

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

Prescribed vide PCCF (HoEF) No. Desk-17-4/1445, dated 05/11/2015

Sr. No.	Items	:	Observations & Remarks																												
1.	Name of the Project and location (Range, Round, Beat)	:	<div>Proposal of 0.6229 Ha. Forest Land for laying underground OFC along N.H. 3 from route section Bhiwandi-Nashik in Taluka Shahapur Dist. Thane</div> <table><tr><th>Range</th><th>Round</th><th>Beat</th><th>Village</th></tr><tr><td>Shahapur</td><td>Vasind</td><td>Vasind Khatali</td><td>Vasind Khatali Vehloli</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Atgaon</td><td>Asangaon Aware Kambare Atgaon</td><td>Asangaon Kalambe Cherpoli Kambare Pundhe Atgaon Sakharoli</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Birwadi</td><td>Kanvinde Kalamgaon</td><td>Kanvinde Kalamgaon</td></tr><tr><td>Khardi</td><td>Kashti</td><td>Kashti</td><td>Varskol</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Shirol</td><td>Shirol</td><td>Shirol</td></tr><tr><td>Vihigaon</td><td>Mokhavane</td><td>Kasara Bk.</td><td>Kasara Bk.</td></tr></table>	Range	Round	Beat	Village	Shahapur	Vasind	Vasind Khatali	Vasind Khatali Vehloli		Atgaon	Asangaon Aware Kambare Atgaon	Asangaon Kalambe Cherpoli Kambare Pundhe Atgaon Sakharoli		Birwadi	Kanvinde Kalamgaon	Kanvinde Kalamgaon	Khardi	Kashti	Kashti	Varskol		Shirol	Shirol	Shirol	Vihigaon	Mokhavane	Kasara Bk.	Kasara Bk.
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2.	Name of the User Agency	:	Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., 3 rd Floor, Makers' Chamber, IV, 222, Nariman Point, Mumbai – 21.																												
3.	Date of site inspection	:	14/12/2015																												
4.	Extent (ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion	:	<div>Reserved Forest0.0930 ha.</div> <div>Protected Forest0.3654 ha.</div> <div>Finally Acquired Forest0.0065 ha.</div> <div>Restored Private Forest0.1580 ha.</div> <div>Total Proposed Area0.6229 ha.</div>																												
5.	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land	:	Proposed Area 0.6229 ha. The detail activity-wise break-up of forest land proposed is as per Area Statement on page no.																												
	b) Density and Eco-value class	:	Density - 0.1 Eco-Value Class – I Category – Open Forest																												
6.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item-wise with details of alternative examined.	:	Yes, the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col.2 of Part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.																												

7.	Whether the proposal involves any construction of building (including residential) or not ? If yes, details thereof	:	No.
8.	a) Whether forest area proposed for diversion is important from wildlife point of view or not	:	No.
	b) Details of any rare or endangered or unique species of flora and fauna found in proposed forest land. If so, the details thereof	:	No.
	c) Aerial distance from the nearest boundary of any Protected Area (km)	:	1.5 km & above
	d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project	:	The proposed project area 0.6229 Ha. for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable along NH-3 from route section Bhivandi-Nashik in Taluka Shahapur, Dist. Thane, the villages Vasind, Khatali, Vehli, Asangaon, Kalambe, Cherpoli, Kambare, Pundhe, Atgaon, Sakharoli, Kanvinde, Kalamgaon, Varskol, Shirol & Kasara Bk. comes within 10 kms. from the boundary of nearest Protected Area. The said project being an underground Optical Fibre Cable along NH-3 shall not have any adverse effect on the wildlife within National Park/ Sanctuary.
	e) Whether wildlife mitigation plan is required? If yes, reasons thereof	:	No
9.	Details of Vegetation	:	
	a) Total number of trees to be felled	:	NIL
	b) Number of trees to be felled of girth below 60 cm.	:	NIL
	c) Number of trees to be felled of girth above 60 cm.	:	NIL
	d) Effect of removal of trees on the general ecosystem in the area	:	Not Applicable
10.	Background note on the proposal (short summary)	:	As per Govt. of India's policies, priority has been given to tribal under developed areas. OFC has been proposed from along NH - 3 from route section Bhivandi-Nashik in Shahapur Taluka & Thane District.
11.	Whether the proposal involves any violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980? If yes, a detailed report on violation including action taken against the concerned officials to be attached.	:	No

12.	Whether the proposal involved rehabilitation plan has been approved by the State Government?	:	No.
13.	Details on catchment and culturable command area under the project (if applicable)	:	Not Applicable
14.	Utility of the project	:	Optical Fiber Cable projects are mainly to provide the people of under developed areas with reliable and high speed media connectivity, which is very important in current days to develop information and technology.
15.	Whether land being diverted has any socio-cultural/religious values? Whether any scared grove or very old growth trees/ forests exist in the areas proposed for diversion?	:	No. No.
16.	Any other important information related to the project (Separate note may be attached, if required)	:	No.
17.	Details of documents and photographs enclosed.	:	No.
18.	Recommendations of the Inspecting Officer (CCF/CF/DCF)	:	Optical Fiber Cable projects are mainly to provide the people of under developed areas with reliable and high speed media connectivity, which is very important in current days to develop information and technology. Hence Proposal is recommended, considering the development of the nation in mind.



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