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To,  
The Forest Department,  
Government of Assam,  
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**Sub: Justification for Forest Land Diversion**

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Bharti Airtel Limited!

With regard to the subject under reference the area proposed for the forest land diversion to build mobile tower is only 0.0225 Ha. Per location, i.e. 15x15 meters only. The locations are technically appropriate and strategically defined by Directorate of Telecommunication, Government of India. Erection of mobile tower in these particular locations will cover numbers of villages with large population. Most importantly, these areas particularly are not having any telecommunication network till date. The main motive of the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) project by "Ministry of Telecommunication" Government of India is to cover remote areas not having any telecommunication coverage. Since, most of the non-forest densely populated areas were already covered by numbers of telecommunication service providers, the people residing in those non-forest areas are already enjoying advanced mobile network services. While on the other hand, remote forest dwellers residing in notified Forest Villages are still deprived of minimum mobile network services. Keeping this context in mind, Directorate of Telecommunication, strategically proposing these nominal at Forest Villages to provide at least 2G cellular service to the already deprived forest dwellers.

In consideration to the above, most humbly we request your kind support for the proposed land diversion.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

For Bharti Airtel Limited

  
(Vipin Umarao)

