

**SITE INSPECTION OF THE FOREST AREA PROPOSED FOR DIVERSION OF
0.136 HA (2730 Mts X 0.5 Mts) in KANDIKUPPA RESERVE FOREST IN
KAKINADA RANGE OF KAKINADA (T) DIVISION, KAKINADA BY THE
DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER, KAKINADA ON 05.01.2015**

The Divisional Engineer Telecom., Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Optical Fiber Cable Projects, Rajahmundry has submitted proposals to the Andhra Pradesh State Forest Department for diversion of 0.136 ha forest area in Kandikuppa Reserve Forests of Kakinada Range, Kakinada Division for laying Optical Fiber Cable in Kandikuppa Reserve Forest for a length of 2760mts.

During my inspection of the said area on **05-01-2015**, the following observations were made.

Status of Flora:

There is no tree growth in the area proposed for diversion as the area is linear patch along the road side. The Latlongs at starting point is N 16°60'15" E 82°25'24" and ending point is N 16°58'65" E 82°27'43".

The vegetation in the adjoining forests of this proposed area is mainly consists of Mangrove species at a distance of 4-5 meters. The details are as follows.

Sl.No	Telugu Name	Botanical Name
1.	Tella Mada	<i>Avicennia marina</i>
2.	Nalla Mada	<i>Avicennia officinalis</i>

The proposed Optical Fiber Cable line is passing through Kandikuppa Reserve Forest in compt.nos.674, 675, 676 and 677 over an area of 0.136 ha (2730 mts length and 0.50 mts width, $2730 \times 0.50 = 1365$ sqmt or 0.136 ha) . The Optical Fiber Cable line will be buried at a depth of 1.65mts from the ground level. There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the proposed area. The proposal does not effect any extraction of tree growth, any monument of historical, religious, archeological for recreational importance including wildlife sanctuary and national park etc.,

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District Forest Officer,
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