

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.313/Section.II/2022/(1643003)

Dated:23.03.2022

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government
EFS&T Department,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati-522503.

To
The Inspector General of Forests (Central)
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada,
Green House Complex, Gopal Reddy Road,
Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 0.48 ha (i.e., 0.09 ha in Compartment No.206 of Ragimanupenta RF, Chittoor West Range, 0.16 ha in Compartment No.311 of Jagamerla RF, Palamaner Range, 0.10 ha in Compartment Nos.245 & 246 of Thotakanuma RF, Palamaner Range and 0.13 ha in Compartment Nos.345 & 346 of Kangundi RF, Kuppam Range) of forest land in Chittoor West Division in favour of Sr.General Manager, M/s. BBNL, Vijayawada, for laying optical fibre cable to provide connectivity to Grama Panchayats covered in Chittoor District under Bharat Net Project - Proposal submitted under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr. Ref.No.EFS02-15026/16/2020-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated: 10.02.2022.

I enclose herewith a copy of the letter cited along with statutory proforma proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh for diversion of 0.48 ha (i.e., 0.09 ha in Compartment No.206 of Ragimanupenta RF, Chittoor West Range, 0.16 ha in Compartment No.311 of Jagamerla RF, Palamaner Range, 0.10 ha in Compartment Nos.245&246 of Thotakanuma RF, Palamaner Range and 0.13 ha in Compartment Nos.345 & 346 of Kangundi RF, Kuppam Range) of forest land in Chittoor West Division in favour of Sr. General Manager, M/s. BBNL, Vijayawada, for laying optical fibre cable to provide connectivity to Grama Panchayats covered in Chittoor District under Bharat Net Project.

2. I am to inform that the User Agency i.e. Sr. General Manager, M/s. BBNL, Vijayawada, has furnished justification stating that Bharat Net (erstwhile NOFN) project is an initiative of Government of India to connect Grama Panchayats across the country by laying incremental optical fibre cable from Telephone Exchange. The area required for laying the OFC is the barest minimum. As the telecommunication cable also carry communication from the Government Offices, Defense and strategic establishments and difference industrial organizations apart from the general public and in view of the safety and confidentiality of the conversation so made, it is not advisable to lay OFC on private lands belonging to different parties, the forest area is chosen for laying OFC. The Compensatory Afforestation is not required for the project as the area required is below 1.00 ha. The User Agency has furnished undertakings to bear the cost of raising and maintenance of compensatory afforestation in the degraded forest land, NPV and addl.NPV etc. The District Collector, Chittoor District has issued necessary certificates under Scheduled Tribes & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006. The proposal has been uploaded in the Ministry's website and unique file No.FP/AP/OFC/112287/2020 has been generated for this proposal. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, the Chief Conservator of Forests and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, have recommended the proforma proposal in Part-II, III and IV respectively. The recommendation of the State Government in proforma proposal in Part-V is enclosed herewith.

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3. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.48 ha (i.e., 0.09 ha in Compartment No.206 of Ragimanupenta RF, Chittoor West Range, 0.16 ha in Compartment No.311 of Jagamerla RF, Palamaner Range, 0.10 ha in Compartment Nos.245 & 246 of Thotakanuma RF, Palamaner Range and 0.13 ha in Compartment Nos.345 & 346 of Kangundi RF, Kuppam Range) of forest land in Chittoor West Division in favour of Sr. General Manager, M/s. BBNL, Vijayawada, for laying optical fibre cable to provide connectivity to Grama Panchayats covered in Chittoor District under Bharat Net Project, at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

N. Jagadeeswari
for Special Chief Secretary to Government
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Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
Sr. General Manager, M/s. BBNL, Vijayawada.

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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)

18. Recommendation of the State Government:-

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

(Letter No.313/Section.II/2022, Dated.23.03.2022 for diversion of 0.48 ha (i.e., 0.09 ha in Compartment No.206 of Ragimanupenta RF, Chittoor West Range, 0.16 ha in Compartment No.311 of Jagamerla RF, Palamaner Range, 0.10 ha in Compartment Nos.245 & 246 of Thotakanuma RF, Palamaner Range and 0.13 ha in Compartment Nos.345 & 346 of Kangundi RF, Kuppam Range) of forest land in Chittoor West Division in favour of Sr. General Manager, M/s. BBNL, Vijayawada, for laying optical fibre cable to provide connectivity to Grama Panchayats covered in Chittoor District under Bharat Net Project)

“Recommended to consider the proposal for diversion of 0.48 ha (i.e., 0.09 ha in Compartment No.206 of Ragimanupenta RF, Chittoor West Range, 0.16 ha in Compartment No.311 of Jagamerla RF, Palamaner Range, 0.10 ha in Compartment Nos.245 & 246 of Thotakanuma RF, Palamaner Range and 0.13 ha in Compartment Nos.345 & 346 of Kangundi RF, Kuppam Range) of forest land in Chittoor West Division in favour of Sr. General Manager, M/s. BBNL, Vijayawada, for laying optical fibre cable to provide connectivity to Grama Panchayats covered in Chittoor District under Bharat Net Project.”


Signature

Name & Designation
(Official Seal)

Date: 24-03-2022

Place: AMARAVATI

D. P. V. CHALAPATHI RAO, I.F.S.,
Special Secretary to Government
Environment, Forests, Science
and Technology Department
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522238.