

## **TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to  
Government,  
Environment, Climate Change and  
Forests Department, Secretariat,  
Chennai – 600 009.

**Ref. No.TS4/48485/2020, dated: || .04.2025**

**Madam,**

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 [previously called Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980] – SMTR, Madurai circle – Theni Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.193 ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along Cumbam-Kumuli NH road from lower camp to Kumuli through Suranganar RF in Theni District – online proposal submission by the User Agency, i.e., M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Ltd., Chennai – Stage-I approval accorded – Compliance Report received – forwarding – reg.

- Ref:
1. Online application uploaded by M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Ltd., Chennai, Proposal No. FP / TN / OFC / 116522 / 2020 on 22.12.2020.
  2. Part-II uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Theni on 07.03.2022.
  3. Government Letter No. 19218/FR.10/2022-3, dt: 15.11.2023.
  4. Government of India, Letter F.No.4-TNB115/2023-CHN/1314, dt: 07.12.2023 (Stage-I approval).
  5. Compliance report uploaded by User Agency on 04.01.2025.
  6. Compliance report processed offline by District Forest Officer, Theni vide C. No. 7782/2018/D, dt: 25.03.2025.
  7. Compliance Report processed offline by Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai vide C. No. 10490/2021/D1, dt: 08.04.2025.

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I wish to state that, the Government of India, Regional Office, Chennai vide reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited has conveyed the In-Principle approval (Stage-I) under Section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.193 ha of forest land in Suranganar RF for the above proposal. The User Agency has uploaded the Compliance report for the conditions stipulated by the Government of India in Stage-I approval for the above proposal.

The above Compliance Report has been verified and forwarded by the District Forest Officer, Theni and Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai vide reference 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> cited.

The contents of the Compliance report are as follows:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Compliance stipulated by Government of India</b>	<b>Compliance of conditions / reply</b>
i	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	The User Agency has agreed the above condition and furnished undertakings.
ii	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the appropriate distance as decided by the DFO concerned, at the cost of User Agency.	The User Agency has agreed and the demarcation of the proposed forest area has been carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the appropriate distance as decided by the DFO, at their cost.
iii	The State Forest Department shall carryout CA over an extent of 0.40 ha of DFL area identified in the Suranganar RF at the cost of the User Agency. The CA shall be carried out as per the time line provided in the FC Rules 2022.	The User Agency has paid the Compensatory Afforestation cost of <b>Rs.6,21,091/- (The UTR No. is AXISP00548546073, dt: 04.10.2024).</b>
iv	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest area from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-1) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification Issued vide letter dated 22.03.2022.	The User Agency has paid the NPV of <b>Rs.6,68,353/- (The UTR No. is AXISP00548546073, dt: 04.10.2024)</b> for the forest land being diverted under this proposal as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-1) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification Issued vide letter dated 22.03.2022.



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v	As a part of the projects falls within the Tiger Corridor area of Mathikettan Chola National Park and Periyar National Park of Kerala State, the User Agency shall obtain approval from the competent authority under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The State Government shall ensure all approvals required for the project before issuing of working permission, as the case may be.	The User Agency has agreed and obtain the Wildlife Clearance from SC of NBWL vide Gol, MoEFCC (WL Dn), F. No. WL-6/207/2023-WL, dt: 23.01.2024 in Agenda item No.76.3.20 of minutes.
vi	The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 m depth, 6.44 km length and 0.30 m width. The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same.	The User Agency has agreed that the maximum size of the trench will not exceed 2.00 m depth, 6.44 km length and 0.30 m width. The forest land will be restored to its original state after laying the same.
vii	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	The User Agency has agreed that the layout plan of the proposal will not be changed.
viii	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	The User Agency has agreed the above condition and furnished undertakings.
ix	Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.	The User Agency has agreed that the disturbance will be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area and it will be their responsibility of to ensure that the machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work will not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.

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x	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	The User Agency has agreed that sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, will be provided by them to labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
xi	No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency.	The User Agency has agreed that no tree felling will be carried out.
xii	The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.	The User Agency has agreed that the forest land proposed for diversion will under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
xiii	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.193 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.	The User Agency has agreed that the total forest area utilized for the project will not exceed 0.193 ha and the forest area diverted will not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
xiv	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.	The User Agency has agreed that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
xv	User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	The User Agency has agreed that they will ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.



Sl. No.	Compliance stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of conditions / reply
xvi	Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG, Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency.	The UA has agreed that any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG (Central) of the RO, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, will be complied by them.
xvii	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report above conditions through online on the ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> ).	The User Agency has agreed and submitted compliance report on the above conditions through online.
xviii	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.	The UA has agreed that in the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions they will liable for penal action as per the provisions of rules / guidelines made under FCA, 1980.

The Compliance Report furnished by the User agency along with connected undertakings / documents and report of the Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai and the District Forest Officer, Theni are forwarded in the PARIVESH Portal for further action.

I request that the Compliance Report may be forwarded to Government of India, Regional Office, Chennai and obtain Stage-II final approval for diversion of 0.193 ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along Cumbam-Kumuli NH road from lower camp to Kumuli through Suranganar RF in Theni District in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Ltd., Chennai for a period of 20 years.

Yours faithfully,

  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservation Act) (FAC)

 11/04/25  
Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Theni.

Copy to M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Ltd., Chennai.

**Tamil Nadu Forest Department**

From:  
Thiru.S.Anand, I.F.S.,  
Conservator of Forest &  
Chief Conservator of Forest  
& Field Director,  
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve (FAC)  
Madurai-2

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of  
Forests (Head of Forest Force)  
State Forest Headquarters  
Guindy - Valachery Road  
Chennai - 32.

**C.No. 10490/2021/D1, Dated : .04.2025.**

Sir,

Sub : Forest - (Conservation) Act, 1980-SMTR Madurai Circle - Theni Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.193 Ha. of forest land for laying of underground OFC along Cumbum - Kumuli NH Road from Lower Camp to Kumuli through Suranganar RF by M/s.Jio Digital fibre ltd, Mylapore, Chennai Stage-I approval accorded - Conditions stipulated by the Government - submission of Compliance report - submission of - Regarding.

- Ref:
1. Online application submitted by M/s.Jio digital fibre private limited, Mylapore, Chennai. (Proposal No: FP/TN/OFC/116522/2020.)
  2. Government of India MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Chennai. F.No.4 - TNB115/2023-CHN/1314 dt.07.12.2023.
  3. Chief Conservator of Forest and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai Ref.no.10490/2021/D1 Dt.24.07.2023.
  4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Chennai, Ref.no.48485/2020/TS4, Dt. 08.01.2024.
  5. Government of India, MoEF&CC, Chennai, F.No:4/TNB115/2023-CHN/1314, Dated: 07.12.2023.
  6. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Wildlife Division ) F.No. WL-6/207/2023-WL, Dated. 23.01.2024.
  7. Chief Conservator of Forest and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai Ref.no.10490/2021/D1,Dt.23.07.2024.
  8. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Chennai, Ref.no. 48485/2020/TS4, Dated. 02.09.2024, 23.12.2024 and 11.01.2025.
  9. M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private limited, Mylapore, Chennai. Letter dated. 10.03.2025.
  10. M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private limited, Mylapore, Chennai. Letter dated. 10.03.2025.
  11. M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private limited, Mylapore, Chennai. Letter dated. 10.03.2025.
  12. District Forest Officer, Theni. C.No. 7782/2018/D, Dated. 11.03.2025.
  13. M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private limited, Mylapore, Chennai. Letter dated. 21.03.2025.
  14. District Forest Officer, Theni. C.No. 7782/2018/D, Dated. 25.03.2025.

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Kind attention is brought to the references 1<sup>st</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> cited above.

I submit herewith the complete compliance report submitted by the District Forest Officer Theni Division in the reference 14<sup>th</sup> cited against the conditions stipulated in the **In-principle Approval (Stage-1)** under section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 for diversion of 0.193 Ha. of forest land for carrying out 'Laying of Optical Fiber Cable' along the Cumbum - Kumuli NH Road from Lower Camp to Kumuli through Suranganar RF in Theni District accorded by the MoEF & CC, GoI, New Delhi in the reference 5<sup>th</sup> cited. Further, the National Board for Wildlife has accorded Wildlife clearance in the reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited. Accordingly, the report is scrutinized and submitted as follows;

Sl. No	Conditions Stipulated by Government in Stage I approval	Undertakings submitted by the User Agency/ Reply of DFO Theni
1.	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	Legal status of the Forest land will remain unchanged. Combined undertaking submitted by the User Agency is enclosed.
2.	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the appropriate distance as decided by the District Forest Officer concerned, at the cost of user agency.	Demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars, duly numbered for each and every turning at an interval of visible distance of 200 meters has been laid and also assured to maintain the demarcation stones for entire project diversion period.
3.	The State Forest Department shall <b>carryout CA</b> over an extent of 0.40 Ha of DFL area identified in the Suranganar Reserve Forest at the cost of User agency. The CA shall be carried out as per the time line provided in the FC Rules 2022;	The User agency remitted an amount of Rs.6,21,091/- (Rupees Six Lakh Twenty One Thousand Ninety One only) in the TamilNadu State CAMPA Account (UTR No. AXISP00584664307) by generating challan in the PARIVESH portal.

4.	<p>The State Government shall charge the <b>Net Present Value</b> of the diverted forest area from the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA.Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in writ petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated. 22.03.2022.</p>	<p>An amount of Rs.6,68,353/-(Rupees Six Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Three only) has been paid directly by the User Agency to the State CAMPA account of Tamil Nadu State by generating challan in Parivesh portal. The User Agency has paid Compensatory Afforestation amount of Rs.6,21,091/-&amp; Net Present Value amount of Rs.6,68,353/ Total an amount of Rs.12,89,444/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Eighty nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty Four Only) in the TamilNadu State CAMPA Account UTR.No.AXISP00584664307 by generating challan in the Ministry's website (<a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a>) through NEFT / RTGS mode. <b>Copy of challan enclosed.</b></p>
5.	<p>As a part of the Projects falls within the Tiger Corridor area of Mathikettan Chola National Park and Periyar Nation Park of Kerala State, The User Agency shall obtain approval from the competent authority under wildlife (protection) Act, 1972. The State Government shall ensure all approvals required for the project before issuing of working permission, as the case may be;</p>	<p>As a part of the Projects falls within the Tiger Corridor area of Mathikettan Chola National Park and Periyar Nation Park of Kerala State. Necessary approval has been obtained from National Board of Wildlife vide Govt. of India MoEFCC (Wildlife Division) F.No:WL-6/207/2023-WL Dated: 23.01.2024 in Agenda item No.3, in 76.3.20 of minutes (<b>copy enclosed</b>).</p>
6.	<p>The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 meter depth,</p>	<p>A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.</p>



7.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the central Government.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
8.	No Labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
9.	Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the user agency to ensure that the machinery, labourers & Staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna;	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
10.	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, Shall be provided by the User agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
11.	No tree felling shall be carried out by the user agency.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
12.	The Forest Land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department, or person without the prior approval of the central Government.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.

13.	The total Forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.193 Hectare and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than shown in the diversion proposal.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
14.	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work,	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
15.	The user agency and State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines for the time being force, as applicable to the project.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
16.	Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG, Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and Management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
17.	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online. ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> );	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
18.	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as per the rules /Guidelines	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.

	issued under FCA, 1980.	
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SL No	Conditions Stipulated by District Forest Officer	Undertakings submitted by the User Agency.
19.	If any Mitigation Plan demanded by the State Forest Department from the User Agency in the interest of management of Human Wildlife Conflict in the Forest area, shall be complied by the user agency.	The user agency has remitted an amount of Rs.10,53,470/- for the Impact Mitigation and wildlife conservation plan as approved by the Principal Chief conservator of forests and Chief Wildlife warden Chennai. vide Ref. No: WL/21602/2024, Dated: 21.08.2024.
20.	The lease rent will be fixed by the State Forest Department from the user agency as G.O.(Ms). No.272, Environment (FR.XIII) and per Forests Department dated: 15.04.1991.	In this regard, the Above Sl No:15 and Sl.No.18 undertaking certificates are given and it may be considered.
21.	The period of Lease years, The user agency should send renewal proposal one year before the expiry of the lease.	In this regard, the Above Sl No:15 and Sl.No.18 undertaking certificates are given and it may be considered.

This is for kind information and necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

**Encl : 2 Copies of Compliance**  
report

*N. Anand*  
For Conservator of Forest & Deputy Director  
and Chief Conservator of Forest & Field Director, (FAC).  
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve Madurai

*8/4/25.*



[R.P.A.D]

**TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**  
**THENI FOREST DIVISION**

From  
Thiru.J.R.Samartha, IFS.,  
District Forest Officer,  
Theni Forest Division,  
Theni.

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of  
Forests (Head of Forest Force),  
Forest head Quarters building,  
Chennai.

**Through**

The Chief Conservator of Forests  
and Field Director,  
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger  
Reserve,  
Madurai.

**C.No.7782/2018/D, Dated:25.03.2025**

Sub: Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – SMTR Madurai  
Circle - Theni Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of  
0.193 Ha. of forest land for laying of underground OFC along  
Cumbum-Kumuli NH Road from Lower Camp to Kumuli  
through Suranganar RF - by M/s.Jio Digital fibre ltd,  
Mylapore, Chennai – Stage-I approval accorded – Conditions  
stipulated by the Government – submission of Revised  
Compliance Report - Regarding.

- Ref: 1. Online application submitted by M/s.Jio digital fibre  
private limited, Mylapore, Chennai. (Proposal No:  
FP/TN/OFC/116522/2020.)
2. District Forest Officer, Theni. C.No:7782/2018/D,  
Dated:31.05.2022, 29.08.2022, 02.09.2022 and  
10.03.2023.
3. The Conservator of Forests and Field Director, SMTR,  
Madurai C.No:10490/2021/D1, Dated:13.03.2023.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of  
Department) Chennai. C.No:TS4/48485/2020,  
Dated:20.03.2023.
5. Government of India, MoEF&CC, Chennai,  
F.No:4/TNB115/2023-CHN/1314, Dated:07.12.2023.
6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of  
Department) Chennai. C.No:TS4/48485/2020,  
Dated:08.01.2024.
7. District Forest Officer, Theni C.No:7782/2018/D,

Dated:01.06.2024.

8. M/s.Rliance infocomm Limited, Chennai, Letter Dated:05.06.2024.
9. The District Forest Officer, Theni C.No:7728/2019/D, Dated:03.07.2024.
10. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Wildlife Division), F.No:WL-6/207/2023-WL, Dated:23.01.2024.
11. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief wildlife warden, Chennai. Ref.No:WL5/30565/2022, Dated:24.01.2025
12. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief wildlife warden, Chennai. Ref.No:WL5/21602/2024, Dated:21.08.2024.
13. District Forest Officer, Theni C.No:7782/2018/D, Dated:08.10.2024.
14. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force, Chennai C.No:TS4/48485/2020, Dated:23.12.2024 and 11.01.2025.
15. M/s.Jio Digital Fibre Private limited, Mylapore, Chennai. Letter dated:10.03.2025.
16. District Forest Officer, Theni C.No:7782/2018/D, Dated:11.03.2025.
17. M/s.Jio Digital Fibre Private limited, Mylapore, Chennai. Letter dated:21.03.2025.

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I submit that in-Principal approval (Stage-I) was accorded under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan), Adhiniyam, 1980 [Previously called Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980] for diversion of Forest land in Suranganar Reserved Forest [6.44 Km x 0.030] to an area of 0.193 Hectares for laying of underground optical fiber cable along Cumbum-Kumuli NH road from Lower Camp to Kumuli in Theni District has been approved by the Government of India vide reference 5<sup>th</sup> cited. Further, National Board of Wildlife clearance has been approved vide 10<sup>th</sup> cited and received vide 11<sup>th</sup> cited.

Details of conditions stipulated by Government in stage-I approval and undertakings submitted by the user agency are as follows:-



Sl. No	Conditions Stipulated by Government in Stage I approval	Undertakings submitted by the user agency
1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged. Combined undertaking is enclosed
2	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet height cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the appropriate distance as decided by the District Forest Officer concerned, at the cost of user agency.	Demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars, duly numbered for each and every turning at an interval of visible distance of 200 meters has been laid and also assured to maintain the demarcation stones for entire project diversion period.
3	The State Forest Department shall carryout CA over an extent of 0.40 Ha of DFL area identified in the Suranganar Reserve Forest at the cost of User agency. The CA shall be carried out as per the time line provided in the FC Rules 2022;	As per the demand raised by the District Forest Officer, Theni an amount of Rs.6,21,091/- (Rupees Six Lakh Twenty One Thousand Ninety One only) has been remitted in the State CAMPA account of Tamil Nadu State by generating chalan in the Ministry's web portal on 09.09.2024.
4	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest area from the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA.Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in writ petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 22.03.2022.	An amount of Rs.6,68,353/- (Rupees Six Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Three only) has been paid directly to the State CAPMA account of Tamil Nadu State by generating chalan in the Ministry's web portal on 09.09.2024. The Compensatory Afforestation amount of Rs.6,21,091/- and Net Present amount Value of Rs.6,68,353/ Total an amount of Rs.12,89,444/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Eighty nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty Four Only) has been



		<p>vide UTR No. AXISP00548546073 by generating challan in the Ministry's website through NEFT / RTGS mode.</p> <p>Copy of challan has been enclosed</p>
5	<p>As a part of the Projects falls within the Tiger Corridor area of Mathikettan Chola National Park and Periyar Nation Park of Kerala State, The User Agency shall obtain approval from the competent authority under wildlife (protection) Act, 1972. The State Government shall ensure all approvals required for the project before issuing of working permission, as the case may be;</p>	<p>As a part of the Projects falls within the Tiger Corridor area of Mathikettan Chola National Park and Periyar Nation Park of Kerala State. The approval has been obtained from National Board of Wildlife vide Govt.of India MoEFCC (Wildlife Division) F.No:WL-6/207/2023-WL Dated:23.01.2024 in Agenda item No.3, in 76.3.20 of minutes (copy enclosed).</p>
6	<p>The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 meter depth, 6.44 Km length and 0.30 meter width. The Forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same.</p>	<p>A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.</p>
7	<p>The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the central Government</p>	<p>A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.</p>
8	<p>No Labour camp shall be established on the forest land</p>	<p>A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.</p>
9	<p>Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the user agency to ensure that the machinery, labourers &amp; Staff</p>	<p>A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.</p>

	engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna;	
10	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, Shall be provided by the User agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
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15	The user agency and state government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all acts, Rules, Regulations and	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.

	Guidelines for the time being force, as applicable to the project	
16	Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG, Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and Management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
17	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> );	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
18	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / Guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.

Sl. No	Conditions Stipulated by District Forest Officer, Theni.	Undertakings submitted by the user agency
19	If any Mitigation Plan demanded by the state Forest Department from the User Agency in the interest of management of Human Wildlife Conflict in the Forest area, shall be complied by the user agency.	The user agency has remitted an amount of Rs.1053470/- for the Impact Mitigation and wildlife conservation plan as approved by the Principal Chief conservator of forests and Chief Wildlife warden vide Ref.No:WL/21602/2024, Dated:21.08.2024.



20	The lease rent will be fixed by the state forest department from the user agency as per G.O.(Ms).No.272, Environment and Forests (FR.XIII) Department dated:15.04.1991.	In this regard, The Above Sl.No:15 and Sl.No.18 undertaking certificates may be considered.
21	The period of Lease years, The user agency should send renewal proposal one year before the expiry of the lease.	In this regard, The Above Sl.No:15 and Sl.No.18 undertaking certificates may be considered.

This is for favour of kind information.

Yours Sincerely,



District Forest Officer,  
Theni Forest Division,  
Theni.

8/2/25  
25.03.2025

Encl: As stated above

Copy Submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director,  
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai.

# JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PRIVATE LIMITED

CIN: U64200GJ2018PTC105652

No.89, Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai 600 004.

From

T.T. Balsamy,  
State Coordinate Officer,  
Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,  
No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai,  
Mylapore, Chennai - 4.

To

The District Forest Officer,  
Theni Forest Division,  
Theni.



Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 - Theni Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.193 ha of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) along Cumbum - Kumuli NH road from Lower Camp to Kumuli through Suranganar RF in Theni District in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited - Demand letter for compliance of Stage-1 Forest Clearance -Regarding.

- Ref: (1) The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office, Chennai 6 File No.4-TNB115/2023-CHN/1314 dated 07.12.2032.  
(2) The Government of India letter No. 19218/FR.10/2022-4, Dt.28.12.2023.  
(3) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force), Chennai C.No. TS4/48485/2020 dated 08.01.2024 and 02.09.2024.

With reference to the above subject, I submit that the compliance report on the fulfilment of conditions stipulated in the Stage I approval under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.193 ha. of forest land for the use underground OFC works along the road side from Lower Camp to Kumuli through Suranganar RF in Theni Forest Division, as follows:

Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
I	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged. Combined undertaking is enclosed.
II	The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by	Demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement

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Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
	erecting of 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the appropriate distance as decided by the District Forest Officer concerned, at the cost of User Agency.	concrete pillars duly numbered for each and every turning at an interval of visible distance of 200 meters has been laid and also assured to maintain the demarcation stones for the entire project diversion period.
III	The State Forest Department shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation over an extent of 0.40 ha. of Degraded Forest Land area identified in the Suranganar RF at the cost of the User Agency. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be carried out as per the time line provided in the Forest Conservation Rules, 2022;	As per the demand raised by the District Forest Officer, Theni an amount of <b>Rs.6,21,091/-</b> (Rupees Six Lakh Twenty One Thousand Ninety One only) has been remitted in the State CAMPA account of Tamil Nadu State by generating chalan in the Ministry's web portal on 09.09.2024.
IV	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest area from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28-03-2008 and 09-05-2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-1) dated 06-01-2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 22-03-2022.	An amount of <b>Rs.6,68,353/-</b> (Rupees Six Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Three only) has been paid directly to the State CAPMA account of Tamil Nadu State by generating chalan in the Ministry's web portal on 09.09.2024.  The Compensatory Afforestation amount of Rs.6,21,091/- and Net Present Value amount of Rs.6,68,353/- Total an amount of <b>Rs.12,98,444/-</b> (Rupees Twelve Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Four



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Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
		Hundred Forty Four Only) has been paid vide UTR No. <b>AXISP00548546073</b> by generating challan in the Ministry's website through NEFT / RTGS mode. Copy of challan has been enclosed.
V	As a part of the projects falls within the Tiger Corridor area of Mathikettan Chola National Park and Periyar National Park of Kerala State, the User Agency shall obtain approval from the competent authority under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The State Government shall ensure all approvals required for the project before issuing of working permission, as the case may be;	As a part of the projects falls within the Tiger Corridor area of Mathikettan Chola National Park and Periyar National Park of Kerala State, the approval has been obtained from National Board for Wild Life vide Govt. of India, MoEFCC (Wild Life Division) No.F.No.WL-6/207/2023-WL dated 23.01.2024 in Agenda Item No. 3, in 76.3.20 of the minutes (copy enclosed).
VI	The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 meter depth, 6.44 km length and 0.30 meter width. The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
VII	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.



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Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
VIII	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
IX	Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the machinery, labourers and staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
X	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the laborer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
XI	No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
XII	The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, development or person without prior approval of the Central Government	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.

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Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
XIII	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.193 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
XIV	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
XV	User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
XVI	Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG, Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.

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XVII	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> );	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
XVIII	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.

Compliance report along with enclosures is furnished in hard copy and uploaded in the web portal.

Since the conditions stipulated in the Government of India letter have been fulfilled, I request that Government of India orders may please be issued for Stage - II final approval for 0.193 ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along road side from Cumbum – Kumuli NH road from Lower Camp to Kumuli through Suranganar R.F. in Theni Forest Division for approval.

Encl.: As stated above.

Yours faithfully



Authorized Signatory,  
M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,  
Chennai

Copy to

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Chennai-32.

The Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai.



# JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PRIVATE LIMITED

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## UNDERTAKING

We, M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Chennai is undertaking that the ***Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.***



Authorized Signatory  
M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,  
Mylapore, Chennai-4.



# JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PRIVATE LIMITED

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## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that *the maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 meter depth, 6.44 km length and 0.30 meter width. The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same.*



Authorized Signatory  
M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,  
Mylapore, Chennai-4.

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## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that ***the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government*** and also the work will be carried out only on the proposed layout plan.



Authorized Signatory  
M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,  
Mylapore, Chennai-4.



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## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that ***no labour camp shall be established on the forest land*** which was diverted for the proposed underground optical fibre cable laying works.



Authorized Signatory  
M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,  
Mylapore, Chennai-4.



# JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PRIVATE LIMITED

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This is to certify that disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and to ensure that the machinery, labourers and staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna.



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## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided if any to the laborer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.



Authorized Signatory  
M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,  
Mylapore, Chennai-4.




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## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that ***no tree felling shall be carried out during the execution*** optical fibre cable laying works.



Authorized Signatory  
M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,  
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Authorized Signatory  
M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,  
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This is to certify that the ***total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed proposed 0.193 ha*** and also certify that, ***the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose*** other than those shown in the diversion proposal.



Authorized Signatory  
M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,  
Mylapore, Chennai-4.



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## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.



Authorized Signatory  
M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,  
Mylapore, Chennai-4.



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## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.



Authorized Signatory  
M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,  
Mylapore, Chennai-4.

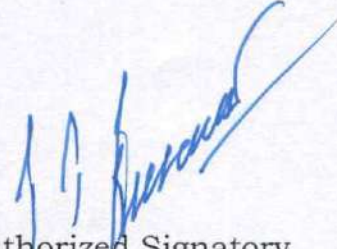
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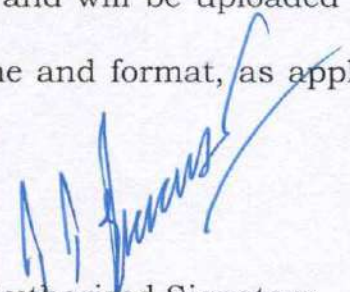
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## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Chennai shall ensure condition requiring submission of compliance reports through the online portal Parivesh that the State Government will process and submit the compliance report as per the specified guidelines. All necessary information and documents are being compiled and will be uploaded to the portal in accordance with the prescribed timeline and format, as applicable to the project.



Authorized Signatory  
M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,  
Mylapore, Chennai-4.



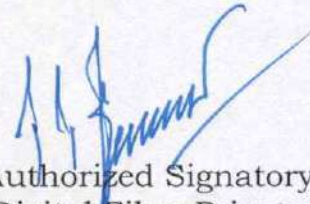
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## CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that in the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions, we will obey the penal action as per the provisions in Ministry's guidelines.



Authorized Signatory  
M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,  
Mylapore, Chennai-4.



# JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PRIVATE LIMITED

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No.89, Radhakrishanan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai 600 004.

## DEMARCATON OF PROPOSED FOREST AREA BY CEMENT CONCRETE PILLARS



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# JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PRIVATE LIMITED

CIN: U64200GJ2018PTC105652

No.89, Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai 600 004.



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## AGENCY COPY



## NEFT / RTGS CHALLAN for CAMPA Funds

Date : 25-10-2024

Agency Name.	JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PRIVATE LIMITED
Application No.	71116522597
Location.	TAMILNADU
Address.	No 89 Dr RADHAKRISHNAN SALAI MYLAPORE CHENNAI 04 Chennai
Amount(in Rs)	1053470/-

Amount In Words :Ten Lakh Fifty-Three Thousand Four  
Hundred and Seventy Rupees Only

**NEFT/RTGS to be made as per following  
details;**

Beneficiary Name:	TAMILNADU CAMPA
IFSC Code:	UBIN0996335
Pay to Account No.	1508771116522597 Valid only for this challan amount.
Bank Name & Address:	Union Bank Of India Lodhi Complex Branch, Block 11,CGO Complex, Phase I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi -110003

- This Challan is strictly to be used for making  
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Rangarajan Srinivasan (HFCL)

KOTAYAM - KUNJIKAMBAM STRETCH

MITIGATION'S PROPOSAL

No. 116522

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08-11-2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to inform you, Tamilnadu Campa, that NEFT for your A/c no. XX2597 for an amount of INR 10,53,470.00 has been initiated with transaction reference no. AXISP00566567040.

For further clarification regarding this transaction, please contact the concerned officials at JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PVT LTD.

Please note that the time taken for effective credit in your account is dependent on settlement time and the time taken by your bank to process the transaction.

Always open to help you.

Regards,  
Axis Bank Ltd.

For Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd.

Authorised Signatory

**F.No.WL-6/207/2023-WL**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change  
(Wildlife Division)

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Vayu Wing,  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi 110003.

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2024

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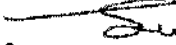
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**Sub:** Minutes of 76<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life-reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed copy of the Minutes of 76<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr. Sudheer Chintalapati)  
Scientist 'E'  
**Email:** sudheer.ch@gov.in

**Encl:** As above

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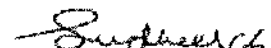
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- II. DGF&SS, MoEF&CC
- III. ADGF (WL), MoEF&CC
- IV. ADGF (FC), MoEF&CC
- V. Member Secretary, NTCA
- VI. Director/IGF, PE Division, MoEF&CC
- VII. Director, WII, Dehradun
- VIII. Director, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar
- IX. Dr. R. Sukumar, Member, NBWL
- X. Dr. H.S. Singh, Member, NBWL
- XI. Secretary, Environment, Forest, Science and Technology Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.



**Copy to:**

1. PS to Hon'ble MoEF&CC
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6. **The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary Forest Department**, Andhra Pradesh Karnataka/ Maharashtra /Manipur /Tamil Nadu/Uttarakhand /Uttar Pradesh /UT of Ladakh/Kerala /West Bengal/ Andaman & Nicobar /Rajasthan/Goa/Madhya Pradesh.
7. **The Chief Wild Life Warden**, Andhra Pradesh Karnataka/ Maharashtra /Manipur /Tamil Nadu/Uttarakhand /Uttar Pradesh /UT of Ladakh/Kerala /West Bengal/ Andaman & Nicobar /Rajasthan/Goa/Madhya Pradesh.
8. **The PCCF and HoFF**, Government of Andhra Pradesh Karnataka/ Maharashtra /Manipur /Tamil Nadu/Uttarakhand /Uttar Pradesh /UT of Ladakh/Kerala /West Bengal/ Andaman & Nicobar /Rajasthan/Goa/Madhya Pradesh.

**Copy also to:** Sr. Technical Director, NIC with a request to upload the minutes of the meeting on PARIVESH Portal.

  
**(Dr. Sudheer Chintalapati)**  
Scientist 'E'  
Email: sudheer.ch@gov.in

19. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.

**76.3.19** The following 2 proposals involving Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu:

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|----|---|--|
| 1. | WL/TN/Communication<br>Post/430510/2023 | Proposal for use of 0.02 of forest land from core zone of Anamalai Tiger Reserve for 4G saturation project in uncovered village Thalinji in Tiruppur district of Tamil Nadu. |
| 2. | WL/TN/Communication<br>Post/430542/2023 | Proposal for use of 0.02 of forest land from core zone of Anamalai Tiger Reserve for 4G saturation project in uncovered village Mavadappu in Tiruppur district of Tamil Nadu |

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposals are for use of 0.02 ha each for installation of mobile towers from Core Zone of Anamalai Tiger Reserve. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. However, the NTCA has not recommended these proposals.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu informed that these villages have inhabited by tribals. They are not willing for relocation. About 7-8 thousand people reside in these villages.

The Chairman opined that the efforts should be made for voluntary relocation of villages from the Core Zone of Tiger Reserve.

**Decision Taken** – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided not to approve the proposals.

**76.3.20** Proposal for use of 0.193 ha of forest land at the edge of Core of Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve from the Tiger Corridor connecting Mathikettan Shola National Park and Periyar Tiger Reserve for laying of underground OFC along Cumbam-Cumuli NH road from Lower camp to Kumuli through Suranganar RF, Tamil Nadu.

**FP/TN/OFC/116522/2020**

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.193 ha of forest land at the edge of Core of Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve from the Tiger Corridor connecting Mathikettan Shola National Park and Periyar Tiger Reserve for laying of underground OFC along Cumbam-Cumuli NH road from Lower camp to Kumuli through Suranganar RF, Tamil Nadu. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The proposal has also been recommended by the NTCA.



Member Secretary, NTCA mentioned that laying of OFC is one-time activity, therefore, it has been recommended.

**Decision Taken** – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to approve the proposal subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall ensure that the length of the trench dug up at a time does not exceed 500 M. which shall be filled up and compacted before digging next trench of 500 M.
2. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
3. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Tiger Reserve.
4. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.
5. No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve.
6. No fire places will be created inside the Tiger Reserve.
7. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.
8. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
9. While undertaking the periodical maintenance works if any by the project proponent shall obtain prior approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wild Life Warden well in advance.
10. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
11. Any other condition stipulated by the Field Director / District Forest Officer shall be followed.
12. No construction material should be procured from within the Tiger Reserve or corridor. The OFC should be covered with excavated materials after the construction. Care should be taken that the OFC is totally underground. Construction debris should be disposed of away from the Tiger Reserve and its corridor and ESZ by the cost of the user agency.
13. No alteration in the existing drainage pattern should be allowed within the Tiger Reserve or corridor for implementing the proposed construction.
14. The user agency shall ensure that no labour trespasses inside the forests apart from the construction site.
15. While laying the OFC, the work should be executed in a timely manner simultaneously excavating the trenches and laying the OFC so as to minimize the disturbance to wildlife. The user agency should not dig trenches along long stretches and leave them open for several weeks without completion of work.
16. Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu should develop an appropriate mechanism to monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated herein.
17. An annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions shall be submitted by the User Agency to the State Chief Wild Life Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wild Life Warden to Government of India.