



FST-Land/45/2022-02-Forest Department  
Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department  
Civil Secretariat, Jammu

**Subject:** Use of 0.97 ha of forest land for laying of underground optical fiber cable on Machedi-Thall Bhullari in Billawar Forest Division.

**Reference:** 1. Online Proposal No. FP/JK/OFC/151348/2022.  
2. In-Principle (Stage-I) approval conveyed vide letter no. FST/Land/OFC/45/2022-02 Dated . 21.07.2022.  
3. Letter No. PCCF/FCA/3459/3486-88 dated 21.07.2023 from Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), J&K

**Government Order No:- 171-JK(FST) of 2023**  
**Dated:- 31 .08.2023**

Approval of the proposal and sanction for use of 0.97 ha of forest land for laying of underground optical fiber cable on Machedi-Thall Bhullari in Billawar Forest Division with the following particulars and subject to the terms and conditions appearing hereinafter:

**Particulars of the proposal:-**

1.	User Agency/Applicant	Vindhya Telelinks Ltd
2.	Compartment No.	25b/Blr & 78/Bni
3.	Location	District : Kathua Division : Billawar Forest Division
4.	Objective	To provide mobile communication network.
5.	<b>Salient Features of the Project:</b>	
	(i)	Length of the underground OFC passing through forest. 32500 Mtr.
	(ii)	Width of the underground OFC passing through forest 0.30 Mtr
	(iii)	Total Forest area involved 9750 sq. mtr = 0.97 Ha

**Terms and conditions:-**

- Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
- Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 2 Ha on degraded forest land (Compartment No.24b/Blr ) at the cost of user agency amounting to Rs. 4,37,000/- .



- iii. Compensatory afforestation will be done within one year from the date of issue of final approval over the extent of land as approved out of the funds provided by the user agency.
- iv. The DFO shall ensure taking up CA plantations at approved sites and shall not alter the approved sites without obtaining the permission of the competent authority.
- v. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose other than that mentioned in the proposal.
- vi. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- vii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department, or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- viii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- ix. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- x. Required soil conservation measures should be taken up by the user agency for which fund should be provided as per the current rate of works.
- xi. The muck/waste material shall be disposed off as per the approved plan, if applicable.
- xii. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- xiii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- xiv. The user agency shall provide firewood preferable alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
- xv. The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, and any other clearances under relevant Acts/ Rules/court's Rulings/instructions, etc., as applicable to this proposal.
- xvi. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land, and all efforts shall be made to save the adjoining forest and forest land. The User Agency and /or its contractors will not bring any forest area under their use, other than the actual area/activity approved by the Government for the instant proposal. Any laxity or deviation on this account by the User Agency or its contractors will attract penal provisions of the relevant Acts/legal provisions.
- xvii. The User Agency shall pay any expenses/rent/fees etc as applicable towards Forest Department in accordance with the relevant Telecom Guidelines/Policy in vogue and shall abide by the procedures regarding installation of telecommunication infrastructure.
- xviii. The OFC cable shall be laid down in a trench not more than 2 metre in depth & 1 metre in width and after laying of the OFC, the ground will be suitably leveled and reclaimed.



- xix. The User Agency shall construct retaining walls/breast walls/ rain water drainage on forest land and take all necessary steps to check soil erosion which may result due to proposed work.
- xx. The forest land so allowed for use shall return to the Forest Department free of any encumbrances when it is no longer required by the User Agency.
- xxi. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

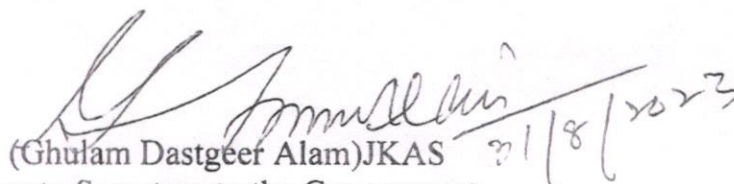
Sd/-  
( Dheeraj Gupta ) IAS  
Principal Secretary to the Government

No. FST/Land/OFC/45/2022-02

Dated:- 31.08.2023

Copy to the:

1. Secretary to Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HOFF), J&K.
3. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
4. APCCF/Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu
5. APCCF/ Nodal Officer (FCA), O/o Pr. CCF J&K..
6. Private Secretary to Chief Secretary.
7. Private Secretary to Principal/Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department J&K.
8. Private Secretary to Special Secretary (Technical), Forest, Ecology and Environment Department
9. General Manager, Vindhya Telelinks Ltd. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Indira Theatre Opposite Circuit House Canal Road Jammu.
10. Govt. Order File (w.2.s.c)/Stock file.

  
(Ghulam Dastgeer Alam)JKAS 31/8/2023  
Deputy Secretary to the Government,  
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