, Chennai - 32.

Ref.No. 6099/2022/D1 dated 03/05/2023

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Sivilliputhur Megamalai  
Tiger Reserve - Srivilliputhur Division - Saptur R.F. - Laying of Optical  
Fibre Cable along the Theni - Mallapuram route involves forest area -  
0.19 ha. of forest land - Report submission of - Regarding.

- Ref: (1) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Ref.No.  
TS4/4382/2017 dt.27.07.2020.  
(2) Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur Division Ref.No. D/2376/2018  
Dt. 22.09.2022.  
(3) Conservator of Forests and Field Director, SMTR, Madurai  
Ref.No. D1/6099/2022, dt. 27.12.2022.  
(4) Deputy Director, Megamalai Division Ref.No. D1/10060/2022  
Dt. 14.02.2023 and 24.03.2023.  
(5) Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur Division Ref.No. D/2376/2018  
Dt. 21.04.2023.

I submit my report as follows:

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, the online proposal for diversion of 0.19 ha. of forest  
land for laying of Optical Fibre Cable along Theni - Mallapuram route  
(FP/TN/Others/23908/2017) involved in forest area of Theni - Myladumparai and  
Mallapuram, submitted by the user agency i.e. M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,  
Chennai has forwarded to the Wildlife Warden, Srivilliputhur for further action with  
a request to scrutinize the above proposal and upload the Part II of Form A proposal  
and forward the same to the Conservator of Forests through online within the time  
frame early.

Accordingly, the Wildlife Warden, Srivilliputhur in his reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, it  
was submitted that, the said area was inspected on 09.02.2022 along with the  
concerned Saptur Range staff and furnished his remarks as detailed below:



1. The total length required for laying of OFC is 6.23 km in Saptur R.F. The Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur had reported that out of this 5.00 km passes in Srivilliputhur division and 1.23 km is Megamalai Division
2. The Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur has submitted the model estimate for raising Compensatory Afforestation over an extent of 0.37 ha. costing Rs.8,87,030/- for 10 years.
3. The project is proposed to be laid underground along the road from Muthalamparai village to Mallapuram village in Saptur R.F. The project area does not have any important monuments which has archaeological importance / heritage site / defence establishment etc.

The length of OFC to be laid in Megamalai Division is 1.23 km and necessary remarks have been called from Deputy Director, Megamalai along with Part II recommendation and site inspection report etc. vide this office reference D1/609/2022 dated 27.10.2022. Based on that, the Deputy Director, Megamalai in his reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited, reported that the above said area was inspected and surveyed along with Forest Settlement Officer, Bodi, Forest Range Officers of Gandamanur and Varushanadu Range along with their field staff and surveyor on 24.12.2022.

During the inspection, the boundary stones of SF No. 1313/1, 1444/1, 2, 1445/1, 2 of Kadamalaikundu Village were identified on ground and it was ascertained that the road passes through these survey numbers and the same was reported by the Forest Settlement Officer, Bodi in his letter No. 3602022 dated 30.01.2023. As per his report, the alignment identified by the user agency falls in S.F.No. 1313, 1444/1, 2, 1445/1, 2 of Kadamalaikundu village and then enters the R.F. of Madurai District, and as per the village records the S.F.No. 1313 is Un-Assessed Wasteland, S.F.No. 1445/1 is Anathinam and S.F.No. 1444/1, 2, 1445/2 are joint patta (Patta No. 4289) and hence it is submitted that the site required for the proposed OFC works in 1.23 km stretch does not fall in Megamalai Division.

Now, in the reference 5<sup>th</sup> cited, the Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur finally reported that, out of total length of 6.23 KM required for carrying out laying of Optical Fibre Cable along the Theni-Mallapuram 4.30 KM passes through sanctuary area and 1.83 KM passes through non-sanctuary area of Srivilliputhur Division and remaining 100 m falls under Eco-Sensitive Zone of Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve.



In Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden letter No.WL5/20666/2022 dated 16.12.2022, it was informed that, in the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> State Board for Wild Life, the above referred proposal has been recommended subject to the conditions imposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden necessary No Objection Certificate for laying of Optical Fibre Cable along the Theni - Mallapuram Route involves forest area of Theni-Myladumparai and Mallapuram to a length of 6.23 KM in Saptur R.F. by M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai. Further, the work should commence only after getting clearance from Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and other mandatory clearances.

**Terms and Conditions:**

1. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearance, impact mitigation and Wildlife Conservation Plan of Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Google map with GPS coordinates along with land use pattern map.
2. All the material required for the work should be prepared outside the Tiger Reserve.
3. No fire places will be created inside the Tiger Reserve.
4. The work in the sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 9.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.
5. No night camping by labour / survey personal will be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve.
6. Project personal engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made thereunder.
7. The legal status of the land remains unchanged.
8. While undertaking the periodical maintenance works, if any, by the project proponent shall obtain prior approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, well in advance.
9. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that "No disturbance will be caused to the Wildlife" during project implementation.
10. The project proponent (M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd) also should offer facility of free data connection (unlimited 4G and upgraded version then there) to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden Office / Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai and Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur office for facilitating the cause of conservation protection.



11. Any other condition stipulated by the Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai and Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur shall be followed.

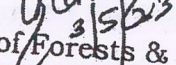
It is also submitted that, the above subject matter is one of the agenda items in the Fortnightly Regional Co-ordination Meeting. F.No.11.6/F(C)A/A/RM /2020/508 dated 27.04.2023)

Necessary **No Objection Certificate** has been issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden subject to the above said conditions. Since, the above proposal is for laying underground OFC along the existing Theni Mallapuram road and no tree felling involved, this proposal for diversion of 0.19 ha in Saptur RF of Srivilliputhur Division is recommended.

The connected records received from the Deputy Director, Srivilliputhur and reports from Deputy Director, Megamalai are submitted herewith for kind perusal.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours sincerely,

  
Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director,  
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve,  
Madurai.



## PART – V

(To be filled in by the Secretary in charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

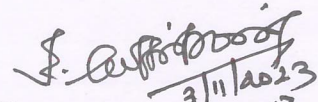
Proposal (FP/TN/Others/23908/2017) for diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along Theni Mallapuram route in Saptur Reserved Forest in Srivilliputhur Wildlife Division, Madurai District in favour of Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai for a period of 20 years, under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

18. Recommendation of the State Government : *Recommended.*

(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part-B or Part – C or Part – D above should be specifically commented upon)

Date : 03.10.2023

Place : Chennai-9.

  
[J. MOHAN RAMAN]  
Signature  
Name & Designation  
(Official Seal)  
Deputy Secretary to Government  
Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department  
Secretariat, Chennai-09



