

Sub: Permission for 17.18 ha. Protected forest land Diversion for Protected Forest purpose for laying Optical fiber cable for Bharat Net Phase-II Project various road of Gir Somnath District

Annexure - 9

Certificate for the minimum use of Forest Land and justification for locating the project on forest land

The Optical Fiber Cable is generally laid along the State / National Highway roads. Such road side area is declared as the Protected Forest under the Indian Forest Act.

The area requested for the laying of the Optical Fiber Cable is the bare minimum considering the requirements and also considering the safety of the cables so laid. Since the telecommunication cables also carry the communication from the Government offices, Defense & Strategic establishments, and from the different industrial organizations apart from the general public, for the safety and confidentiality of the conversation so made it is not advisable to lay such important cables on the private land belonging to different parties.

The Cable alignment will be suitably diverted to avoid any cutting of trees and laid within the road land boundary by excavating a narrow trench of 45cms width. The same strip of trench will be reinstated to its original condition. It is also intimated that no structure will be erected on the cable route.

The area required for the laying of the Optical Fiber Cables is bare minimum which is a part of the Protected Forest land.

For, **Gujarat Fiber Grid Network Ltd,**

Authorised Signatory