

Letter No.1274/FR.10/2023-3, dated:28.10.2024

From
Dr. P. Senthilkumar, I.A.S.,
Principal Secretary to Government.

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

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan Adhiniyam),
1980 – Trichy Circle / Pudukkottai Division – Proposal (FP/TN/
OFC/119342/ 2021) for diversion of 0.0107 ha. of forest land for
laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along
Sokkanathapuram to Maravamadurai route through forest areas
in Ammankurichi Reserved Forest in Pudukkottai District in
favour of the Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Chennai –
Forwarding of - Regarding.

- Ref:
1. Forest Clearance proposal uploaded by the Jio Digital Fibre Private Ltd., Chennai – Proposal No.FP/TN/OFC/119342/ 2021), and revised proposal uploaded on 10.07.2022.
 2. Part-II of Form A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai on 25.01.2023.
 3. Part-III uploaded by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy on 07.02.2023.
 4. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Letter No.TS4/2125/2021, dated 24.02.2023.
 5. Government Letter No.1274/FR.10/2023-1, dated 24.03.2023 & reminder dated 07.06.2023.
 6. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Letter No.TS4/2125/2021, dated 12.09.2024.

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The User Agency, Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Chennai has uploaded a proposal (FP/TN/OFC/119342/2021) in PARIVESH portal for diversion of 0.0107 ha. of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along Sokkanathapuram to Maravamadurai route through forest areas in Ammankurichi Reserved Forest in Pudukkottai District for a period of 100 years under section 2(1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

2. The District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai Division in the reference second cited and the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy Circle in the reference third cited have recommended the above said proposal and forwarded Site Inspection report of the Project area. Based on the recommendations made by the District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai Division and Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy Circle, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) / Nodal Officer has recommended the above said proposal in the Part-IV, Form-A in Parivesh 1.0 portal and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) has forwarded the same to Government for its consideration and requested to obtain approval from the Regional office, Government of India for a period of 20 years.

3. The Government have examined the proposal in detail (copy enclosed) and decided to recommend the proposal (FP/TN/OFC/119342/2021) for diversion of 0.0107 ha. of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along Sokkanathapuram to Maravamadurai route through forest areas in Ammankurichi Reserved Forest in Pudukkottai District in favour of Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Chennai for a period of 20 years under section 2 (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and forward it to Regional office, Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Chennai for obtaining their concurrence subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain as unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forest.
- (ii) Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars, duly numbered at appropriate places as per the directions of the District Forest Officer concerned at the cost of User Agency.
- (iii) The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5m below the ground and after laying down of Optical Fibre Cable the ground should be leveled.
- (iv) The User Agency has to pay the cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation / maintenance of plantation, etc as fixed by the Forest Department.
- (v) Amount for Compensatory afforestation scheme under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
- (vi) The amount of 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 to 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 layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval.
- (x) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (xi) Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the user agency to ensure that the machinery, labourers and staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna.

- (xii) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the competent authority.
- (xiii) The user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines for the time being in force, as applicable to the Project.
- (xiv) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions, the user agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change guidelines.
- (xv) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.0107 ha area in Ammankurichi Reserved Forest.
- (xvi) The lease rent should be realized from the User Agency as per G.O.(Ms.)No.272, Environment and Forests (FR.XIII) Department, dated 15.04.1991.
- (xvii) The Chief Conservator of Forests and District Forest Officer may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation / protection and development of forests.
- (xviii) Period of lease is twenty (20) years. The User Agency has to apply renewal proposal before one year of expiry of lease with the State Forest Department.
- (xix) The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal.

4. 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,

A. Malathy 28/10/24
for Principal Secretary to Government

Copy to:-

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Chennai-32.

Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,
No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai,
Mylapore, Chennai – 4.

S. No.	Details Required	Details Furnished
1.	Category of diversion (Fresh / Rediversion / Addl. land for widening / renewal)	Fresh diversion
2.	Extent of forest land to be diverted / Name of the RF and District.	0.0107 ha in Ammankurichi RF, Pudukkottai District.
3.	Status of User Agency (SG/PSU/CG/Private)	Private
4.	Name of the Project (Road / OFC / Transmission / Water / Rail / Others etc.	Optical Fibre Cable
5.	Density of Vegetation. i. Eco class ii. Canopy density	 4 0
6.	Vulnerability of soil erosion	No vulnerability to erosion.
7.	Significance in Wild life Point of view.	Spotted deer, Peacock, Python, Monkey and hare.
8.	Whether any work in violation of the Act or guidelines issued under the Act has been carried out.	No
9.	Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, elephant corridor, Wildlife migration corridor etc.	No
10.	Whether the project area located within 10 km from boundary of wildlife sanctuary, tiger reserve biosphere reserve, and wildlife migration corridor etc.	No
11.	Whether any rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area.	No
12.	Whether any protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defense establishment or	No

	any other important monument is located in the area.	
13.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project.	Yes
14.	Whether tree felling involved in this project area	No
	i. If yes, mention the no. of trees to be felled.	---
	ii. Whether the trees are Spontaneous/ Planted.	Does not arise.
	iii. Permission of Hon'ble Supreme court of India shall be obtained (Except road projects)	Does not arise.
	iv. In respect of Road projects, a. upto 500 No's. of spontaneous tree felling allowed, as per orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India judgment dated 11.01.2023 in LA Nos 168328/2022 and 168313/ 2022 and L.A Nos. 191583/2022. b. For more than 500 no's of spontaneous trees, permission of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India shall be obtained.	Does not arise.
	v. whether translocation of trees is possible, instead of felling. <i>If yes, The User Agency has provide an undertaking that to explore the possibility of translocation of trees instead of felling them".</i>	Does not arise.
15.	<u>CA Scheme details :</u> (i) CA plantation :	1.00 ha of degraded forest area in Ammankurichi Reserved Forest,

	(a) Extent of area, Name of degraded Forest area / Name of non-forest land	Ponnamaravathy Range, Pudukkottai Division.
	(b) Details of seedlings, maintenance period and cost.	100 seedlings, Ten years maintenance and project cost of Rs.1,58,573/-.
	(c) Site suitability Report of DFO regarding degraded forest area.	Nil
	(ii) CA Land (for > 1 ha)	
	(a) whether CA land is applicable (or) not	Nil
	(b) Extent of CA land (Non-forest land)	---
	(c) Location of CA land	---
	(d) Site Inspection report of DFO regarding CA land.	---
16.	If Re-diversion involved details of primary User Agency.	Nil
	(i) Whether NOC from the primary User Agency is obtained.	Nil
	(ii) Whether Form-E is received.	Nil
17.	Whether Project area falls within the RoW.	No
18.	<p>Whether any Non-forest land involved in this project.</p> <p>If yes, User Agency shall provide undertaking as per Chapter 11.2. In this regard, the following condition may be added :-</p> <p><i>"The User Agency shall provide an undertaking that in case of diversion of forest land is denied, project shall be executed along alternate alignment and work on non-forest land shall not be cited as a reason for grant of approval for diversion of forest land."</i></p>	No

19.	<p>Wildlife Area involvement</p> <p>If yes,</p> <p>(i) Remarks of Wildlife Warden should be obtain.</p> <p>(ii) SBWL / NBWL clearance has to be obtained before issuing final approval.</p>	No
20.	<p>Whether part of the proposed area falls under Protected area / Eco Sensitive Zone of Protected area.</p> <p>If yes,</p> <p>(i) as per guidelines of Government of India, MoEF&CC, F.No.11-327/2015-FC, recommendation of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife shall be obtained. (may be processed concurrently subject to certain conditions)</p> <p>In this regard, the following condition may be added</p> <p><i>"The User Agency shall obtain necessary permission / Clearance from the standing committee of National Board for Wildlife before taken up any activity on the site. In case of rejection of proposal under Wildlife protection Act, 1972, then the In-principle approval accorded under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, will stand cancelled automatically".</i></p>	No
21.	<p>For OFC 's.</p> <p>Whether the proposal is for laying Aerial OFC or Underground OFC.</p> <p>i. If Aerial OFC, NPV have to be collected.</p> <p>ii. If Underground OFC</p> <p>if there is no tree felling there is exemption to NPV.</p>	<p>Underground OFC.</p> <p>The Government of India Guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in F.No.5-3/2007-FC, dated 05.02.2009, exemption for payment of Net Present Value for underground laying of Optical Fibre Cable has been allowed.</p>

		The project area is not declared as National Park/Sanctuary and no felling of trees involved in this project. Hence payment of Net Present Value for the forest area diversion of laying OFC may not be insisted.
22.	Whether the DFO, Pudukkottai Division and CCF, Trichy Circle has recommended the proposal.	Yes. Not mentioned the period of diversion.
23.	Justification, if any.	---
24.	For >5 ha., Recommendation of PSC and PCCF has been obtained in part-III of Form A.	---
25.	Whether the Nodal officer / PCCF(FCA) has recommended the proposal?	Yes. Recommended in Form-A, Part-IV in PARIVESH portal 1.0.
26.	Whether the PCCF (HoFF) has recommended the proposal	Yes. Recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.0107 ha of forest land in Ammankurichi RF in Pudukkottai Division for a period of 20 years and forward the same to Government.

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/OFC/119342/2021) for diversion of 0.0107 ha. of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along Sokkanathapuram to Maravamadurai route through forest areas in Ammankurichi Reserved Forest in Pudukkottai District in favour of Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Chennai under section 2 (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 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)

[Signature]

Signature
Name & Designation
(Official Seal)

Date : 28.10.2024

Place : Chennai-9.

[D. G. S. RAKSHANMI
D.S. to Govt]

Deputy Secretary to Government
Environment, Climate Change
and Forest Department
Secretariat, Chennai - 9.

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TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

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From
Subrat Mohapatra, 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. TS4/2125/2021 dated.24.02.2023.

Madam,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Trichy Circle / Pudukkottai Division
- Proposal for diversion of 0.0107 ha of forest land for laying of underground
OFC along Sokkanathapuram to Maravamadurai route through forest areas in
Pudukkottai District Ammankurichi RF– Online proposal submission by the
User Agency ie. Jio Digital Fibre private Ltd., Chennai - Regarding.

Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency – Jio Digital Fibre private
Ltd., Chennai (FP/TN/OFC/119342/2021) and revised proposal on
10.07.2022.
2. Part-II uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai on 25.01.2023.
3. Part-III uploaded by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy on 07.02.2023.

I wish to state that the Jio Digital Fibre private Ltd., Chennai has sent a proposal
under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.0107 ha of forest
land for laying of underground OFC along Sokkanathapuram to Maravamadurai route
through forest areas of Ammankurichi Reserved Forest in Pudukkottai District through
online web portal in the prescribed format.

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

- i. Signed copy of Form A.
- ii. Letter of Authorisation.
- iii. GPS map of the proposed water supply pipelines through Ammankurichi Reserved
Forest
- iv. Survey of India topo - sheet indicating boundary of forest land proposed.
- v. Google map for the Forest land proposed for diversion in Ammankurichi RF.
- vi. Justification for locating the project in Forest land
- vii. Certificate of Settlement of rights under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest
Dwellers under Forest Rights Act 2006 in the prescribed format obtained from the
District Collector, Pudukkottai in ROC No.E4/2718/2021 dt.15.06.2022.
- viii) Certificate from the District Collector regarding no other feasibility alternate alignment for
the above project obtained from the District Collector, Pudukkottai vide
ROC.No.E4/2718/2021 dt.15.06.2022.

3) In Additional information details the following documents were uploaded.

- a) Area requirement details (357m length; 0.30m width=0.0107ha)

- b) Certificate by the user Agency that there is no CAT plan in the approved plan.
- c) Certificate given by the User Agency regarding the no violation of any provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- d) Certificate by the User Agency that this is only possible route and there is no other alternative feasible route available.
- e) Undertaking by the user agency to bear the cost of Compensatory Afforestation / Penal Compensatory Afforestation / Maintenance of plantation/ Protection of plantation if any for the proposed Diversion of Forest land fixed by the Forest Department.
- f) Undertaking by the user agency for the payment of Net Present Value of the forest land involved.
- j) Undertaking by the user agency for the payment of Additional Net Present Value if any demand raised by the forest department.
- h) Undertaking to pay the cost along with any escalation for exploitation of trees if any available in the alignment path any for the proposed Diversion of Forest land fixed by the Forest Department.
- i) Undertaking for the payment of cost of felling of trees and transportation cost of the trees to be removed in the forest land involved.
- j) Undertaking 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.

4) The District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai has uploaded the Part-II of Form A and furnished the details as noted below.:

- i) Area to be diverted for the above proposal is 0.0107ha forest land in Ammankurichy Reserved Forest to a density of zero and type of forest is Eco class-4.
- ii) No spontaneous or planted tree growth is available in the proposed forest area.
- iii) The details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion is Spotted deer, Peacock, python, monkey and hare.
- iv) The proposed area does not forms part of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, Wildlife Migration Corridor.
- v) The proposed area is not located within Eco Sensitive Zone of the protected area notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.
- vi) The forest land proposed for diversion is not located within 1km from the boundary of National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve, Tiger Reserve, Elephant Corridor, and Wildlife Migration Corridor.
- vii) No rare / endangered / unique species of Flora and Fauna found in the proposed area.
- viii) No protected archeological / heritage site / defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area.

ix) No work in violation of the Act or guidelines issued under the act.

x) No Compensatory Afforestation, has been proposed as no felling of trees involved in this project.

5) The District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai has inspected the proposed project site in Ammankurichi Reserved Forest on 15.12.2022 and stated that

a) The length of the OFC to be laid is 357m to a width of 0.30m to a depth of 1 to 2m and the area proposed is 0.0107ha.

b) The cable will be laid on the right side of the road from Sokkanathapuram to Maravamadurai across Ammankurichi Reserved Forest.

c) d. The user agency has informed that no trees or vegetation will be felled or disturbed during the execution of the project.

d) e. About machinery to be used for excavation and its impact, the user agency has informed that earthmover will be used without disturbing the vegetation and the excavated earth will be dumped on the road side and not on the forest side.

e) f. The project is important for better connectivity of 4G net work to all the public for communication.

f) g. The user agency has informed that the excavation will be immediately closed after laying the underground OFC without affecting the migratory wildlife.

6) In the recommendation, the District Forest Officer has stated that since the work is essential for improvement of better communication infrastructure (4G network) to all the people and the project does not involve felling of trees and other vegetation, it is recommended.

7) The Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy in his site inspection report stated that

(i). The proposed area for diversion of 0.0107ha in Ammankurichi Reserved Forest in Pudukkottai District has been inspected along with District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai on 29.12.2022.

ii). The project is important for better connectivity of 4G net work to all the public for communication.

iii) The user agency has informed that no trees or vegetation will be felled or disturbed during the execution of the project.

(iv) The user agency has informed that the excavation will be immediately closed after laying the underground OFC without affecting the migratory wildlife.

(v) There is no alternate land is available.

8) In the recommendation, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy has stated that the proposal for diversion of 0.0107ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC in Chokkanathapuram to Maravamadurai across Ammankurichi Reserved Forest for providing 4G

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wireless broadband at Pudukkottai Division is recommended since no alternative land is available.

9) In this regard, it is submitted that the User Agency has uploaded all the certificates /undertakings/details as required in this proposal.

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

12) The area proposed for diversion of 0.0107ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC in Chokkanathapuram to Maravamadurai across Ammankurichi Reserved Forest for providing 4G wireless broadband at Pudukkottai Division is recommended and forwarded to the State Government for consideration and to obtain approval from Government of India as the User Agency is a private company subject to the following conditions.

(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 places as per the directions as the District Forest Officer concerned at the cost of User Agency.

(iii) The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5m below the ground and after laying down of OFC the ground should be leveled.

(iv) 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.

(v) 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.

(vi) The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

(vii) 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.

(viii) The period of lease is 20 years.

(ix) The User Agency should send renewal proposal one year before expiry of lease.

(x) The Chief Conservator of Forests and District Forest Officer may impose any other condition in the interest of conservation /protection land development of forests.

(xi) The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal.


The Government of India Guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in F.No.5-3/2007-FC, dated 05.02.2009, exemption for payment of Net Present Value for underground laying of Optical Fibre Cable has been allowed, if the area does not form a part of National Park / Sanctuary and no felling of trees is involved.

This project area is not declared as National Park / Sanctuary and no felling of trees involved in this project. Hence payment of Net Present Value for the forest area diversion of laying OFC may not be insisted.

I request that the proposal for diversion of forest land of 0.0107 Ha for laying of underground OFC in Chokkanathapuram to Maravamadurai across Ammankurichi Reserved Forest of Pudukottai Division for providing 4G wireless broadband may kindly be considered and approval may be obtained from the Government of India. for a period of 20 years.

Encl.: Proposal

Yours faithfully


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)


27/2/2023

27/02/2023

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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 Work: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Trichy Circle / Pudukkottai Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.0107 ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along Sokkanathapuram to Maravamadurai route through forest areas in Pudukkottai District Ammankurichi RF– Online proposal submission by the User Agency ie. Jio Digital Fibre private Ltd., Chennai – Online proposal submission by the User Agency ie. M/S Jio Digital Fibre private Ltd, Chennai

Proposal No: FP/TN/OFC/119342/2021

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).

Recommended

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24/2/23
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Date : 02.2023
Place: Chennai

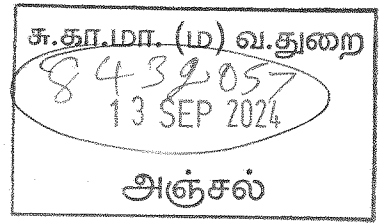
Signature:

Name : V.Karuna Priya, IFS

Official Seal:

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

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Prel. 1274/FR.10/2023



TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
Dr. Sudhanshu Gupta, 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 Principal Secretary to Government,
Environment, Climate Change and
Forests Department, Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.

Ref. No. TS4/2125/2021 dated. 12.09.2024

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980
[previously called Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980] – Trichy Circle –
Pudukkottai Division – for diversion of 0.0107 ha of forest land for
laying of underground OFC along Sokkanathapuram to
Maravamadurai route across Ammankurichy RF in Pudukkottai
District in favour of the Jio Digital Fibre Private Ltd., Chennai – reg.

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- Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency – Jio Digital
Fibre Private Ltd., Chennai, Proposal No. FP / TN / OFC / 119342
/ 2021 on 12.01.2021.
2. Part-II uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai on
25.01.2023.
3. Government Lr. No. 1274/FR.10/2023-1, dt: 24.03.2023 and
07.06.2023.
4. District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai, C. No. 5396/2023/D, dt:
22.07.2024.
5. Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy, C. No. 14173/2022/D, dt:
01.08.2024.

I wish to state that in the references 3rd cited, Government has raised EDS to
clarify the reason for non-submission of Compensatory Afforestation scheme for the
subject proposal and request to obtain and send the original certificate of the District
Collector, Pudukkottai District with his full name as per the format prescribed in the
Form-I for linear projects in the Comprehensive Guidelines of Forest (Conservation)
Act, 1980.

The District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai vide reference 4th cited has resubmitted
the proposal after incorporated the required details and the Chief Conservator of
Forests, Trichy has forwarded the same vide reference 5th cited. The details are
furnished as follows:

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- i) The User Agency has obtained and uploaded the certificate of the District Collector, Pudukkottai District with his full name as per the format prescribed in the Form-I for linear projects in the Comprehensive Guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
 - ii) Total Financial Outlay for Compensatory Afforestation: Rs.1,58,573/-. KML file of Degraded Forest Land for Compensatory Afforestation uploaded.
 - iii) Copy of Compensatory Afforestation scheme details uploaded.
 - iv) DGPS map of forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation uploaded.
 - v) SI sheet map of forest land proposed for CA uploaded.
 - vi) Suitability certificate for CA land uploaded by the District Forest Officer.

The rectified proposal recommended by the District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai and forwarded by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy is sent herewith and request that the proposal may be recommended and forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai for getting Stage-I approval for diversion of 0.0107 ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along Sokkanathapuram to Maravamadurai route across Ammankurichy RF in Pudukkottai District in favour of the Jio Digital Fibre Private Ltd., Chennai for a period of 20 years.

Encl: As stated above

Yours faithfully

S. Alayar
for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

[Signature]
12/09/24