

ANNEXURE D-I**Justification for locating the Project in Forest Land and Details of alternate examine:**

The Optical Fibre Cables are always laid along the road side due to easy supervision, quick maintenance and low cost of maintenance. The applicant does not have to acquire land for this project purpose, as the road side land is under the control of State Highway / National Highways Authority of India. However the land classification is forest land.

The area requested for the laying of the Optical Fibre Cable is the 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, Defence & 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 0.30 meters width and up to 1 to 2 meter depth. 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 Fibre Cables is bare minimum which is a part of the protected forest land. The project area does not involve any diversion of forest area in any manner.

No alternative was considered as the project is site specific.

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