

**ANNEXURE-9**

**JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA  
TO BE SUBMITTED BY USER AGENCY AND COUNTERSIGNED BY DCF**

The proposed OF cable is generally laid along the road. In the present case it is to be laid along the road/ state highway (1- Near Dhari to Gadhiya T Point, near mile stone SH-96 on Dhari – Khambha Road of Dhari block) Such road side area is declared as the protected forest of Central government under the forest Conservation Act 1980.

Under this proposal OFC would use approx. 15.000 Km linear forest land (0.675 hectares) area along the road/ state highway (as above mentions 1 route's of Dhari block).

The area required for laying OFC is bare minimum which is a part of protected forest land. The cable laying work will be carried out in phased manner in such a way that after the PLB /Protection pipes are laid for OFC and the trench is reinstated, the land in question need not require to be handed over to the BBNL/ RCIL for its exclusive use. Thus minimum land shall be used during the work.

After the reinstatement of trench, the land area affected may very well be utilized for plantation and development of forest.

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