

## 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)	:	<p>Proposal of 0.3563 Ha. Forest Land for laying underground OFC along N.H. 3 from route section Kasara Bk. To Ghatandevi via Jawhar fata in Taluka Shahapur, Dist. Thane</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Range</th><th>Round</th><th>Beat</th><th>Village</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Vihigaon</td><td>Vihigaon</td><td>Vihigaon</td><td>Vihigaon Kasara Kh.</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Mokhavane</td><td>Kasara Bk.</td><td>Kasara Bk.</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Range	Round	Beat	Village	Vihigaon	Vihigaon	Vihigaon	Vihigaon Kasara Kh.		Mokhavane	Kasara Bk.	Kasara Bk.
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2.	Name of the User Agency	:	Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Makers' Chamber, IV, 222, Nariman Point, Mumbai – 21.												
3.	Date of site inspection	:	07/04/2016												
4.	Extent (ha) and legal status of forest land proposed for diversion	:	<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Reserved Forest</td><td style="text-align: right;">0.2101 ha.</td></tr> <tr> <td>Protected Forest</td><td style="text-align: right;">0.1462 ha.</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Proposed Area</b></td><td style="text-align: right;"><b>0.3563 ha.</b></td></tr> </table>	Reserved Forest	0.2101 ha.	Protected Forest	0.1462 ha.	<b>Total Proposed Area</b>	<b>0.3563 ha.</b>						
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5.	a) Details of forest land proposed for diversion and activity-wise break-up of forest land	:	Proposed Area 0.3563 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)	:	km & above												

	d) Remarks about sensitivity of the forest area likely to be affected due to project	:	The proposed project area 0.3563 Ha. for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable along N.H. 3 from route section Kasara Bk. To Ghatandevi via Jawhar fata in Taluka Shahapur, Dist. Thane, the villages Vihigaon, Kasara Khurd, Kasara Budruk 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 N.H. 3 from route section Kasara Bk. To Ghatandevi via Jawhar fata in Taluka Shahapur, Dist. Thane
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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