

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.

Madam,

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 07.12.2023.
(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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	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 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.
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 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 Value amount of Rs.6,68,353/- Total an amount of Rs.12,98,444/- (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. AXISP00548546073 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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Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
XVII	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (https://parivesh.nic.in/);	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.

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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.

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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.*



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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
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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.



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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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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.



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



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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that ***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.



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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.



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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.



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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
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This is to certify that we shall comply the 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.



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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.



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Mylapore, Chennai-4.

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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.



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DEMARCATON OF PROPOSED FOREST AREA BY CEMENT CONCRETE PILLARS



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A. S. Suresh

C. No.TS4/48485/2020

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Forest Headquarters Building, Near Kannikapuram Check post, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.

Dated: 02.09.2024.

Sub: Forest – 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 issued – Compensatory Levies details uploaded – reg.

- Ref:
1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency, i.e., M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Ltd., Chennai (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 of India, Letter F.No.4-TNB115/2023-CHN/1314, dt: 07.12.2023.
 4. Government Letter No. 19218/FR.10/2022-4, dt: 28.12.2023.
 5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests ref. No. TS4/48485/2020, dt: 08.01.2024.
 6. Compensatory Levies demand submitted by the User Agency on 02.09.2024.

The Government of India vide reference 3rd cited has conveyed the Central Government's In-Principle approval (Stage-I) under section '2' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Vansavardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 [previously Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980] 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 the User Agency, i.e., M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Ltd., Chennai.

As per the condition No. 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.

As per the condition No. 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 in force and Ministry's guidelines.

As per the condition No. v, As a part of the project falls within the Tiger Corridor area of **Mathikettan Chola National Park** and Periyar National Park of

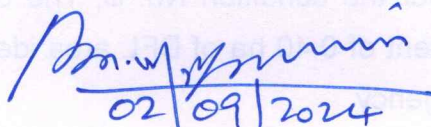
Kerala State, the User Agency shall obtain approval from the competent authority under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

The Compensatory Levies demand submitted by the User Agency vide reference 6th cited has been scrutinized and found as follows:

- (i) The cost of raising the CA plantation of over an extent of 0.40 ha of DLF area (i.e., 400 Nos) and maintaining 10 years is demanded in the PARIVESH Portal for Rs.6,21,091/-. This amount is demanded based on the Form-A (Part-II) Sl. No. 13 (ii), CA Scheme details, which was already uploaded by the District Forest Officer.
- (ii) The Net Present Value of the forest land being diverted under this proposal is demanded in the PARIVESH Portal for Rs.6,68,353/-. This amount is demanded based on the Form-A (Part-II) Sl. No. 4 (i), Density of vegetation uploaded by the District Forest Officer, i.e., density of vegetation is '0.4 (Dense Forest)' and Eco-Class is '3' (0.193 ha @ Rs.12,28,590/- per ha).

Status of forest land	Extent in ha	NPV per ha (in Rs)	No of times	Total
Outside Protected Area	0.154	12,28,590	One time	1,89,203
Inside National Park Area	0.039	12,28,590	10 times	4,79,150
Total	0.193			6,68,353

The Impact Mitigation and Wildlife Conservation Plan should be got approved from the CWLW. If the CWLW approve the Impact Mitigation and Wildlife Conservation Plan with the cost of activities to be remitted in CAMPA account, the same is also to be demanded before submitting Compliance Report. With above condition, the Compensatory Levies demand submitted by the User Agency for Rs.12,89,444/- (Rupees twelve lakhs, eighty-nine thousand, four hundred and forty-four only) is accepted and the District Forest Officer is instructed to inform the User Agency to take further action.


02/09/2024

for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

To

The District Forest Officer, Theni.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai.

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

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NEFT / RTGS CHALLAN for CAMPA Funds

Date : 03-09-2024

Agency Name.	JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PRIVATE LIMITED
Application No.	71116522274
MoEF/SG File No.	F.NO. 4-TNB115/2023-CHN
Location.	TAMILNADU
Address.	No 89 Dr RADHAKRISHNAN SALAI MYLAPORE CHENNAI 04Chennai
Amount(in Rs)	1289444/-

Amount in Words :Twelve Lakh Eighty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-Four Rupees Only

NEFT/RTGS to be made as per following details;

Beneficiary Name:	TAMILNADU CAMPA
IFSC Code:	UBIN0996335
Pay to Account No.	1508771116522274 Valid only for this challan amount.
Bank Name & Address:	Union Bank Of India FCS Centre,21/1, III Floor, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027

- This Challan is strictly to be used for making payment to CAMPA by NEFT/RTGS only

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Note:After making the required payment through challan, if the payment status has not been updated even after 7 working days, then kindly mail a copy of your challan with transaction date and reference id to Email: fcsblr@unionbankofindia.bank , epurse@unionbankofindia.bank, ubin0903710@unionbankofindia.bank

Rangarajan Srinivasan (HFCL)

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To: Janakiraman Pattabi
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04-10-2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to inform you, TAMILNADU CAMPA, that NEFT for your A/c no. XX3694 for an amount of INR 12,89,444.00 has been initiated with transaction reference no. AXISP00548546073.

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.
[Signature]
Authorised Signatory

F.No.WL-6/207/2023-WL

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Wildlife Division)

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

Date: 23rd January, 2024

To,


All Members
Standing Committee of NBWL

Sub: Minutes of 76th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life-reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed copy of the Minutes of 76th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 5th 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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- VIII. Director, GEER Foundation, Gandhinagar
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- XI. Secretary, Environment, Forest, Science and Technology Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

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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

MINUTES OF THE 76th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL BOARD FOR WILD LIFE HELD ON 5th JANUARY, 2024

The 76th meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life was held on 5th January, 2024 under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change. The list of participants is placed at **Annexure-I**.

The Member Secretary welcomed the participants to the meeting and informed about the number and type of proposals that were to be taken for discussion in the 76th meeting. He made a presentation highlighting the number of proposals discussed from 2019 to 2023. He also informed the committee about the number of proposals which were recommended and those which were not recommended/approved by the Standing Committee which were not proper from the point of view wildlife conservation. He also informed the Standing Committee about the various policy directives given by the Standing Committee during the last two years. The Standing Committee was also informed about the status of notification of rules and guidelines issued consequent to the coming into force of the Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Act, 2022. He also informed the Standing Committee about the proposed policy interventions to be discussed in the future meetings of the Standing Committee. The presentation is placed at **Annexure- II**. He then requested Deputy Inspector General of Forests (WL) to initiate the discussion on the Agenda Items.

AGENDA ITEM No.1

75.1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 75th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 17th November, 2023

The 75th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life was held on 17th November, 2023. The minutes of the meeting were circulated vide letter F. No. WL-6/144/2023-WL dated 8th December, 2023 amongst all the Members. Copy of the minutes is placed at **ANNEXURE-III**.

The Standing Committee was informed that no comments have been received on the minutes of the meeting.

The Chairman enquired if any member has objection on the minutes of the 75th meeting of the Standing Committee.

Decision Taken: After discussions, as no comments/objections were received, the Standing Committee decided to confirm the minutes of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM No.2

(Action Taken Report)

- 76.2.1** 1. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project In Uncovered Village Chunabhati, West Bengal
WL/WB/Commpost/434642/2023.

2. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G saturation project to cover uncovered villages in dara gaon buxa duar, West Bengal-**WL/WB/CommPost/434839/2023**.
3. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project In Uncovered Village Adma Panbari, West Bengal-**WL/WB/Others/434284/2023**.
4. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from Core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered Village Buxa Hill Forest, West Bengal-**WL/WB/CommPost/435001/2023**.
5. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project In uncovered Village Bhutri in Alipurduar district, West Bengal- **WL/WB/CommPost/434632/2023**.
6. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4 G saturation project in uncovered village Tashi Gaon in Alipurduar district, West Bengal-**WL/WB/CommPost/434819/2023**.
7. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project In uncovered village Buxa Duar, West Bengal-**WL/WB/CommPost/434828/2023**.
8. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered village Raimatang, West Bengal-**WL/WB/CommPost/435171/2023**.
9. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core area of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered Village Lepchaka Buxa Duar in Alipurduar district, West Bengal-**WL/WB/CommPost/434977/2023**.
10. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land within core area of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered village 29th Mile in Alipurduar District, West Bengal- **WL/WB/CommPost/435260/2023**.

The Standing Committee was informed that these 10 proposals for installation of 4G mobile towers were considered in the 75th meeting of the Standing Committee. These proposals were recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. However, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) did not recommend these proposals as they are proposed to be located in the Core/Critical Tiger Habitat of Buxa Tiger Reserve.

After discussions, the Standing Committee in its 75th meeting had decided to seek report from the NTCA regarding the feasibility of erection of the mobile towers in the core areas of tiger reserves and therefore deferred the matter to the next meeting.

NTCA vide letter dated 2nd January 2024, informed that that core areas of the Tiger Reserves are notified on the basis of philosophy of Project Tiger for fostering exclusive tiger agenda therein. In addition to promote tiger conservation, the core areas of the Tiger Reserves in the country are cornerstone for biodiversity conservation by supporting many endangered flora and fauna.

The Section 38 V (4) (i) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 categorically highlights the fact that the core or critical tiger habitat areas of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries have to be kept as inviolate for the purposes of tiger conservation. At this juncture, it is felt necessary to reiterate objective scientific findings conducted by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in collaboration with Wildlife Institute

of India (WII) also emphasised to have a viable tiger population. Hence, it is imperative to have vast tracts of inviolate space to secure a future for tiger.

The Electro Magnetic Radiations (EMR) from the communication towers have varying detrimental impacts on wildlife especially on birds and bees. Moreover, improved mobile network inside the core of the Tiger Reserve harbouring tiger and other endangered fauna may be a serious management threat since this enhanced mobile connectivity can be misused for committing wildlife offences including poaching and hunting.

Furthermore, earnest attempts are being made by this Authority in collaboration with State forest departments for incentivized voluntary resettlements of human habitations situated within core of Tiger Reserves. Provision of mobile connectivity inside the core, therefore, may be redundant and counterproductive.

The Standing Committee was also informed that as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry on 4th January, 2024, the installation of mobile towers in Core/Critical Tiger Habitat has been disallowed.

Dr. R. Sukumar mentioned that there are large number of proposals for installation of mobile towers inside protected areas and providing connectivity to the public across the country. There are rights of people involved. He suggested for a general discussion on the matter before proceeding for consideration of the proposals. The Core/Critical Tiger Habitat within a tiger reserve may be avoided. He suggested that the Standing Committee may agree to projects to be located in the buffer zones of Tiger Reserves and ESZ. However, in some cases, the core and buffer zones have been merged. There may be requirement of installation of mobile towers in core areas in border areas for security reasons. There are large number of settlements within core areas for example in Buxa Tiger Reserve and Nagarjunasagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve and there may be requirement for communication by the Forest Department. In such cases, the Standing Committee may consider allowing installation of mobile towers.

The Member Secretary highlighted the harmful effects of the electromagnetic rays on the wildlife based on scientific studies. He mentioned that movement pattern of the birds gets affected due to these rays and they get disoriented sometimes leading to their death. They start flying in multiple directions. Their flying paths gets completely disturbed. The birds' diversity declines and mutations are also noticed. The rays effect the bees which are important for pollination and biodiversity enrichment. These rays also affect predator-prey relations.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, West Bengal informed that the installation of these towers is for 15 villages inside the core area of Buxa Tiger Reserve and not related to security issues. The Government of India has already approved for voluntary relocation of 2 villages and the rest are under consideration.

The Chairman opined that the efforts should be made to relocate the villages from the core area of the Tiger Reserve.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO 3

76.3 Fresh Proposals falling inside / Outside the Protected Area)

- 76.3.1**
1. Proposal for use of 0.0243 ha of forest land from Papikonda National Park for 4G Saturation Project- Badigunta, ASR District, Andhra Pradesh in favour of **BSNL-WL/AP/Others/452223/2023**.
 2. Proposal for use of 0.0194 ha of forest land from Papikonda National Park for 4G Saturation Project Methapukota, Eluru, Andhra Pradesh- in favour of **BSNL-WL/AP/Others/446987/2023**.
 3. Proposal for use of 0.022 ha of forest land from Papikonda National Park for 4G Saturation Project Udathapalli, Eluru, Andhra Pradesh in favour of **BSNL-WL/AP/Others/446678/2023**.
 4. Proposal for use of 0.022 ha of forest land from Papikonda National Park for 4G Saturation Project, Dharwada, Eluru, Andhra Pradesh in favour of **BSNLWL/AP/Others/446322/2023**.

The Standing Committee was informed that these four projects are proposed on forest land inside Papikonda National Park. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipment and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in

monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.

5. A detailed study on the Impact of the Project on the Avifauna in and around the Project Area, along with Mitigation Measures shall be submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wild Life Warden before starting the work.
6. The proposed area will be utilized only for the purpose for which the User Agency has sought it for, but not for any other commercial purpose.
7. The User Agency shall inform the commencement of the work in the proposed area and execute the works under the supervision of the Forest Department.
8. The User Agency shall not resort to the excavation of the surrounding forest land for collection of the earth to be used. If such excavation is found during the work period or later, the User Agency will be charged with suitable Provisions of the relevant Acts.
9. The User Agency shall obey any other conditions stipulated by the Forest Department as per the Acts and Rules.
10. The User Agency will be solely responsible for any violation which attracts the Provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, as amended from time to time.
11. Work shall be carried out only from dawn to dusk.
12. No labour camps to be established in the Protected Area.
13. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
14. 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.

- 76.3.2**
1. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of Non-forest land from Pulicat Bird Sanctuary for 4G Saturation Project, Irakam Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh- **WL/AP/Others/450314/2023.**
 2. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of Non-forest land from Pulicat Bird Sanctuary for 4G Saturation Project, Pudirayadoruvu Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh- **WL/AP/Others/450490/2023.**

The Standing Committee was informed that these two projects are proposed on non-forest land inside Pulicat Lake Bird Sanctuary. Each of these project proposals require use of 0.02 ha inside the sanctuary. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;

- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
 3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
 5. A detailed study on the Impact of the Project on the Avifauna in and around the Project Area, along with Mitigation Measures shall be submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wild Life Warden before starting the work.
 6. The proposed area will be utilized only for the purpose for which the User Agency has sought it for, but not for any other commercial purpose.
 7. The User Agency shall inform the commencement of the work in the diversion area and execute the works under the supervision of the Forest Department.
 8. The User Agency shall not resort to the excavation of the surrounding forest land for collection of the earth to be used. If such excavation is found during the work period or later, the User Agency will be charged with suitable Provisions of the relevant Acts.
 9. The User Agency shall obey any other conditions stipulated by the Forest Department as per the Acts and Rules.
 10. The User Agency shall be solely responsible for any violation which attracts the Provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, as amended from time to time.
 11. Work shall be carried out only from dawn to dusk.
 12. No labour camps to be established in the Protected Area.
 13. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
 14. 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.

76.3.3 Proposal for use of 0.04 ha of land from Campbell Bay National Park for installation of one 4G Tower at Afra Bay in Nicobar Islands under USOF Project, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

WL/AN/Others/442205/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.04 ha of land from Campbell Bay National Park for installation of one 4G Tower at Afra Bay in Nicobar Islands under USOF Project in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The User Agency shall not violate any provision of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
6. There shall be no damage to the flora, fauna of the nearby forest during the construction phase of the project.
7. During the construction phase, if any wild animal is noticed at the site, the User Agency shall give safe passage to the animal by stopping the activity at site till the animal go away from the site and no harm shall be caused to the animal.
8. Garbage if any generated or the excavated soil shall not be discharged in the National Park/Forest area.
9. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and

disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.

10. 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.

76.3.4 Following 4G proposals involving Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, Karnataka in favour of BSNL:

1. WL/KA/Others/432438/2023	Makkalanda USOF 4G Tower
2. WL/KA/Others/432429/2023	Sambhapur USOF 4G Tower
3. WL/KA/Others/431793/2023	Sooligere USOF 4G Tower
4. WL/KA/Others/432346/2023	Hoolya USOF 4G Tower

The Standing Committee was informed that these projects for installation of mobile towers are proposed in forest enclosure villages namely Makkalanda, Sambhapur, Sooligere and Hoolya which are part of notified eco-sensitive zone of Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka. Three project proposals in Makkalanda, Sambhapur and Sooligere require use of 0.02 ha each and one project proposal involving Hoolya requires 0.0181 ha. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.

5. The User Agency shall take enough precautions to keep secure their structure. Any mitigation measures required for the same shall be executed by User Agency using their own funds. Karnataka forest Department shall not be responsible for any damage caused by wild animal to structure.
6. Signage Boards regarding wildlife shall be installed at the cost of the User Agency.
7. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.
8. The User Agency shall not collect the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the PA.
9. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation shall be informed, created awareness about wildlife, so that they shall not harm/ kill/ hunt / poach or abet in any such crimes in any way, failing which, legal course of action under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, will be taken.
10. Care shall be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
11. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act & Rules, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
12. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna.
13. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
14. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
15. 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.

76.3.5 Following 18 proposals of 4 G involving Sharavathi Valley Lion Tailed Macaque (LTM) Sanctuary, Karnataka:

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| 1. WL/KA/CommPost/445952/2023 | BSNL 4G Saturation Project at Hejjilu |
| 2. WL/KA/CommPost/446028/2023 | BSNL 4G Saturation Project at Koppa |
| 3. WL/KA/CommPost/445960/2023 | BSNL 4G Saturation Project at Hallyani |
| 4. WL/KA/CommPost/445942/2023 | BSNL 4G Saturation Project at Kurandoor |
| 5. WL/KA/CommPost/446037/2023 | BSNL 4G Saturation Project at Kuchodi |
| 6. WL/KA/CommPost/445924/2023 | BSNL 4G Saturation Project at Kulawadi |
| 7. WL/KA/CommPost/445995/2023 | USO 4G Mobile Tower at Mudnalli |
| 8. WL/KA/CommPost/445988/2023 | USO 4G Mobile Tower at Morse |
| 9. WL/KA/CommPost/445849/2023 | BSNL 4G Saturation Project Hadgeri |
| 10. WL/KA/CommPost/445997/2023 | USO 4G Mobile Tower at Medini |
| 11. WL/KA/CommPost/446018/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Mahime |
| 12. WL/KA/CommPost/445985/2023 | BSNL 4G Saturation Project Jankadkal |

13	WL/KA/CommPost/445998/2023	BSNL 4G Saturation Project HosgodBts
14	WL/KA/CommPost/445848/2023	BSNL 4G Saturation Project Khandodi
15	WL/KA/CommPost/446046/2023	BSNL 4G Saturation Project Anshikeri
16	WL/KA/CommPost/445993/2023	USO 4G Mobile Tower at Bangane
17	WL/KA/CommPost/446038/2023	BSNL 4G Saturation Project BegodiBts
18	WL/KA/CommPost/445992/2023	BSNL 4G Saturation Project Hirebail

The Standing Committee was informed that these 18 projects for installation of mobile towers are proposed on forest lands inside Sharavathy Lion Tailed Macaque Sanctuary. Each of these projects require use of 0.02 ha forest land from the sanctuary. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. Yearly monitoring of electromagnetic field (EMF) shall be conducted in and around the areas of Sharavathi Valley Lion Tailed Macaque (LTM) Sanctuary.
6. The User Agency shall use visual day time markers in the area having large numbers of bird movement to avoid bird hits.
7. The proposed project site shall be properly fenced with chain link mesh, so that Lion-tailed Macaque or others mammals do not cross the area or climb the tower at the cost of User Agency.
8. Signage Boards regarding wildlife shall be installed at the cost of the User Agency.
9. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.

10. The implementing agency shall abide by the conditions laid down by the forest officials in charge of the project area in the interest of protecting and minimizing disturbance to wildlife during construction phase and after completion of the project.
11. The User Agency shall not collect the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.
12. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation shall be informed, created awareness about wildlife, so that they do not harm/ kill/ hunt / poach or abet in any such crimes in any way, failing which, legal course of action under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, shall be taken.
13. Care shall be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
14. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act & Rules, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act.
15. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
16. 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.

76.3.6 Proposal for use of 0.6583ha of forest land from core zone of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve for installation of mobile towers (0.06 ha) at three locations and laying of OFC (0.5983 ha) for 4G/5G coverage to uncovered Villages, Palakkad Baparambikulam Area, Kerala.

WL/KL/CommPost/ 417316 /2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.6583ha of forest land from core zone of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve for installation of mobile towers (0.06 ha) at three locations and laying of OFC (0.5983 ha) for 4G/5G coverage to uncovered Villages, Palakkad Baparambikulam Area, Kerala. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. However, NTCA has not recommended the project proposal.

The Field Director, Periyar Tiger Reserve informed that as per the Tiger Conservation Plan the area is falling outside the core zone.

Member Secretary, NTCA stated that as per the kml files of the tiger reserve, the proposed area is located inside the core area. If the State Government provides documentary evidence for the location of the project outside core zone, the project proposal may be approved.

The Chairman suggested that the project proposal may be approved subject to the condition that the State Government shall submit documentary evidence for the location of the project outside core zone of the tiger reserve.

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

1. The State Government shall provide report regarding confirmation of location of the project outside the core/critical tiger habitat of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve to the NTCA and the Ministry.
2. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
3. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
4. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
5. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
6. The User Agency shall not share the tower with other service providers in future without the approval of Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
7. The project area shall not be used for any purpose other than that applied for.
8. The constructions shall not cause any damage to the environment and wildlife
9. Blasting shall not be allowed for construction.
10. The trees to be cut shall be done at the cost of BSNL and stacked.
11. The work shall be completed within one year from date of sanction.
12. The working hours shall be limited between sunrise and sunset period.
13. As the part of the tower construction, no permission shall be allowed for construction of temporary shed, cooking food etc inside the forest.
14. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
15. 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.

76.3.7 Proposal for use of 0.0734 ha (0.0202 Ha for Mobile Communication Tower and 0.0532 ha for approach road) of forest land 260m from boundary of core area of Periyar Tiger Reserve for USOF 4G Saturation Project, Kerala.

WL/KL/CommPost/437450/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0734 ha (0.0202 Ha for Mobile Communication Tower and 0.0532 ha for approach road) of forest land 260m from boundary of core area of Periyar Tiger Reserve for USOF 4G Saturation Project, Kerala. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. However, NTCA has not recommended the proposal.

The Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Kottayam stated that the project is proposed to be located in the Buffer Zone of Periyar Tiger Reserve.

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The User Agency shall not share the tower with other service providers in future without the approval of Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
6. The User Agency shall ensure proper insulation of the power cable to avoid any threat to primates, and periodical monitoring of the power cable must be done.
7. The User Agency shall notify the Forest Department of any nesting of birds on the tower, and the nest shall not be removed.

8. Tree cutting required for project shall be implemented based on the provisions of forest laws in force and standard operating procedure given in the same.
9. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
10. The User Agency shall ensure that in no case, the network activity will cause any noise pollution in and around the sanctuary area. Low noise generator must be used to avoid disturbance to wildlife.
11. The User Agency shall ensure proper waste management system at the project area.
12. The User Agency shall be obliged to obey various provisions given under
 - a. The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972
 - b. The Kerala Forest Act, 1961
 - c. The Biological Diversity Act, 2002
 - d. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
 - e. Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980
 - f. Relevant directions issued from time to time by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble High Courts.
 - g. Park Rules issued by Park Management for better management from time to time
13. The work shall be completed within one year from date of sanction.
14. The working hours shall be limited between sunrise and sunset period.
15. As the part of the tower construction, no permission shall be allowed for construction of temporary shed, cooking food etc inside the forest.
16. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
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.

76.3.8 Following 15 proposals of 4G Saturation Projects involving Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary, UT of Ladakh.

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| 1. | WL/LA/CommPost/452547/2023 | Erection of Mobile Communications Tower at Thang, District Leh, UT of Ladakh |
| 2. | WL/LA/CommPost/438905/2023 | USOF '354 Uncovered Villages Scheme' for mobile communication at Village Khemi |
| 3. | WL/LA/CommPost/451312/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Thanga Chathang |
| 4. | WL/LA/CommPost/451304/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Tirith |
| 5. | WL/LA/CommPost/451130/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Diskit |
| 6. | WL/LA/CommPost/451318/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Warisfistan (Waris) |
| 7. | WL/LA/CommPost/451190/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Chalunkha |
| 8. | WL/LA/CommPost/451218/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Rakuru |
| 9. | WL/LA/CommPost/451238/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Tangyar |

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| 10. | WL/LA/CommPost/451118/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Kuri |
| 11. | WL/LA/CommPost/451109/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Hundar |
| 12. | WL/LA/CommPost/451065/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Partap Pore |
| 13. | WL/LA/CommPost/451049/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Skanpuk |
| 14. | WL/LA/CommPost/451850/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Bogdang
(Skilkhore) |
| 15. | WL/LA/CommPost/451032/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Terchey |

The Standing Committee was informed that these 15 projects are proposed to be located in Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary. The projects at Thang and Khemi Villages require use of 0.0334 ha each from the sanctuary. The remaining 13 projects require use of an area of 0.0186 ha each from the sanctuary. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The User Agency shall not violate any regulatory provisions under Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
6. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the sanctuary.
7. The User Agency shall ensure that they will not create any dumping site within the Protected Area and all form of Municipal solid waste, etc is disposed of outside the Protected Areas as per prescribed norms.
8. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the protected area.

9. The User Agency or its contractor/labour shall not create any fireplaces or use the firewood and bushes from the protected area for burning etc.
10. The User Agency of its contractor shall be personally responsible for any violation of Forest and Wildlife laws committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
11. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land, if required.
12. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected area as per the guidelines.
13. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
14. 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.

76.3.9 Following 5 proposals of 4G Saturation Projects involving Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary, UT of Ladakh.

1. WL/LA/CommPost/451198/2023 4G Saturation Project Kakset
2. WL/LA/CommPost/451381/2023 4G Saturation Project Pangong Valley
3. WL/LA/CommPost/451206/2023 4G Saturation Project Merak
4. WL/LA/CommPost/451100/2023 4G Saturation project Tsongkhakharu
5. WL/LA/CommPost/452854/2023 Erection of Mobile Communication Tower at Tibra Tegazong in UT of Ladakh

The Standing Committee was informed that these 5 projects are proposed to be located in Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary. The project Tibra Tegazong Village requires use of 0.0334 ha from the sanctuary. The remaining 4 projects require use of an area of 0.0186 ha each from the sanctuary. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be

provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.

2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The User Agency shall not violate any regulatory provisions under Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
6. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the sanctuary.
7. The User Agency shall ensure that they will not create any dumping site within the Protected Area.
8. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the protected area.
9. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire places or use the firewood and bushes from the protected area.
10. The User Agency or its contractor shall be responsible for any act of forest and wildlife crime committed by its staff and labour inside the protected area.
11. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
12. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected area as per the guidelines.
13. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
14. 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.

76.3.10 Proposal for use of 3.3 ha of forest land from Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary for doubling of Ranjangaon-Sarola section of Daund-Manmad Broad Gauge Railway line from Chainage Km 324/900 to Km 325/700, Maharashtra.

WL/MH/RAIL/452557/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 3.3 ha of forest land from Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary for doubling of Ranjangaon-Sarola section of Daund-Manmad Broad Gauge Railway line from Chainage Km 324/900 to Km 325/700, Maharashtra over a length of 800m. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

The Member Secretary informed that the User Agency has commenced the works and therefore it amounts to the violation of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

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

1. Project agency should deposit 1 % of total cost (20.81 Cr.) of project falling in the sanctuary with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Pune as a penalty for starting the work without permission.
2. Project agency should deposit 2 % of total cost (0.134 Cr.) of project falling in Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Pune to carry out the activities of wildlife management in the State of Maharashtra.
3. Animal Passage Plan submitted by the user Agency shall be implemented in totality.
4. The Project Proponent have already started executing the work. Violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 has taken place. Disciplinary action shall be against erring officials and action against offenders shall be taken under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
5. 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.

The Regional Office of the Ministry at Nagpur shall monitor the progress of actions taken against the staff and also action taken under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and submit bimonthly report to the Ministry.

76.3.11 Proposal for use of 0.1674 ha of forest land from 5 sanctuaries for installation of 9 mobile towers under USOF 4G Saturation Project, Manipur.

WL/MN/Others/448428/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1674 ha of forest land from 5 sanctuaries for installation of 9 mobile towers under USOF 4G Saturation Project, Manipur. Out of the 9 mobile towers, 5 are proposed to be installed in Yangoupokpi Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary and one each in Bunning Wildlife Sanctuary, Zeilad Wildlife Sanctuary, Jiri-Makru Wildlife Sanctuary and Kailam Wildlife Sanctuary. An area of 0.0186 ha is required for installation of each mobile tower. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:

- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
 3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
 5. Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up at the selected sites in double the proposed area i.e. 0.3348 ha with 10 years' maintenance, as proposed by DFO/Wildlife Forest Division. User agency shall bear the cost.
 6. As the proposed area falls within the Sanctuaries, the User agency shall pay the Net Present Value which shall be 5 (five) times of the amount fixed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and worked out by the Divisional Forest Officer/Wildlife Forest Division based on the Forest Type and Eco-Class.
 7. The User Agency shall bear the cost of logging and transportation of the felled trees as per the estimate submitted by DFO/Wildlife Forest Division. Minimum number of trees which are strictly essential shall be felled for the execution of the project under the strict supervision of the Forest Department.
 8. The felled trees and all Non-Timber Forest Produce removed during execution of the Project shall be distributed to nearby villages for bonafide uses and no commercial use of the Forest Produce shall be allowed, as provided u/s 29 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972.
 9. Cost of demarcation of the diverted Forest land and installation of boundary pillars shall be borne by the User Agency.
 10. Impact mitigation and Wildlife Action Plan for improving the economic condition of the villagers and to mitigate the subsequent impact on wildlife is worked out for a Sum of Rs 16.2 Lakh (Sixteen lakh and twenty thousand only) by DFO/Wildlife Forest Division.
 11. The User Agency shall not take up any activity in contravention to the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and the rules made therein.
 12. User Agency shall not take up any such construction, which diverts, stops or enhance the flow of water into or outside the Sanctuary area.
 13. Heavy machine and explosive shall not be used except under unavoidable circumstances and with the prior permission of the State Forest Department.

14. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
15. 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.

76.3.12 Proposal for use of 0.0558ha of forest land from ESZ of 2 sanctuaries for installation of three mobile tower for 4G Network uncovered villages, Manipur.

WL/MN/Others/448739/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0558 ha of forest land from ESZ of 2 sanctuaries for installation of three mobile tower for 4G network in uncovered villages, Manipur. Out of the 3 mobile towers, two are proposed to be located in the ESZ of Jiri-Makru Wildlife Sanctuary and 1 mobile tower is proposed to be located in the ESZ of Zeilad Wildlife Sanctuary. The installation of each mobile tower will require use 0.0186 ha from the ESZ of the sanctuary. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The legal status of land shall remain unchanged.

6. Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up at the selected sites in double the proposed area with 10 years maintenance, as proposed by Divisional Forest Officer /Tamenglong Forest Division. User agency shall bear the cost.
7. The User agency shall pay the Net Present Value for diversion of the Forest Land which is worked out based on the Forest Type and Eco-Class as proposed by the Divisional Forest Officer/Tamenglong Forest Division.
8. Cost of demarcation of the diverted Forest land and installation of boundary pillars shall be borne by the User Agency.
9. Impact mitigation and Wildlife Action Plan for improving the economic condition of the villagers and to mitigate the subsequent impact on wildlife is worked out for a sum of Rs 5.40 Lakh (Five lakh forty thousand only) by DFO/Tamenglong Forest Division.
10. User Agency shall not take up any activity in contravention to the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and the rules made therein.
11. User Agency shall not take up any such construction, which diverts, stops or enhance the flow of water into or outside the Sanctuary area.
12. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no damage to surrounding forest, environment, wildlife, natural resources like water bodies and other public properties.
13. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
14. Commercial use of fire wood is prohibited in the Eco-sensitive Zone, as mentioned in the ESZ Notification The User Agency shall supply an alternate fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling of the trees.
15. The muck/debris generated in the earth cutting shall be disposed of at the designated sites and in no case the muck/debris shall be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
16. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
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.

76.3.13 Following 11 proposals of 4G Saturation Projects involving Desert National Park, Rajasthan.

1. WL/RJ/Others/437823/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for 4G tower installation for this uncovered Village Phangali, Tehsil -Gadra Road, District, Barmer in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Barmer (Raj.)
2. WL/RJ/Others/437992/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Mobile Tower installation in revenue Village, Ratreri Kalan, Tehsil–Gadra Road, District, Barmer in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

3. WL/RJ/Others/437889/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation -District Barmer-Village-Kalsinghkidhani in Tehsil Gadra Road in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
4. WL/RJ/Others/437909/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for 4G tower installation through BSNL for this uncovered Village Khareen, Tehsil-Gadra Road, District-Barmer. User Agency Name: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Barmer.
5. WL/RJ/Others/437793/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for 4G tower installation through BSNL for this uncovered Village Dhagari, Tehsil-Gadra Road, District-Barmer in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Barmer
6. WL/RJ/Others/437782/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for 4G tower installation for this uncovered Village BIKOOSI, Tehsil-Gadra Road, District-Barmer in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Barmer.
7. WL/RJ/Others/437817/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Mobile Tower+OFC Installation under 4G Saturation Project District Barmer-Village-Kambhirkibasti in Tehsil Gadra Road in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.
8. WL/RJ/Others/437691/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project District Barmer-Village-Dhabhar in Tehsil Gadra Road in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
9. WL/RJ/Others/437957/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Mobile Tower+OFC Installation under 4G Saturation Project District Barmer-Village-Raslani in Tehsil Gadraroad in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.
10. WL/RJ/Others/437805/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Mobile Tower installation in revenue Village, Dhanuaani, Tehsil-Gadra Road, District-Barmer in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
11. WL/RJ/Others/426297/2023 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Mobile Tower installation in revenue Village, Chauthiyali, Tehsil-Gadra Road, District- Barmer in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

The Standing Committee was informed that these 11 proposals are for installation of mobile towers in non-forest land in Desert National Park Sanctuary. An area of 0.02 ha is required for installation of mobile tower in Village - Chauthiyali, Tehsil-Gadra Road, District- Barmer. In the remaining 10 proposals, the area required is 0.0223 ha each for each proposal from the Sanctuary. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan informed that the total area Jaisalmer and Barmer Districts is about 54,000 sq. km. Out of which 3162 sq. km. has been declared as Sanctuary.

The Chairman mentioned that the villages are located in remote areas near the international border and India has set apart 3162 sq. km. for Desert National Park Sanctuary for conservation of wildlife therein. It is one of the largest protected areas in the world.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. 2% of the proportional project cost falling within the Protected Area should be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for relocation of villages/land acquisition.
6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
7. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
8. There will be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.

9. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
10. There will be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
11. No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
12. There shall be no high mast/beam/search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
13. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
14. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of PA.
15. Any permission/clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
16. The project area will be fenced with six feet chain link by the User agency.
17. The User Agency shall comply with the advisory issued by Ministry of Environment and Forests Vide letter F.No. 15-11/2010 WL -1 dated 09.08.2012 on the use of mobile towers.
18. Noise less machinery/equipment should be used to operate the mobile towers.
19. Electromagnetic radiation should be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
20. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard should be strictly complied with.
21. Solar power as far as possible should be used to operate the mobile tower as it is to be installed in GIB priority area.
22. No approach road will be constructed for establishment of tower.
23. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
24. 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.

76.3.14 Proposal for use of 0.0232 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical Tiger Habitat of Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve for installation of Mobile Tower by Bharti Hexacom Limited in revenue Village-Khijura, Tehsil-Sapotra, District-Karauli, Rajasthan.

WL/RJ/Others/431603/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0232 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical Tiger Habitat of Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve for installation of Mobile Tower by Bharti Hexacom Limited in revenue Village-Khijura, Tehsil-Sapotra, District-Karauli, Rajasthan. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has not recommended the proposal.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan mentioned that there appears to be over-zealousness among the mobile tower companies and proposals are being submitted for

installation of one mobile tower between two villages even if there are no people inhabiting the 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 proposal.

76.3.15 Following 6 proposals of 4G involving critical Tiger Habitat (CTH) of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan.

1. Proposal for use of 0.0188 ha of non-forest land from Buffer Zone of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and Core/Critical tiger habitat of Dholpur-Karauli Tiger Reserve for Mobile Tower by BSNL in Manikpura, Tehsil - Sapotra, District – Karauli, Rajasthan: **WL/RJ/Others/436801 /2023**).
2. Proposal for use of 0.0232 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical tiger habitat of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve proposal on construction of a Mobile Tower by Indus Towers Limited in revenue Village – Nainiyaki Guwari, Tehsil - Sapotra, District – Karauli, Rajasthan (Online Proposal: **WL/RJ/Others/431621/2023**)
3. Proposal for use of 0.0232 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical tiger habitat of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve for construction of a Mobile Tower by Bharti Hexacom Limited in revenue Village – Baharda, Tehsil -Sapotra, District – Karauli, Rajasthan- **WL/RJ/Others/431607/2023**).
4. Proposal for use of 0.0232 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical tiger habitat of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve for proposal on construction of a Mobile Tower by Bharti Hexacom Limited in revenue Village, Morechi, Tehsil - Sapotra, District, Karauli, Rajasthan-**WL/RJ/Others/431602/2023**
5. Proposal for use of 0.0232 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical tiger habitat of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve for Mobile Tower by Bharti Hexacom Limited in revenue Village – Choriya Khata, Tehsil - Sapotra, District – Karauli, Rajasthan -**WL/RJ/Others/431606/2023**
6. Proposal for use of 0.01672 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical tiger habitat of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve for proposal on construction of a Mobile Tower by BSNL in Asha ki Guwari, Tehsil - Sapotra, District -Karauli, Rajasthan-**WL/RJ/Others/436882/2023**.

The Standing Committee was informed that the six proposals are for installation of mobile towers. Out of these proposals, installation of mobile tower in Manikpura Village is proposed to be done in Buffer Zone of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and Core Zone of newly declared Dhaulpur-Karauli Tiger Reserve. Remaining five projects are proposed in Core Zone of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. However, NTCA has not recommended these project proposals.

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

The Member Secretary, NTCA mentioned that NTCA has also proposed similarly and therefore not recommended these proposals for approval.

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

76.3.16 Proposal for use of 0.018 ha of forest land from Buffer Zone of Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve for 4G saturation project in uncovered village Mookaraikkal in Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu

WL/TN/CommPost/437790/2023.

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.018 ha of forest land from Buffer Zone of Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve for 4G saturation project in uncovered village Mookaraikkal in Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has also recommended the proposal.

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
6. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Tiger Reserve.
7. No fire places will be created inside the Tiger Reserve.

8. The work in the Tiger Reserve will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.
9. No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve.
10. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.
11. The legal status of the land remain unchanged.
12. 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.
13. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
14. Any other condition stipulated by the Field Director / Deputy Director shall be followed.
15. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC guidelines issued in 2012.
16. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
17. The coverage of the network from this tower should be maintained in a way so that only the target village gets benefited. No network coverage beyond the limit of the village should be permitted.
18. All construction materials should be procured from outside KMTR or its ESZ. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the Tiger Reserve and its ESZ by the User Agency.
19. Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.
20. 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.

76.3.17 Proposal for use of 0.265 ha of forest land (0.018 ha for tower and 0.247 ha for laying OFC) from Kanyakumari WLS at an approximate distance of 3.4 km from buffer zone of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve for uncovered village Manalodai in Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu.

WL/TN/Communication Post/437603/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.265 ha of forest land (0.018 ha for tower and 0.247 ha for laying OFC) from Kanyakumari WLS at an approximate distance of 3.4 km from buffer zone of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve for uncovered village Manalodai in Kanyakumari district of 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.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
6. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Tiger Reserve
7. No fire places will be created inside the Tiger Reserve.
8. The work in the Tiger Reserve will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.
9. No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve.
10. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.
11. The legal status of the land remain unchanged.
12. 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.
13. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
14. Any other condition stipulated by the Field Director / Deputy Director shall be followed.

15. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC guidelines issued in 2012.
16. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
17. The OFC should be covered with excavated materials after the construction. Care should be taken that the structures are totally underground.
18. While laying the OFC, the work should be executed in a timely manner simultaneously excavating the trenches and laying the cable 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.
19. All construction materials should be procured from outside Kanyakumari WLS or its ESZ. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the WLS and its ESZ by the User Agency.
20. Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.
21. 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.

76.3.18 Proposal for use of 0.018 ha of forest land from Kanyakumari WLS at an approximate distance of 4.5 km from buffer zone of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve on 4G saturation project in uncovered village Orunooram Vayal in Kanyakumari district, Tamil Nadu.

WL/TN/Communication Post/437769/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.018 ha of forest land from Kanyakumari WLS at an approximate distance of 4.5 km from buffer zone of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve on 4G saturation project in uncovered village Orunooram Vayal in Kanyakumari district, 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.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;

- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
 3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
 5. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
 6. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Tiger Reserve
 7. No fire places will be created inside the Tiger Reserve.
 8. The work in the Tiger Reserve will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.
 9. No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve.
 10. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.
 11. The legal status of the land remain unchanged.
 12. 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.
 13. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
 14. Any other condition stipulated by the Field Director / Deputy Director shall be followed.
 15. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
 16. The coverage of the network from this tower should be maintained in a way so that only the target village gets benefited. No network coverage beyond the limit of the village should be permitted.
 17. All construction materials should be procured from outside Kanyakumari WLS or its ESZ. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the WLS and its ESZ by the User Agency.
 18. Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.

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
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
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.

76.3.21 Proposal for use of 0.1040 ha of land 100 m from core of Rajaji Tiger Reserve within its ESZ for installation of 4G mobile towers to cover the stretch on NH-307 (from Mohand Forest Ranger Office to Daat Kali Temple) in Mohand Forest Range at 5 locations under "Govt. 4G Saturation Project Through USOF" in District Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

WL/UP/CommPost/434135/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1040 ha of land 100 m from core of Rajaji Tiger Reserve within its ESZ for installation of 4G mobile towers to cover the stretch on NH-307 (from Mohand Forest Ranger Office to Daat Kali Temple) in Mohand Forest Range at 5 locations under "Govt. 4G Saturation Project Through USOF" in District Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. These proposals were recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has not recommended the proposal.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttar Pradesh mentioned that the proposal is recommended by the State Government as there is no other alternative available.

The Chairman mentioned that there are several options available for installation of towers in that area. The land could be acquired from the NHAI or revenue department. Rajaji Tiger Reserve not only provides protection to tigers and associated species. It also acts as source for several tributaries which ultimately join Ganga River.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided not to recommend the proposal.

76.3.22 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from Buffer Zone of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered Village Buxa Road 28th Mile, West Bengal.

WL/WB/CommPost/435262/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from Buffer Zone of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered Village Buxa Road 28th Mile, West Bengal. 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.

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and

- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. No felling of trees shall be allowed.
6. No new approach road to be constructed for this 4G Saturation Project of BSNL.
7. Concertina wire shall not be allowed for fencing the mobile tower at project location.
8. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC guidelines issued in 2012.
9. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
10. The coverage of the network from this tower should be maintained in a way so that only the target village gets benefited. No network coverage beyond the limit of the village should be permitted.
11. All construction materials should be procured from outside Buxa Tiger Reserve or its ESZ. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the Tiger Reserve and its ESZ by the User Agency.
12. Chief Wild Life Warden, West Bengal should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated herein.
13. 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.

76.3.23 Proposal for use of 0.3915 Ha of forest land from Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of Optical Fibre Cable from Chamta to Rongtong/Chunabhati, West Bengal.

WL/WB/OFC/437309/2023.

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.3915 Ha of forest land from Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of Optical Fibre Cable from

Chamta to Rongtong/Chunabhati, West Bengal. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend 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 forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be used for any other purpose than that specified in proposal.
3. No felling of tree is permitted for the operation.
4. No night shelter or night accommodation shall be permitted inside sanctuary while executing the work.
5. No clearing of forest floor to access the work site is permitted.
6. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Sanctuary.
7. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.
8. No fire places will be created inside the sanctuary.
9. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.
10. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
11. While undertaking the periodical maintenance works if any by the project proponent shall obtain prior approval of the Chief Wild Life Warden well in advance.
12. 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO 4

Any other item with the permission of the Chair

76.4.1 Following 2 proposals of 4 G Saturation project in buffer zone of the Nagarjunsagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve, Andhra Pradesh:

1. WL/AP/Others/449730/2023 BSNL 4G Saturation Project, Peddamanthala, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh
2. WL/AP/Others/454134/2023 BSNL 4G Saturation Project, Billagonda Petaprakasam, Andhra Pradesh

The Standing Committee was informed that these two proposals are for use of 0.02 ha each from the Buffer Zone of Nagarjunsagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve for installation of 4G Mobile Towers. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. These proposals have also been recommended by the NTCA.

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would *inter alia* help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. A detailed study on the Impact of the Project on the Avifauna in and around the Project Area, along with Mitigation Measures shall be submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wild Life Warden before starting the work.
6. The proposed area will be utilized only for the purpose for which the user agency has sought it for, but not for any other commercial purpose.
7. The User Agency should inform the commencement of the work in the diversion area and execute the works under the supervision of the Forest Department.
8. The User Agency should not resort to the excavation of the surrounding forest land for collection of the earth to be used. If such excavation is found during the work period or later, the User Agency will be charged with suitable Provisions of the relevant Acts.
9. The User Agency shall obey any other conditions stipulated by the Forest Department as per the Acts and Rules.
10. The User Agency will be solely responsible for any violation which attracts the Provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, as amended from time to time.
11. Work shall be carried out only from dawn to dusk.
12. No labour camps to be established in the Protected Area.
13. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and

disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.

14. The coverage of the network from this tower should be maintained in a way so that only the target village gets benefited. No network coverage beyond the limit of the village should be permitted.
15. Construction time should be during daytime. All construction materials should be procured from outside NSTR or its ESZ. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the TR and its ESZ by the User Agency.
16. Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances 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.

76.4.2 Following 5 proposals of 4G Saturation projects in core zone of Nagarjunsagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve, Andhra Pradesh.

1. WL/AP/Others/449562/2023 BSNL 4G Saturation Project, Marrisalem, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh
2. WL/AP/Others/449726/2023 BSNL 4G Saturation Project, Thummalabailu, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh
3. WL/AP/Others/453873/2023 BSNL 4G Saturation Project, Chintala_Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh
4. WL/AP/Others/453856/2023 BSNL 4G Saturation Project, Chinnarutla, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh
5. WL/AP/Others/454114/2023 BSNL 4G Saturation Project, Chennupalli, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh

The Standing Committee was informed that these five proposals are for use of 0.02 ha each from the Core Zone of Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve for installation of 4G Mobile Towers. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. However, These proposals have not been recommended by the NTCA.

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

76.4.3 Following 6 proposals of 4G Saturation Project involving Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary, Goa:

1. WL/GA/Others/445050/2023 GOI USOF BSNL 4G Saturation Project at Sigonem, North Goa
2. WL/GA/Others/439961/2023 GOI USOF BSNL 4G Saturation Project at Caranzol, North Goa.
3. WL/GA/Others/444839/2023 GOI USOF BSNL 4G Saturation Project at village Xelopo-Buzruco, North Goa
4. WL/GA/Others/445142/2023 GOI USOF BSNL 4G Saturation Project at village Bandirwada

5. WL/GA/Others/432669/2023 GOI USOF BSNL 4G Saturation Project at village Kumthal (Cuntol)
6. WL/GA/Others/445602/2023 GOI USOF BSNL 4G Saturation Project at village Dabem, North Goa

The Standing Committee was informed that these six proposals are for use of 0.02 ha each from Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary in Goa for installation of 4G mobile towers. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has also recommended these proposals.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The user agency will keep electromagnetic radiation within permissible limit.
6. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
7. The coverage of the network from this tower should be maintained in a way so that only the target village gets benefited. No network coverage beyond the limit of the village should be permitted.
8. Construction time should be during daytime. All construction materials should be procured from outside Mhadei/Netravali WLSs or their ESZs. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the WLSs and their ESZ by the User Agency.

9. Chief Wild Life Warden, Goa should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.
10. 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.

76.4.4 Following 2 proposals of 4G Saturation Project involving Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary, Goa:

1. WL/GA/Others/438630/2023 GOI USOF BSNL 4G Saturation Project at village Naiquinim
2. WL/GA/Others/438632/2023 GOI USOF BSNL 4G Saturation Project

The Standing Committee was informed that these two proposals are for use of 0.02 ha each from Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary in Goa for installation of 4G mobile towers. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has also recommended these proposals.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The user agency will keep electromagnetic radiation within permissible limit.
6. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and

disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.

7. The coverage of the network from this tower should be maintained in a way so that only the target village gets benefited. No network coverage beyond the limit of the village should be permitted.
8. Construction time should be during daytime. All construction materials should be procured from outside Mhadei/Netravali WLSs or their ESZs. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the WLSs and their ESZ by the User Agency.
9. Chief Wild Life Warden, Goa should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.
10. 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.

76.4.5 Following 3 proposals of 4 G Saturation Projects in buffer zone of the Kali Tiger Reserve, Karnataka:

1. WL/KA/CommPost/441105/2023 4G Saturation Project at Asulli
2. WL/KA/CommPost/441100/2023 4G Saturation Project at Kalabhavi
3. WL/KA/CommPost/441187/2023 4G Saturation Project at Karanjoida

The Standing Committee was informed that these three proposals are for use of 0.02 ha each from Buffer Zone of Kali Tiger Reserve in Karnataka for installation of 4G mobile towers. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has also recommended these proposals.

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.

4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. Signage Boards regarding wildlife to be instated at the cost of user agency.
6. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.
7. The implementing agency shall abide by the conditions laid down by the forest officials in charge of the project area in the interest of protecting and minimizing disturbance to wildlife during construction phase and after completion of the project.
8. The User Agency shall not collect the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.
9. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation should be informed, created awareness about wildlife, so that they would not harm/ kill/ hunt / poach or abet in any such crimes in any way, failing which, legal course of action under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, will be taken.
10. Care should be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
11. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act & Rules, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
12. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the corridor without endangering the flora and fauna.
13. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna.
14. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
15. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
16. The coverage of the network from this tower should be maintained in a way so that only the target village gets benefited. No network coverage beyond the limit of the village should be permitted.
17. All construction materials should be procured from outside Kali Tiger Reserve or its ESZ. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the TR and its ESZ by the User Agency.
18. Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.
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.

76.4.6 Following 11 proposals of 4 G Saturation Projects involving in core zone of Kali Tiger Reserve, Karnataka:

1	WL/KA/CommPost/441153/2023	4G Saturation Project at Chafer
2	WL/KA/CommPost/441179/2023	4G Saturation Project at Nigundi
3	WL/KA/CommPost/441140/2023	4G Saturation Project at Avurli
4	WL/KA/CommPost/441170/2023	4G Saturation Project at Hebbal
5	WL/KA/CommPost/441172/2023	4G Saturation Project at Shivapur
6	WL/KA/CommPost/441162/2023	4G Saturation Project at Gund
7	WL/KA/CommPost/441125/2023	4G Saturation Project at Yermukha
8	WL/KA/CommPost/440939/2023	4G Saturation Project
9	WL/KA/CommPost/441184/2023	4G Saturation Project at Kalasai
10	WL/KA/CommPost/441112/2023	4G Saturation Project at Godshet Village
11	WL/KA/CommPost/441188/2023	4G Saturation Project at Neturge

The Standing Committee was informed that these eleven proposals are for use of 0.02 ha each from Core Zone of Kali Tiger Reserve in Karnataka for installation of 4G mobile towers. 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.

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

76.4.7 Proposal for use of 89.669 ha of forest land (19.4998 ha. forest land and 67.0242 ha revenue land) from Bagdara Wildlife Sanctuary for waidhan-2 multi village rural water supply scheme for construction of pipeline in Chitrangi Block, District - Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh.

FP/MP/Pipeline/6646/2022

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 89.669 ha of forest land (19.4998 ha. forest land and 67.0242 ha revenue land) from Bagdara Wildlife Sanctuary for Waidhan-2 multi village rural water supply scheme for laying of underground pipeline in Chitrangi Block District- Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh. 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.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The project proponent should ensure no damage to forest, wildlife and its habitat and no work will be done at night.
2. The construction material if required, shall be brought from outside the Protected Area.
3. One water connection will have to be provided every two kilometers at places identified by FD, Sanjay Tiger Reserve atleast 100 meters away from the road in the sanctuary forest land for wild animals free of cost.
4. The size of the trench will not exceed more than 2.0 m depth and 1.0 m width.
5. The user agency shall seek permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.

6. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.
7. The State Government shall ensure that the length of the length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.
8. The State Government shall also suggest the time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline within the PAs after taking into account all the factors/issues involve in the work.
9. 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.

76.4.8 Amendment in the minutes of previous meetings with respect to following proposals:

1. Proposal for use of 0.312 ha (Noganur RF 0.042 ha and Panai RF 0.270 ha) of forest land from Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side from Anchetty to Denkanikottai for a distance of 10.4 Kms in Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu
FP/TN/Others/30208/2017
2. Proposal for use of 0.258 ha of forest land from Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side from Dharmapuri-Anchetty State Highway for a distance of 8.6 Kms in Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.
FP/TN/Others/30207/2017
3. Proposal for use of 0.315 ha of forest land from Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of UG Optical Fibre Cable along the roadside from Dharmapuri to Anchetti outside right of way across Woddappatti R.F. and Biligundala R.F. in Hosur Wildlife Division, Tamil Nadu.
WL/TN/OFC/436880/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that first two proposals i.e., FP/TN/Others/30208/2017 and FP/TN/Others/30207/2017 were recommended in the 72nd meeting of the Standing Committee held on 25th April, 2023. The third proposal i.e., WL/TN/OFC/436880/2023 was recommended by the Standing Committee in its 75th meeting held on 17th November, 2023. One of the conditions imposed while recommending these proposals was that the project proponent (Reliance JioInfocomm) also should offer facility of free data connection (unlimited 4G and upgraded version then there) to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wild Life Warden office/Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri and Wild Life Warden, Hosur office for facilitating the cause of conservation protection.

The Reliance Digital Jio Fibre Limited, Chennai has represented to the Ministry that these routes are passing through thick forests having bio-diversity value and abundant wildlife population, and there is no possibility of taking OFC and installing technical equipment. Besides, the company also does not have any policy to provide such free data connection. It was also mentioned that they tried to facilitate the same in another route Theppakkadu-Masinagudi Moyar in Muddumalai Tiger Reserve but were unable to do the same. It has now been requested for exemption from the condition of providing free data connection.

The Chairman mentioned that such conditions amount to imposition of a kind of tax which is only the prerogative of legislature. In a similar request with regard to the proposal for diversion of forest land from Abohar Wildlife Sanctuary for Rehabilitation & Upgradation of Abohar-Sito-Gunno-Dabwali Road of NH-354 E, the Standing Committee had decided to remove the condition of sharing of 25% of toll fee revenue with the Wildlife Department which was imposed at the time of recommending the project. Therefore, for these proposals also, this condition can be removed.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to remove the condition regarding offering free data connection to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wild Life Warden office/Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests and Wild Life Warden imposed at the time recommending these project proposals and also in respect of similar 5 proposals for 4G saturation in Kanyakumari District recommended by the Standing Committee in its 75th meeting.

76.4.9 Proposal for use of 400.89 ha for construction of Jamrani Drinking Water Multipurpose Project, Nainital, Uttarakhand in Dudhwa Lagga Tiger Corridor.

FP/UK/WATER/5918/2021

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 400.89 ha for construction of Jamrani Drinking Water Multipurpose Project, Nanital, Uttarakhand in Dudhwa Lagga Tiger Corridor.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The proposal was not recommended by the NTCA.

The proposal was taken up for discussion in the 74th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided that the proposal shall be examined by a site inspection committee under the Chairmanship of Shri H. S. Singh, representative of Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand and one representative from the Ministry and accordingly, deferred the proposal for the next meeting.

The Ministry constituted a committee vide letter WL – 6/125/2023 WL dated 27th September, 2023 for site inspection and submission of report. The Site Inspection Committee has carried out inspection and submitted its report.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the Ministry shall communicate the report of the Site Inspection Committee to the State Government of Uttarakhand and seek comments on the suggestions given therein and therefore, deferred the proposal for the next meeting.

Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change stated that the conservation of wildlife has to be kept on priority while carrying out developmental activities. The Standing Committee has, therefore, placed certain restrictions on carrying out such activities in protected areas and tiger reserves for the conservation of wildlife and its habitat which is appreciable.

The meeting ended with the thanks to the Chair.

ANNEXURE-I**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

S.No.	Name	Designation
1	Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister for EF&CC	Chairman
2	Shri Ashwini Choubey, Hon'ble Minister of State for EF & CC	Special Invitee
3	Ms. Leena Nandan, Secretary, MoEF&CC	Member
4	Shri Jitendra Kumar, DGF&SS, MoEF&CC	Member
5	Shri Bivash Ranjan, ADGF(WL), MoEF&CC	Member Secretary
6	Dr. H. S. Singh, Member, NBWL	Member
7	Dr. R. Sukumar, Member, NBWL	Member
8	Shri R. Sugoor, Director GEER Foundation, Gujarat	Member
9	Dr. V. Gopi, Scientist 'F', Representative of Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.	Member
10	Shri S.P. Yadav, ADGF (PT) and M.S. NTCA	Invitee
11	Shri Ramesh Kumar Pandey, IGF (PT & E), MoEF&CC	Invitee
12	Shri Ajay Naik, Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh	Invitee
13	Shri R. Ashok Kumar, Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Invitee
14	Shri Umakant, Chief Wild Life Warden, Goa	Invitee
15	Shri PP Pramod IFS Field Director Project Tiger Kottayam, Representative of Chief Wild Life Warden, Kerala	Invitee
16	Dr.Vasantha Kumar Namastvayam, Principal Secretary, Forest Department, UT of Ladakh	Invitee
17	Shri Sajad Hussain Mufti ,Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh	Invitee
18	Shri Maheep Gupta, Chief Wild Life Warden, Maharashtra	Invitee
19	Shri Joykumar, Chief Conservator of Forests, Representative of Chief Wild Life Warden, Manipur	Invitee
20	Shri Arindam Tomar, Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan	Invitee
21	Shri Srinivas Reddy, Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu	Invitee
22	Shri Anjani Acharya, Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttar Pradesh	Invitee
23	Shri Debal Ray, Chief Wild Life Warden, West Bengal	Invitee
24	Shri Rakesh Kumar Jagenia, DIGF (WL), MOEFCC, New Delhi	Invitee
25	Dr. Sudheer Chintalapati, Scientist E, MoEF&CC, New Delhi	Invitee



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F.No. 4-TNB115/2023-CHN/1314

Date: 07th December, 2023

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,
 Environment & Forests Department,
 Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

Subject: Diversion of 0.193 ha for Laying of underground OFC along Cumbam-Cumuli NH road from Lower camp to Kumuli through Suranganar RF in Theni Division, Theni District, in favour of Jio Digital Fibre, Pvt. Ltd., Chennai-Reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter. No 19218/FR.10/2022-3 dated 15.11.2023 and online proposal No. FP/TN/OFC/116522/2020, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's **In-principle approval (Stage-I)** under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.193 ha for Laying of underground OFC along Cumbam-Cumuli NH road from Lower camp to Kumuli through Suranganar RF, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (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;
- (iii) The State Forest Department shall carryout CA over an extent of 0.40 ha of DFL area identified in the Suranganur 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;**
- (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-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 22.03.2022;

- (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;**
- (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;**
- (vii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (viii) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (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;
- (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.
- (xi) **No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency;**
- (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;
- (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;
- (xiv) 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;

- (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;
- (xvii) The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>);
- (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;

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by Karthikeyan

Karupiah

Date: 07-12-2023 15:22:01

Reason: Approved

(K.Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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Sd/-

(K.Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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.

Madam,

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 Chennai Demand for compliance of conditions imposed by the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife -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 Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Wildlife Division), New Delhi No. F.No.WL-6/207/2023-WL Dt. 23.01.2024.
(4) 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 by the Govt. of India, i.e. the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife in its recommendation letter vide (3) cited, for the proposal for diversion 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, as follows:

JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PRIVATE LIMITED

CIN: U64200GJ2018PTC105652

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

Con ditio n No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
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.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
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.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
3	All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Tiger Reserve.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
4	The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
5	No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.

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CIN: U64200GJ2018PTC105652

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Con ditio n No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
6	No fire places will be created inside the Tiger Reserve.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
7	Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
8	The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
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.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
10	The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
11	Any other condition stipulated by the Field Director / District Forest Officer shall be followed.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.

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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.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
13	No alteration in the existing drainage pattern should be allowed within the Tiger Reserve or corridor for implementing the proposed construction.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
14	The user agency shall ensure that no labour trespasses inside the forests apart from the construction site.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
15	While laying the OFC, the work should be executed in a timely manner simultaneously excavating the trenches and	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.

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	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.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
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.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.

I herewith enclose Compliance report along with enclosures for your kind perusal. 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

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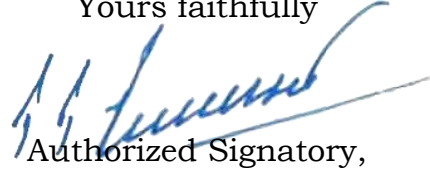
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laying of underground OFC along road side from Cumbum – Kumuli through Suranganar RF in Theni Forest Division for approval.

Encl.: As stated above.

Yours faithfully



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

Copy to

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The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai-32.

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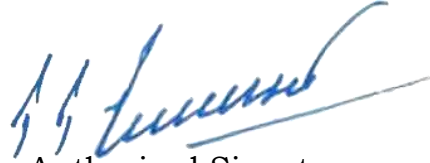
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We, M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Chennai ***we ensure that the length of the trench dug up at a time does not exceed 500 M. which shall be filled up and compacted before digging next trench of 500 M.***



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We, M/s. Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Chennai ***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.***



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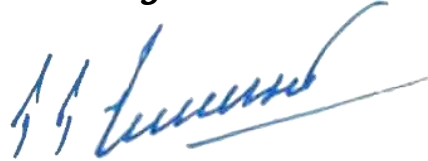
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This is to certify that *no materials found in the forest area will be used for this work and also certify that materials required for the work will be prepared only outside the sanctuary area.*



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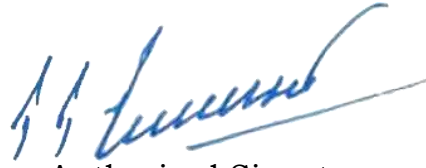
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This is to certify that ***we will carry out the work only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.***



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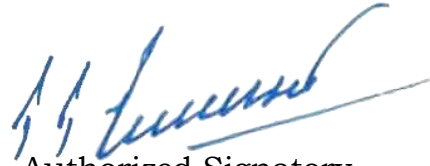
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This is to certify that ***we will not allow any of our labour / survey personals to visit the workplace in the sanctuary area during night hours or stay at the workplace for permitted work purposes.***



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This is to certify that under ***no circumstances will we carry out fire-related activities in the wildlife sanctuary area.***



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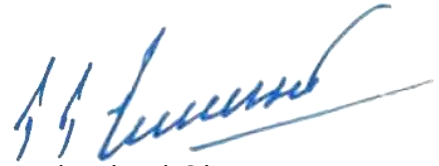
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This is to certify that *we will obey the general rules and regulations of forests and wildlife and also certify that we will observe the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.*



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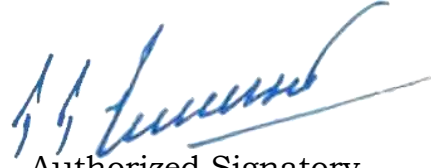
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This is to certify that the ***Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.***



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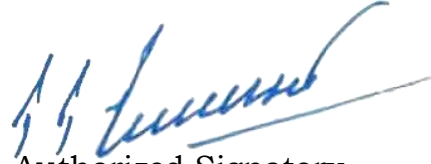
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This is to certify that while undertaking the periodical maintenance works if any, ***we shall obtain prior approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden*** well in advance.



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This is to certify that ***no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.***



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This is to certify that *we will follow any other conditions stipulated by the Conservator of Forests / Wildlife warden then and there.*



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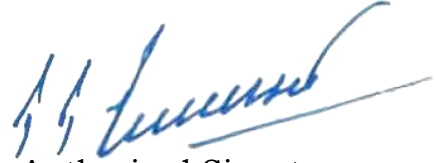
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This is to certify that we ***never make any alteration in the existing drainage pattern within the Tiger Reserve or corridor for implementing the proposed construction.***



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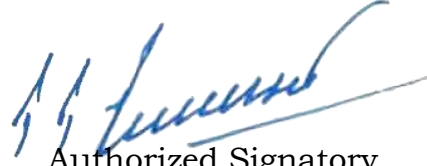
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This is to certify that we ***never allow labour trespasses inside the forests apart from the construction site.***



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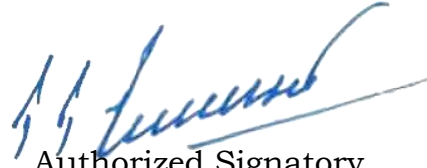
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This is to certify that we will obey the conditions in the monitor mechanism of the Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu to monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated herein.



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This is to certify that we will submit annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions to the State Chief Wild Life Warden for submit to Government of India.



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F.No.WL-6/207/2023-WL

Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
(Wildlife Division)

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

Date: 23rd January, 2024

To,


All Members
Standing Committee of NBWL

Sub: Minutes of 76th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life-reg.

Sir/Madam,

Kindly find enclosed copy of the Minutes of 76th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 5th 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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Copy also to: Sr. Technical Director, NIC with a request to upload the minutes of the meeting on PARIVESH Portal.


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MINUTES OF THE 76th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL BOARD FOR WILD LIFE HELD ON 5th JANUARY, 2024

The 76th meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life was held on 5th January, 2024 under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change. The list of participants is placed at **Annexure-I**.

The Member Secretary welcomed the participants to the meeting and informed about the number and type of proposals that were to be taken for discussion in the 76th meeting. He made a presentation highlighting the number of proposals discussed from 2019 to 2023. He also informed the committee about the number of proposals which were recommended and those which were not recommended/approved by the Standing Committee which were not proper from the point of view wildlife conservation. He also informed the Standing Committee about the various policy directives given by the Standing Committee during the last two years. The Standing Committee was also informed about the status of notification of rules and guidelines issued consequent to the coming into force of the Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Act, 2022. He also informed the Standing Committee about the proposed policy interventions to be discussed in the future meetings of the Standing Committee. The presentation is placed at **Annexure- II**. He then requested Deputy Inspector General of Forests (WL) to initiate the discussion on the Agenda Items.

AGENDA ITEM No.1

75.1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 75th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 17th November, 2023

The 75th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life was held on 17th November, 2023. The minutes of the meeting were circulated vide letter F. No. WL-6/144/2023-WL dated 8th December, 2023 amongst all the Members. Copy of the minutes is placed at **ANNEXURE-III**.

The Standing Committee was informed that no comments have been received on the minutes of the meeting.

The Chairman enquired if any member has objection on the minutes of the 75th meeting of the Standing Committee.

Decision Taken: After discussions, as no comments/objections were received, the Standing Committee decided to confirm the minutes of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM No.2

(Action Taken Report)

- 76.2.1** 1. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project In Uncovered Village Chunabhati, West Bengal
WL/WB/Commpost/434642/2023.

2. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G saturation project to cover uncovered villages in dara gaon buxa duar, West Bengal-**WL/WB/CommPost/434839/2023**.
3. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project In Uncovered Village Adma Panbari, West Bengal-**WL/WB/Others/434284/2023**.
4. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from Core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered Village Buxa Hill Forest, West Bengal-**WL/WB/CommPost/435001/2023**.
5. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project In uncovered Village Bhutri in Alipurduar district, West Bengal- **WL/WB/CommPost/434632/2023**.
6. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4 G saturation project in uncovered village Tashi Gaon in Alipurduar district, West Bengal-**WL/WB/CommPost/434819/2023**.
7. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project In uncovered village Buxa Duar, West Bengal-**WL/WB/CommPost/434828/2023**.
8. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of land from core of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered village Raimatang, West Bengal-**WL/WB/CommPost/435171/2023**.
9. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from core area of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered Village Lepchaka Buxa Duar in Alipurduar district, West Bengal-**WL/WB/CommPost/434977/2023**.
10. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land within core area of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered village 29th Mile in Alipurduar District, West Bengal- **WL/WB/CommPost/435260/2023**.

The Standing Committee was informed that these 10 proposals for installation of 4G mobile towers were considered in the 75th meeting of the Standing Committee. These proposals were recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. However, the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) did not recommend these proposals as they are proposed to be located in the Core/Critical Tiger Habitat of Buxa Tiger Reserve.

After discussions, the Standing Committee in its 75th meeting had decided to seek report from the NTCA regarding the feasibility of erection of the mobile towers in the core areas of tiger reserves and therefore deferred the matter to the next meeting.

NTCA vide letter dated 2nd January 2024, informed that that core areas of the Tiger Reserves are notified on the basis of philosophy of Project Tiger for fostering exclusive tiger agenda therein. In addition to promote tiger conservation, the core areas of the Tiger Reserves in the country are cornerstone for biodiversity conservation by supporting many endangered flora and fauna.

The Section 38 V (4) (i) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 categorically highlights the fact that the core or critical tiger habitat areas of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries have to be kept as inviolate for the purposes of tiger conservation. At this juncture, it is felt necessary to reiterate objective scientific findings conducted by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in collaboration with Wildlife Institute

of India (WII) also emphasised to have a viable tiger population. Hence, it is imperative to have vast tracts of inviolate space to secure a future for tiger.

The Electro Magnetic Radiations (EMR) from the communication towers have varying detrimental impacts on wildlife especially on birds and bees. Moreover, improved mobile network inside the core of the Tiger Reserve harbouring tiger and other endangered fauna may be a serious management threat since this enhanced mobile connectivity can be misused for committing wildlife offences including poaching and hunting.

Furthermore, earnest attempts are being made by this Authority in collaboration with State forest departments for incentivized voluntary resettlements of human habitations situated within core of Tiger Reserves. Provision of mobile connectivity inside the core, therefore, may be redundant and counterproductive.

The Standing Committee was also informed that as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry on 4th January, 2024, the installation of mobile towers in Core/Critical Tiger Habitat has been disallowed.

Dr. R. Sukumar mentioned that there are large number of proposals for installation of mobile towers inside protected areas and providing connectivity to the public across the country. There are rights of people involved. He suggested for a general discussion on the matter before proceeding for consideration of the proposals. The Core/Critical Tiger Habitat within a tiger reserve may be avoided. He suggested that the Standing Committee may agree to projects to be located in the buffer zones of Tiger Reserves and ESZ. However, in some cases, the core and buffer zones have been merged. There may be requirement of installation of mobile towers in core areas in border areas for security reasons. There are large number of settlements within core areas for example in Buxa Tiger Reserve and Nagarjunasagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve and there may be requirement for communication by the Forest Department. In such cases, the Standing Committee may consider allowing installation of mobile towers.

The Member Secretary highlighted the harmful effects of the electromagnetic rays on the wildlife based on scientific studies. He mentioned that movement pattern of the birds gets affected due to these rays and they get disoriented sometimes leading to their death. They start flying in multiple directions. Their flying paths gets completely disturbed. The birds' diversity declines and mutations are also noticed. The rays effect the bees which are important for pollination and biodiversity enrichment. These rays also affect predator-prey relations.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, West Bengal informed that the installation of these towers is for 15 villages inside the core area of Buxa Tiger Reserve and not related to security issues. The Government of India has already approved for voluntary relocation of 2 villages and the rest are under consideration.

The Chairman opined that the efforts should be made to relocate the villages from the core area of the Tiger Reserve.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO 3

76.3 Fresh Proposals falling inside / Outside the Protected Area)

- 76.3.1**
1. Proposal for use of 0.0243 ha of forest land from Papikonda National Park for 4G Saturation Project- Badigunta, ASR District, Andhra Pradesh in favour of **BSNL-WL/AP/Others/452223/2023**.
 2. Proposal for use of 0.0194 ha of forest land from Papikonda National Park for 4G Saturation Project Methapukota, Eluru, Andhra Pradesh- in favour of **BSNL-WL/AP/Others/446987/2023**.
 3. Proposal for use of 0.022 ha of forest land from Papikonda National Park for 4G Saturation Project Udathapalli, Eluru, Andhra Pradesh in favour of **BSNL-WL/AP/Others/446678/2023**.
 4. Proposal for use of 0.022 ha of forest land from Papikonda National Park for 4G Saturation Project, Dharwada, Eluru, Andhra Pradesh in favour of **BSNLWL/AP/Others/446322/2023**.

The Standing Committee was informed that these four projects are proposed on forest land inside Papikonda National Park. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipment and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in

monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.

5. A detailed study on the Impact of the Project on the Avifauna in and around the Project Area, along with Mitigation Measures shall be submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wild Life Warden before starting the work.
6. The proposed area will be utilized only for the purpose for which the User Agency has sought it for, but not for any other commercial purpose.
7. The User Agency shall inform the commencement of the work in the proposed area and execute the works under the supervision of the Forest Department.
8. The User Agency shall not resort to the excavation of the surrounding forest land for collection of the earth to be used. If such excavation is found during the work period or later, the User Agency will be charged with suitable Provisions of the relevant Acts.
9. The User Agency shall obey any other conditions stipulated by the Forest Department as per the Acts and Rules.
10. The User Agency will be solely responsible for any violation which attracts the Provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, as amended from time to time.
11. Work shall be carried out only from dawn to dusk.
12. No labour camps to be established in the Protected Area.
13. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
14. 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.

- 76.3.2**
1. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of Non-forest land from Pulicat Bird Sanctuary for 4G Saturation Project, Irakam Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh- **WL/AP/Others/450314/2023.**
 2. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of Non-forest land from Pulicat Bird Sanctuary for 4G Saturation Project, Pudirayadoruvu Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh- **WL/AP/Others/450490/2023.**

The Standing Committee was informed that these two projects are proposed on non-forest land inside Pulicat Lake Bird Sanctuary. Each of these project proposals require use of 0.02 ha inside the sanctuary. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;

- b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
 3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
 5. A detailed study on the Impact of the Project on the Avifauna in and around the Project Area, along with Mitigation Measures shall be submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wild Life Warden before starting the work.
 6. The proposed area will be utilized only for the purpose for which the User Agency has sought it for, but not for any other commercial purpose.
 7. The User Agency shall inform the commencement of the work in the diversion area and execute the works under the supervision of the Forest Department.
 8. The User Agency shall not resort to the excavation of the surrounding forest land for collection of the earth to be used. If such excavation is found during the work period or later, the User Agency will be charged with suitable Provisions of the relevant Acts.
 9. The User Agency shall obey any other conditions stipulated by the Forest Department as per the Acts and Rules.
 10. The User Agency shall be solely responsible for any violation which attracts the Provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, as amended from time to time.
 11. Work shall be carried out only from dawn to dusk.
 12. No labour camps to be established in the Protected Area.
 13. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
 14. 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.

76.3.3 Proposal for use of 0.04 ha of land from Campbell Bay National Park for installation of one 4G Tower at Afra Bay in Nicobar Islands under USOF Project, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

WL/AN/Others/442205/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.04 ha of land from Campbell Bay National Park for installation of one 4G Tower at Afra Bay in Nicobar Islands under USOF Project in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The User Agency shall not violate any provision of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
6. There shall be no damage to the flora, fauna of the nearby forest during the construction phase of the project.
7. During the construction phase, if any wild animal is noticed at the site, the User Agency shall give safe passage to the animal by stopping the activity at site till the animal go away from the site and no harm shall be caused to the animal.
8. Garbage if any generated or the excavated soil shall not be discharged in the National Park/Forest area.
9. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and

disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.

10. 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.

76.3.4 Following 4G proposals involving Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, Karnataka in favour of BSNL:

1. WL/KA/Others/432438/2023	Makkalanda USOF 4G Tower
2. WL/KA/Others/432429/2023	Sambhapur USOF 4G Tower
3. WL/KA/Others/431793/2023	Sooligere USOF 4G Tower
4. WL/KA/Others/432346/2023	Hoolya USOF 4G Tower

The Standing Committee was informed that these projects for installation of mobile towers are proposed in forest enclosure villages namely Makkalanda, Sambhapur, Sooligere and Hoolya which are part of notified eco-sensitive zone of Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka. Three project proposals in Makkalanda, Sambhapur and Sooligere require use of 0.02 ha each and one project proposal involving Hoolya requires 0.0181 ha. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.

5. The User Agency shall take enough precautions to keep secure their structure. Any mitigation measures required for the same shall be executed by User Agency using their own funds. Karnataka forest Department shall not be responsible for any damage caused by wild animal to structure.
6. Signage Boards regarding wildlife shall be installed at the cost of the User Agency.
7. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.
8. The User Agency shall not collect the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the PA.
9. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation shall be informed, created awareness about wildlife, so that they shall not harm/ kill/ hunt / poach or abet in any such crimes in any way, failing which, legal course of action under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, will be taken.
10. Care shall be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
11. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act & Rules, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
12. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna.
13. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
14. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
15. 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.

76.3.5 Following 18 proposals of 4 G involving Sharavathi Valley Lion Tailed Macaque (LTM) Sanctuary, Karnataka:

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| 1. WL/KA/CommPost/445952/2023 | BSNL 4G Saturation Project at Hejjilu |
| 2. WL/KA/CommPost/446028/2023 | BSNL 4G Saturation Project at Koppa |
| 3. WL/KA/CommPost/445960/2023 | BSNL 4G Saturation Project at Hallyani |
| 4. WL/KA/CommPost/445942/2023 | BSNL 4G Saturation Project at Kurandoor |
| 5. WL/KA/CommPost/446037/2023 | BSNL 4G Saturation Project at Kuchodi |
| 6. WL/KA/CommPost/445924/2023 | BSNL 4G Saturation Project at Kulawadi |
| 7. WL/KA/CommPost/445995/2023 | USO 4G Mobile Tower at Mudnalli |
| 8. WL/KA/CommPost/445988/2023 | USO 4G Mobile Tower at Morse |
| 9. WL/KA/CommPost/445849/2023 | BSNL 4G Saturation Project Hadgeri |
| 10. WL/KA/CommPost/445997/2023 | USO 4G Mobile Tower at Medini |
| 11. WL/KA/CommPost/446018/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Mahime |
| 12. WL/KA/CommPost/445985/2023 | BSNL 4G Saturation Project Jankadkal |

13	WL/KA/CommPost/445998/2023	BSNL 4G Saturation Project HosgodBts
14	WL/KA/CommPost/445848/2023	BSNL 4G Saturation Project Khandodi
15	WL/KA/CommPost/446046/2023	BSNL 4G Saturation Project Anshikeri
16	WL/KA/CommPost/445993/2023	USO 4G Mobile Tower at Bangane
17	WL/KA/CommPost/446038/2023	BSNL 4G Saturation Project BegodiBts
18	WL/KA/CommPost/445992/2023	BSNL 4G Saturation Project Hirebail

The Standing Committee was informed that these 18 projects for installation of mobile towers are proposed on forest lands inside Sharavathy Lion Tailed Macaque Sanctuary. Each of these projects require use of 0.02 ha forest land from the sanctuary. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. Yearly monitoring of electromagnetic field (EMF) shall be conducted in and around the areas of Sharavathi Valley Lion Tailed Macaque (LTM) Sanctuary.
6. The User Agency shall use visual day time markers in the area having large numbers of bird movement to avoid bird hits.
7. The proposed project site shall be properly fenced with chain link mesh, so that Lion-tailed Macaque or others mammals do not cross the area or climb the tower at the cost of User Agency.
8. Signage Boards regarding wildlife shall be installed at the cost of the User Agency.
9. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.

10. The implementing agency shall abide by the conditions laid down by the forest officials in charge of the project area in the interest of protecting and minimizing disturbance to wildlife during construction phase and after completion of the project.
11. The User Agency shall not collect the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.
12. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation shall be informed, created awareness about wildlife, so that they do not harm/ kill/ hunt / poach or abet in any such crimes in any way, failing which, legal course of action under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, shall be taken.
13. Care shall be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
14. The User Agency and project personnel shall comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act & Rules, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act.
15. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
16. 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.

76.3.6 Proposal for use of 0.6583ha of forest land from core zone of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve for installation of mobile towers (0.06 ha) at three locations and laying of OFC (0.5983 ha) for 4G/5G coverage to uncovered Villages, Palakkad Baparambikulam Area, Kerala.

WL/KL/CommPost/ 417316 /2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.6583ha of forest land from core zone of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve for installation of mobile towers (0.06 ha) at three locations and laying of OFC (0.5983 ha) for 4G/5G coverage to uncovered Villages, Palakkad Baparambikulam Area, Kerala. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. However, NTCA has not recommended the project proposal.

The Field Director, Periyar Tiger Reserve informed that as per the Tiger Conservation Plan the area is falling outside the core zone.

Member Secretary, NTCA stated that as per the kml files of the tiger reserve, the proposed area is located inside the core area. If the State Government provides documentary evidence for the location of the project outside core zone, the project proposal may be approved.

The Chairman suggested that the project proposal may be approved subject to the condition that the State Government shall submit documentary evidence for the location of the project outside core zone of the tiger reserve.

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

1. The State Government shall provide report regarding confirmation of location of the project outside the core/critical tiger habitat of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve to the NTCA and the Ministry.
2. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
3. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
4. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
5. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
6. The User Agency shall not share the tower with other service providers in future without the approval of Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
7. The project area shall not be used for any purpose other than that applied for.
8. The constructions shall not cause any damage to the environment and wildlife
9. Blasting shall not be allowed for construction.
10. The trees to be cut shall be done at the cost of BSNL and stacked.
11. The work shall be completed within one year from date of sanction.
12. The working hours shall be limited between sunrise and sunset period.
13. As the part of the tower construction, no permission shall be allowed for construction of temporary shed, cooking food etc inside the forest.
14. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
15. 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.

76.3.7 Proposal for use of 0.0734 ha (0.0202 Ha for Mobile Communication Tower and 0.0532 ha for approach road) of forest land 260m from boundary of core area of Periyar Tiger Reserve for USOF 4G Saturation Project, Kerala.

WL/KL/CommPost/437450/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0734 ha (0.0202 Ha for Mobile Communication Tower and 0.0532 ha for approach road) of forest land 260m from boundary of core area of Periyar Tiger Reserve for USOF 4G Saturation Project, Kerala. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. However, NTCA has not recommended the proposal.

The Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Kottayam stated that the project is proposed to be located in the Buffer Zone of Periyar Tiger Reserve.

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The User Agency shall not share the tower with other service providers in future without the approval of Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life.
6. The User Agency shall ensure proper insulation of the power cable to avoid any threat to primates, and periodical monitoring of the power cable must be done.
7. The User Agency shall notify the Forest Department of any nesting of birds on the tower, and the nest shall not be removed.

8. Tree cutting required for project shall be implemented based on the provisions of forest laws in force and standard operating procedure given in the same.
9. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
10. The User Agency shall ensure that in no case, the network activity will cause any noise pollution in and around the sanctuary area. Low noise generator must be used to avoid disturbance to wildlife.
11. The User Agency shall ensure proper waste management system at the project area.
12. The User Agency shall be obliged to obey various provisions given under
 - a. The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972
 - b. The Kerala Forest Act, 1961
 - c. The Biological Diversity Act, 2002
 - d. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
 - e. Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980
 - f. Relevant directions issued from time to time by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble High Courts.
 - g. Park Rules issued by Park Management for better management from time to time
13. The work shall be completed within one year from date of sanction.
14. The working hours shall be limited between sunrise and sunset period.
15. As the part of the tower construction, no permission shall be allowed for construction of temporary shed, cooking food etc inside the forest.
16. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
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.

76.3.8 Following 15 proposals of 4G Saturation Projects involving Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary, UT of Ladakh.

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| 1. | WL/LA/CommPost/452547/2023 | Erection of Mobile Communications Tower at Thang, District Leh, UT of Ladakh |
| 2. | WL/LA/CommPost/438905/2023 | USOF '354 Uncovered Villages Scheme' for mobile communication at Village Khemi |
| 3. | WL/LA/CommPost/451312/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Thanga Chathang |
| 4. | WL/LA/CommPost/451304/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Tirith |
| 5. | WL/LA/CommPost/451130/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Diskit |
| 6. | WL/LA/CommPost/451318/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Warisfistan (Waris) |
| 7. | WL/LA/CommPost/451190/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Chalunkha |
| 8. | WL/LA/CommPost/451218/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Rakuru |
| 9. | WL/LA/CommPost/451238/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Tangyar |

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| 10. | WL/LA/CommPost/451118/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Kuri |
| 11. | WL/LA/CommPost/451109/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Hundar |
| 12. | WL/LA/CommPost/451065/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Partap Pore |
| 13. | WL/LA/CommPost/451049/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Skanpuk |
| 14. | WL/LA/CommPost/451850/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Bogdang
(Skilkhore) |
| 15. | WL/LA/CommPost/451032/2023 | 4G Saturation Project Terchey |

The Standing Committee was informed that these 15 projects are proposed to be located in Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary. The projects at Thang and Khemi Villages require use of 0.0334 ha each from the sanctuary. The remaining 13 projects require use of an area of 0.0186 ha each from the sanctuary. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The User Agency shall not violate any regulatory provisions under Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
6. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the sanctuary.
7. The User Agency shall ensure that they will not create any dumping site within the Protected Area and all form of Municipal solid waste, etc is disposed of outside the Protected Areas as per prescribed norms.
8. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the protected area.

9. The User Agency or its contractor/labour shall not create any fireplaces or use the firewood and bushes from the protected area for burning etc.
10. The User Agency of its contractor shall be personally responsible for any violation of Forest and Wildlife laws committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.
11. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land, if required.
12. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected area as per the guidelines.
13. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
14. 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.

76.3.9 Following 5 proposals of 4G Saturation Projects involving Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary, UT of Ladakh.

1. WL/LA/CommPost/451198/2023 4G Saturation Project Kakset
2. WL/LA/CommPost/451381/2023 4G Saturation Project Pangong Valley
3. WL/LA/CommPost/451206/2023 4G Saturation Project Merak
4. WL/LA/CommPost/451100/2023 4G Saturation project Tsongkhakharu
5. WL/LA/CommPost/452854/2023 Erection of Mobile Communication Tower at Tibra Tegazong in UT of Ladakh

The Standing Committee was informed that these 5 projects are proposed to be located in Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary. The project Tibra Tegazong Village requires use of 0.0334 ha from the sanctuary. The remaining 4 projects require use of an area of 0.0186 ha each from the sanctuary. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the Administration of the UT of Ladakh.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be

provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.

2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The User Agency shall not violate any regulatory provisions under Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
6. The User Agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the sanctuary.
7. The User Agency shall ensure that they will not create any dumping site within the Protected Area.
8. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the protected area.
9. The User Agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire places or use the firewood and bushes from the protected area.
10. The User Agency or its contractor shall be responsible for any act of forest and wildlife crime committed by its staff and labour inside the protected area.
11. Approval under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
12. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected area as per the guidelines.
13. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
14. 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.

76.3.10 Proposal for use of 3.3 ha of forest land from Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary for doubling of Ranjangaon-Sarola section of Daund-Manmad Broad Gauge Railway line from Chainage Km 324/900 to Km 325/700, Maharashtra.

WL/MH/RAIL/452557/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 3.3 ha of forest land from Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary for doubling of Ranjangaon-Sarola section of Daund-Manmad Broad Gauge Railway line from Chainage Km 324/900 to Km 325/700, Maharashtra over a length of 800m. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

The Member Secretary informed that the User Agency has commenced the works and therefore it amounts to the violation of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

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

1. Project agency should deposit 1 % of total cost (20.81 Cr.) of project falling in the sanctuary with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Pune as a penalty for starting the work without permission.
2. Project agency should deposit 2 % of total cost (0.134 Cr.) of project falling in Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Pune to carry out the activities of wildlife management in the State of Maharashtra.
3. Animal Passage Plan submitted by the user Agency shall be implemented in totality.
4. The Project Proponent have already started executing the work. Violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 has taken place. Disciplinary action shall be against erring officials and action against offenders shall be taken under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
5. 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.

The Regional Office of the Ministry at Nagpur shall monitor the progress of actions taken against the staff and also action taken under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and submit bimonthly report to the Ministry.

76.3.11 Proposal for use of 0.1674 ha of forest land from 5 sanctuaries for installation of 9 mobile towers under USOF 4G Saturation Project, Manipur.

WL/MN/Others/448428/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1674 ha of forest land from 5 sanctuaries for installation of 9 mobile towers under USOF 4G Saturation Project, Manipur. Out of the 9 mobile towers, 5 are proposed to be installed in Yangoupokpi Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary and one each in Bunning Wildlife Sanctuary, Zeilad Wildlife Sanctuary, Jiri-Makru Wildlife Sanctuary and Kailam Wildlife Sanctuary. An area of 0.0186 ha is required for installation of each mobile tower. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:

- a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
 3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
 5. Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up at the selected sites in double the proposed area i.e. 0.3348 ha with 10 years' maintenance, as proposed by DFO/Wildlife Forest Division. User agency shall bear the cost.
 6. As the proposed area falls within the Sanctuaries, the User agency shall pay the Net Present Value which shall be 5 (five) times of the amount fixed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and worked out by the Divisional Forest Officer/Wildlife Forest Division based on the Forest Type and Eco-Class.
 7. The User Agency shall bear the cost of logging and transportation of the felled trees as per the estimate submitted by DFO/Wildlife Forest Division. Minimum number of trees which are strictly essential shall be felled for the execution of the project under the strict supervision of the Forest Department.
 8. The felled trees and all Non-Timber Forest Produce removed during execution of the Project shall be distributed to nearby villages for bonafide uses and no commercial use of the Forest Produce shall be allowed, as provided u/s 29 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972.
 9. Cost of demarcation of the diverted Forest land and installation of boundary pillars shall be borne by the User Agency.
 10. Impact mitigation and Wildlife Action Plan for improving the economic condition of the villagers and to mitigate the subsequent impact on wildlife is worked out for a Sum of Rs 16.2 Lakh (Sixteen lakh and twenty thousand only) by DFO/Wildlife Forest Division.
 11. The User Agency shall not take up any activity in contravention to the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and the rules made therein.
 12. User Agency shall not take up any such construction, which diverts, stops or enhance the flow of water into or outside the Sanctuary area.
 13. Heavy machine and explosive shall not be used except under unavoidable circumstances and with the prior permission of the State Forest Department.

14. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
15. 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.

76.3.12 Proposal for use of 0.0558ha of forest land from ESZ of 2 sanctuaries for installation of three mobile tower for 4G Network uncovered villages, Manipur.

WL/MN/Others/448739/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0558 ha of forest land from ESZ of 2 sanctuaries for installation of three mobile tower for 4G network in uncovered villages, Manipur. Out of the 3 mobile towers, two are proposed to be located in the ESZ of Jiri-Makru Wildlife Sanctuary and 1 mobile tower is proposed to be located in the ESZ of Zeilad Wildlife Sanctuary. The installation of each mobile tower will require use 0.0186 ha from the ESZ of the sanctuary. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The legal status of land shall remain unchanged.

6. Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up at the selected sites in double the proposed area with 10 years maintenance, as proposed by Divisional Forest Officer /Tamenglong Forest Division. User agency shall bear the cost.
7. The User agency shall pay the Net Present Value for diversion of the Forest Land which is worked out based on the Forest Type and Eco-Class as proposed by the Divisional Forest Officer/Tamenglong Forest Division.
8. Cost of demarcation of the diverted Forest land and installation of boundary pillars shall be borne by the User Agency.
9. Impact mitigation and Wildlife Action Plan for improving the economic condition of the villagers and to mitigate the subsequent impact on wildlife is worked out for a sum of Rs 5.40 Lakh (Five lakh forty thousand only) by DFO/Tamenglong Forest Division.
10. User Agency shall not take up any activity in contravention to the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and the rules made therein.
11. User Agency shall not take up any such construction, which diverts, stops or enhance the flow of water into or outside the Sanctuary area.
12. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no damage to surrounding forest, environment, wildlife, natural resources like water bodies and other public properties.
13. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
14. Commercial use of fire wood is prohibited in the Eco-sensitive Zone, as mentioned in the ESZ Notification The User Agency shall supply an alternate fuel to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling of the trees.
15. The muck/debris generated in the earth cutting shall be disposed of at the designated sites and in no case the muck/debris shall be allowed to roll down the hill slopes.
16. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
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.

76.3.13 Following 11 proposals of 4G Saturation Projects involving Desert National Park, Rajasthan.

1. WL/RJ/Others/437823/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for 4G tower installation for this uncovered Village Phangali, Tehsil -Gadra Road, District, Barmer in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Barmer (Raj.)
2. WL/RJ/Others/437992/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Mobile Tower installation in revenue Village, Ratreri Kalan, Tehsil–Gadra Road, District, Barmer in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

3. WL/RJ/Others/437889/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation -District Barmer-Village-Kalsinghkidhani in Tehsil Gadra Road in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
4. WL/RJ/Others/437909/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for 4G tower installation through BSNL for this uncovered Village Khareen, Tehsil-Gadra Road, District-Barmer. User Agency Name: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Barmer.
5. WL/RJ/Others/437793/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for 4G tower installation through BSNL for this uncovered Village Dhagari, Tehsil-Gadra Road, District-Barmer in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Barmer
6. WL/RJ/Others/437782/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for 4G tower installation for this uncovered Village BIKOOSI, Tehsil-Gadra Road, District-Barmer in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Barmer.
7. WL/RJ/Others/437817/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Mobile Tower+OFC Installation under 4G Saturation Project District Barmer-Village-Kambhirkibasti in Tehsil Gadra Road in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.
8. WL/RJ/Others/437691/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Mobile Tower Installation under 4G Saturation Project District Barmer-Village-Dhabhar in Tehsil Gadra Road in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
9. WL/RJ/Others/437957/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Mobile Tower+OFC Installation under 4G Saturation Project District Barmer-Village-Raslani in Tehsil Gadraroad in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.
10. WL/RJ/Others/437805/2023 Proposal for use of 0.0223 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Mobile Tower installation in revenue Village, Dhanuaani, Tehsil-Gadra Road, District-Barmer in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
11. WL/RJ/Others/426297/2023 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of non-forest land from Desert National Park Sanctuary for Mobile Tower installation in revenue Village, Chauthiyali, Tehsil-Gadra Road, District- Barmer in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

The Standing Committee was informed that these 11 proposals are for installation of mobile towers in non-forest land in Desert National Park Sanctuary. An area of 0.02 ha is required for installation of mobile tower in Village - Chauthiyali, Tehsil-Gadra Road, District- Barmer. In the remaining 10 proposals, the area required is 0.0223 ha each for each proposal from the Sanctuary. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan informed that the total area Jaisalmer and Barmer Districts is about 54,000 sq. km. Out of which 3162 sq. km. has been declared as Sanctuary.

The Chairman mentioned that the villages are located in remote areas near the international border and India has set apart 3162 sq. km. for Desert National Park Sanctuary for conservation of wildlife therein. It is one of the largest protected areas in the world.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. 2% of the proportional project cost falling within the Protected Area should be deposited in RPACS by the user agency for relocation of villages/land acquisition.
6. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
7. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
8. There will be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.

9. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
10. There will be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
11. No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
12. There shall be no high mast/beam/search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
13. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
14. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of PA.
15. Any permission/clearance required under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.
16. The project area will be fenced with six feet chain link by the User agency.
17. The User Agency shall comply with the advisory issued by Ministry of Environment and Forests Vide letter F.No. 15-11/2010 WL -1 dated 09.08.2012 on the use of mobile towers.
18. Noise less machinery/equipment should be used to operate the mobile towers.
19. Electromagnetic radiation should be limited within safe limits for wildlife including birds, bees and other insects as per the guidelines to be issued by Government of India.
20. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard should be strictly complied with.
21. Solar power as far as possible should be used to operate the mobile tower as it is to be installed in GIB priority area.
22. No approach road will be constructed for establishment of tower.
23. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
24. 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.

76.3.14 Proposal for use of 0.0232 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical Tiger Habitat of Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve for installation of Mobile Tower by Bharti Hexacom Limited in revenue Village-Khijura, Tehsil-Sapotra, District-Karauli, Rajasthan.

WL/RJ/Others/431603/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.0232 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical Tiger Habitat of Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve for installation of Mobile Tower by Bharti Hexacom Limited in revenue Village-Khijura, Tehsil-Sapotra, District-Karauli, Rajasthan. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has not recommended the proposal.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan mentioned that there appears to be over-zealousness among the mobile tower companies and proposals are being submitted for

installation of one mobile tower between two villages even if there are no people inhabiting the 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 proposal.

76.3.15 Following 6 proposals of 4G involving critical Tiger Habitat (CTH) of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan.

1. Proposal for use of 0.0188 ha of non-forest land from Buffer Zone of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and Core/Critical tiger habitat of Dholpur-Karauli Tiger Reserve for Mobile Tower by BSNL in Manikpura, Tehsil - Sapotra, District – Karauli, Rajasthan: **WL/RJ/Others/436801 /2023**).
2. Proposal for use of 0.0232 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical tiger habitat of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve proposal on construction of a Mobile Tower by Indus Towers Limited in revenue Village – Nainiyaki Guwari, Tehsil - Sapotra, District – Karauli, Rajasthan (Online Proposal: **WL/RJ/Others/431621/2023**)
3. Proposal for use of 0.0232 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical tiger habitat of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve for construction of a Mobile Tower by Bharti Hexacom Limited in revenue Village – Baharda, Tehsil -Sapotra, District – Karauli, Rajasthan- **WL/RJ/Others/431607/2023**).
4. Proposal for use of 0.0232 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical tiger habitat of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve for proposal on construction of a Mobile Tower by Bharti Hexacom Limited in revenue Village, Morechi, Tehsil - Sapotra, District, Karauli, Rajasthan-**WL/RJ/Others/431602/2023**
5. Proposal for use of 0.0232 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical tiger habitat of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve for Mobile Tower by Bharti Hexacom Limited in revenue Village – Choriya Khata, Tehsil - Sapotra, District – Karauli, Rajasthan -**WL/RJ/Others/431606/2023**
6. Proposal for use of 0.01672 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical tiger habitat of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve for proposal on construction of a Mobile Tower by BSNL in Asha ki Guwari, Tehsil - Sapotra, District -Karauli, Rajasthan-**WL/RJ/Others/436882/2023**.

The Standing Committee was informed that the six proposals are for installation of mobile towers. Out of these proposals, installation of mobile tower in Manikpura Village is proposed to be done in Buffer Zone of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and Core Zone of newly declared Dhaulpur-Karauli Tiger Reserve. Remaining five projects are proposed in Core Zone of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. However, NTCA has not recommended these project proposals.

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

The Member Secretary, NTCA mentioned that NTCA has also proposed similarly and therefore not recommended these proposals for approval.

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

76.3.16 Proposal for use of 0.018 ha of forest land from Buffer Zone of Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve for 4G saturation project in uncovered village Mookaraikkal in Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu

WL/TN/CommPost/437790/2023.

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.018 ha of forest land from Buffer Zone of Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve for 4G saturation project in uncovered village Mookaraikkal in Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has also recommended the proposal.

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
6. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Tiger Reserve.
7. No fire places will be created inside the Tiger Reserve.

8. The work in the Tiger Reserve will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.
9. No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve.
10. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.
11. The legal status of the land remain unchanged.
12. 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.
13. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
14. Any other condition stipulated by the Field Director / Deputy Director shall be followed.
15. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC guidelines issued in 2012.
16. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
17. The coverage of the network from this tower should be maintained in a way so that only the target village gets benefited. No network coverage beyond the limit of the village should be permitted.
18. All construction materials should be procured from outside KMTR or its ESZ. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the Tiger Reserve and its ESZ by the User Agency.
19. Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.
20. 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.

76.3.17 Proposal for use of 0.265 ha of forest land (0.018 ha for tower and 0.247 ha for laying OFC) from Kanyakumari WLS at an approximate distance of 3.4 km from buffer zone of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve for uncovered village Manalodai in Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu.

WL/TN/Communication Post/437603/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.265 ha of forest land (0.018 ha for tower and 0.247 ha for laying OFC) from Kanyakumari WLS at an approximate distance of 3.4 km from buffer zone of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve for uncovered village Manalodai in Kanyakumari district of 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.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
6. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Tiger Reserve
7. No fire places will be created inside the Tiger Reserve.
8. The work in the Tiger Reserve will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.
9. No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve.
10. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.
11. The legal status of the land remain unchanged.
12. 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.
13. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
14. Any other condition stipulated by the Field Director / Deputy Director shall be followed.

15. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC guidelines issued in 2012.
16. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
17. The OFC should be covered with excavated materials after the construction. Care should be taken that the structures are totally underground.
18. While laying the OFC, the work should be executed in a timely manner simultaneously excavating the trenches and laying the cable 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.
19. All construction materials should be procured from outside Kanyakumari WLS or its ESZ. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the WLS and its ESZ by the User Agency.
20. Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.
21. 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.

76.3.18 Proposal for use of 0.018 ha of forest land from Kanyakumari WLS at an approximate distance of 4.5 km from buffer zone of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve on 4G saturation project in uncovered village Orunooram Vayal in Kanyakumari district, Tamil Nadu.

WL/TN/Communication Post/437769/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.018 ha of forest land from Kanyakumari WLS at an approximate distance of 4.5 km from buffer zone of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve on 4G saturation project in uncovered village Orunooram Vayal in Kanyakumari district, 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.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;

- c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
 3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
 4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
 5. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.
 6. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Tiger Reserve
 7. No fire places will be created inside the Tiger Reserve.
 8. The work in the Tiger Reserve will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.
 9. No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve.
 10. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.
 11. The legal status of the land remain unchanged.
 12. 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.
 13. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.
 14. Any other condition stipulated by the Field Director / Deputy Director shall be followed.
 15. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
 16. The coverage of the network from this tower should be maintained in a way so that only the target village gets benefited. No network coverage beyond the limit of the village should be permitted.
 17. All construction materials should be procured from outside Kanyakumari WLS or its ESZ. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the WLS and its ESZ by the User Agency.
 18. Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.

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
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
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.

76.3.21 Proposal for use of 0.1040 ha of land 100 m from core of Rajaji Tiger Reserve within its ESZ for installation of 4G mobile towers to cover the stretch on NH-307 (from Mohand Forest Ranger Office to Daat Kali Temple) in Mohand Forest Range at 5 locations under "Govt. 4G Saturation Project Through USOF" in District Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

WL/UP/CommPost/434135/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.1040 ha of land 100 m from core of Rajaji Tiger Reserve within its ESZ for installation of 4G mobile towers to cover the stretch on NH-307 (from Mohand Forest Ranger Office to Daat Kali Temple) in Mohand Forest Range at 5 locations under "Govt. 4G Saturation Project Through USOF" in District Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. These proposals were recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has not recommended the proposal.

The Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttar Pradesh mentioned that the proposal is recommended by the State Government as there is no other alternative available.

The Chairman mentioned that there are several options available for installation of towers in that area. The land could be acquired from the NHAI or revenue department. Rajaji Tiger Reserve not only provides protection to tigers and associated species. It also acts as source for several tributaries which ultimately join Ganga River.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided not to recommend the proposal.

76.3.22 Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from Buffer Zone of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered Village Buxa Road 28th Mile, West Bengal.

WL/WB/CommPost/435262/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.02 ha of forest land from Buffer Zone of Buxa Tiger Reserve for 4G Saturation Project in uncovered Village Buxa Road 28th Mile, West Bengal. 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.

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and

- e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. No felling of trees shall be allowed.
6. No new approach road to be constructed for this 4G Saturation Project of BSNL.
7. Concertina wire shall not be allowed for fencing the mobile tower at project location.
8. To prevent overlapping high radiations fields, new towers should not be permitted within a radius of one kilometer of existing towers in ecologically sensitive areas. BSNL should ensure that installation of the tower should not obstruct flight path of birds, and also should not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area. This is in accordance with MoEFCC guidelines issued in 2012.
9. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
10. The coverage of the network from this tower should be maintained in a way so that only the target village gets benefited. No network coverage beyond the limit of the village should be permitted.
11. All construction materials should be procured from outside Buxa Tiger Reserve or its ESZ. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the Tiger Reserve and its ESZ by the User Agency.
12. Chief Wild Life Warden, West Bengal should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated herein.
13. 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.

76.3.23 Proposal for use of 0.3915 Ha of forest land from Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of Optical Fibre Cable from Chamta to Rongtong/Chunabhati, West Bengal.

WL/WB/OFC/437309/2023.

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 0.3915 Ha of forest land from Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of Optical Fibre Cable from

Chamta to Rongtong/Chunabhati, West Bengal. The proposal has been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend 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 forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be used for any other purpose than that specified in proposal.
3. No felling of tree is permitted for the operation.
4. No night shelter or night accommodation shall be permitted inside sanctuary while executing the work.
5. No clearing of forest floor to access the work site is permitted.
6. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Sanctuary.
7. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.
8. No fire places will be created inside the sanctuary.
9. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.
10. The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
11. While undertaking the periodical maintenance works if any by the project proponent shall obtain prior approval of the Chief Wild Life Warden well in advance.
12. 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.

AGENDA ITEM NO 4

Any other item with the permission of the Chair

76.4.1 Following 2 proposals of 4 G Saturation project in buffer zone of the Nagarjunsagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve, Andhra Pradesh:

1. WL/AP/Others/449730/2023 BSNL 4G Saturation Project, Peddamanthanala, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh
2. WL/AP/Others/454134/2023 BSNL 4G Saturation Project, Billagonda Petaprakasam, Andhra Pradesh

The Standing Committee was informed that these two proposals are for use of 0.02 ha each from the Buffer Zone of Nagarjunsagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve for installation of 4G Mobile Towers. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. These proposals have also been recommended by the NTCA.

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would *inter alia* help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. A detailed study on the Impact of the Project on the Avifauna in and around the Project Area, along with Mitigation Measures shall be submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wild Life Warden before starting the work.
6. The proposed area will be utilized only for the purpose for which the user agency has sought it for, but not for any other commercial purpose.
7. The User Agency should inform the commencement of the work in the diversion area and execute the works under the supervision of the Forest Department.
8. The User Agency should not resort to the excavation of the surrounding forest land for collection of the earth to be used. If such excavation is found during the work period or later, the User Agency will be charged with suitable Provisions of the relevant Acts.
9. The User Agency shall obey any other conditions stipulated by the Forest Department as per the Acts and Rules.
10. The User Agency will be solely responsible for any violation which attracts the Provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, as amended from time to time.
11. Work shall be carried out only from dawn to dusk.
12. No labour camps to be established in the Protected Area.
13. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and

disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.

14. The coverage of the network from this tower should be maintained in a way so that only the target village gets benefited. No network coverage beyond the limit of the village should be permitted.
15. Construction time should be during daytime. All construction materials should be procured from outside NSTR or its ESZ. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the TR and its ESZ by the User Agency.
16. Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances 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.

76.4.2 Following 5 proposals of 4G Saturation projects in core zone of Nagarjunsagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve, Andhra Pradesh.

1. WL/AP/Others/449562/2023 BSNL 4G Saturation Project, Marrisalem, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh
2. WL/AP/Others/449726/2023 BSNL 4G Saturation Project, Thummalabailu, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh
3. WL/AP/Others/453873/2023 BSNL 4G Saturation Project, Chintala_Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh
4. WL/AP/Others/453856/2023 BSNL 4G Saturation Project, Chinnarutla, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh
5. WL/AP/Others/454114/2023 BSNL 4G Saturation Project, Chennupalli, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh

The Standing Committee was informed that these five proposals are for use of 0.02 ha each from the Core Zone of Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve for installation of 4G Mobile Towers. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. However, These proposals have not been recommended by the NTCA.

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

76.4.3 Following 6 proposals of 4G Saturation Project involving Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary, Goa:

1. WL/GA/Others/445050/2023 GOI USOF BSNL 4G Saturation Project at Sigonem, North Goa
2. WL/GA/Others/439961/2023 GOI USOF BSNL 4G Saturation Project at Caranzol, North Goa.
3. WL/GA/Others/444839/2023 GOI USOF BSNL 4G Saturation Project at village Xelopo-Buzruco, North Goa
4. WL/GA/Others/445142/2023 GOI USOF BSNL 4G Saturation Project at village Bandirwada

5. WL/GA/Others/432669/2023 GOI USOF BSNL 4G Saturation Project at village Kumthal (Cuntol)
6. WL/GA/Others/445602/2023 GOI USOF BSNL 4G Saturation Project at village Dabem, North Goa

The Standing Committee was informed that these six proposals are for use of 0.02 ha each from Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary in Goa for installation of 4G mobile towers. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has also recommended these proposals.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The user agency will keep electromagnetic radiation within permissible limit.
6. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
7. The coverage of the network from this tower should be maintained in a way so that only the target village gets benefited. No network coverage beyond the limit of the village should be permitted.
8. Construction time should be during daytime. All construction materials should be procured from outside Mhadei/Netravali WLSs or their ESZs. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the WLSs and their ESZ by the User Agency.

9. Chief Wild Life Warden, Goa should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.
10. 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.

76.4.4 Following 2 proposals of 4G Saturation Project involving Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary, Goa:

1. WL/GA/Others/438630/2023 GOI USOF BSNL 4G Saturation Project at village Naiquinim
2. WL/GA/Others/438632/2023 GOI USOF BSNL 4G Saturation Project

The Standing Committee was informed that these two proposals are for use of 0.02 ha each from Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary in Goa for installation of 4G mobile towers. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has also recommended these proposals.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking from the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.
4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. The user agency will keep electromagnetic radiation within permissible limit.
6. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and

disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.

7. The coverage of the network from this tower should be maintained in a way so that only the target village gets benefited. No network coverage beyond the limit of the village should be permitted.
8. Construction time should be during daytime. All construction materials should be procured from outside Mhadei/Netravali WLSs or their ESZs. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the WLSs and their ESZ by the User Agency.
9. Chief Wild Life Warden, Goa should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.
10. 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.

76.4.5 Following 3 proposals of 4 G Saturation Projects in buffer zone of the Kali Tiger Reserve, Karnataka:

1. WL/KA/CommPost/441105/2023 4G Saturation Project at Asulli
2. WL/KA/CommPost/441100/2023 4G Saturation Project at Kalabhavi
3. WL/KA/CommPost/441187/2023 4G Saturation Project at Karanjoida

The Standing Committee was informed that these three proposals are for use of 0.02 ha each from Buffer Zone of Kali Tiger Reserve in Karnataka for installation of 4G mobile towers. These proposals have been recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The NTCA has also recommended these proposals.

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

1. The User Agency shall submit the following to the Chief Wild Life Warden for issuance of permit for executing the project:
 - a. An undertaking form the concerned District Magistrate indicating non-availability of alternate revenue/private lands;
 - b. Drawings/sketch indicating the location of various components of the proposals within the required land;
 - c. A plan for the movement of equipments and men for erection of towers and their maintenance;
 - d. Plan for usage of solar power for operation of mobile towers; and
 - e. Undertaking from the User Agency that the call data records of suspected persons for contravention of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 shall be provided when requested by the officer not below the rank of Deputy Conservator Forests having jurisdiction over the area.
2. To prevent overlapping of high radiation fields, new towers should not be installed within a radius of one kilometre of the existing towers.
3. The towers should be erected with utmost care and precautions so as not to obstruct flight path of birds, and also not increase the combined radiations from all towers in the area.

4. The location and frequencies of cell phone towers and other towers emitting EMR should be made available in public domain. Location wise GIS mapping of all cell phone towers should be maintained which would inter alia help in monitoring the population of birds and bees in and around the mobile towers and also in and/or around protected areas.
5. Signage Boards regarding wildlife to be instated at the cost of user agency.
6. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.
7. The implementing agency shall abide by the conditions laid down by the forest officials in charge of the project area in the interest of protecting and minimizing disturbance to wildlife during construction phase and after completion of the project.
8. The User Agency shall not collect the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.
9. All the staff and workers involved in the project implementation should be informed, created awareness about wildlife, so that they would not harm/ kill/ hunt / poach or abet in any such crimes in any way, failing which, legal course of action under the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, will be taken.
10. Care should be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.
11. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act & Rules, Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
12. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the corridor without endangering the flora and fauna.
13. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna.
14. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.
15. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.
16. The coverage of the network from this tower should be maintained in a way so that only the target village gets benefited. No network coverage beyond the limit of the village should be permitted.
17. All construction materials should be procured from outside Kali Tiger Reserve or its ESZ. Construction debris should be appropriately disposed away from the TR and its ESZ by the User Agency.
18. Chief Wild Life Warden, Karnataka should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.
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.

76.4.6 Following 11 proposals of 4 G Saturation Projects involving in core zone of Kali Tiger Reserve, Karnataka:

1	WL/KA/CommPost/441153/2023	4G Saturation Project at Chafer
2	WL/KA/CommPost/441179/2023	4G Saturation Project at Nigundi
3	WL/KA/CommPost/441140/2023	4G Saturation Project at Avurli
4	WL/KA/CommPost/441170/2023	4G Saturation Project at Hebbal
5	WL/KA/CommPost/441172/2023	4G Saturation Project at Shivapur
6	WL/KA/CommPost/441162/2023	4G Saturation Project at Gund
7	WL/KA/CommPost/441125/2023	4G Saturation Project at Yermukha
8	WL/KA/CommPost/440939/2023	4G Saturation Project
9	WL/KA/CommPost/441184/2023	4G Saturation Project at Kalasai
10	WL/KA/CommPost/441112/2023	4G Saturation Project at Godshet Village
11	WL/KA/CommPost/441188/2023	4G Saturation Project at Neturge

The Standing Committee was informed that these eleven proposals are for use of 0.02 ha each from Core Zone of Kali Tiger Reserve in Karnataka for installation of 4G mobile towers. 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.

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

76.4.7 Proposal for use of 89.669 ha of forest land (19.4998 ha. forest land and 67.0242 ha revenue land) from Bagdara Wildlife Sanctuary for waidhan-2 multi village rural water supply scheme for construction of pipeline in Chitrangi Block, District - Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh.

FP/MP/Pipeline/6646/2022

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 89.669 ha of forest land (19.4998 ha. forest land and 67.0242 ha revenue land) from Bagdara Wildlife Sanctuary for Waidhan-2 multi village rural water supply scheme for laying of underground pipeline in Chitrangi Block District- Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh. 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.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to recommend the proposals subject to the following conditions:

1. The project proponent should ensure no damage to forest, wildlife and its habitat and no work will be done at night.
2. The construction material if required, shall be brought from outside the Protected Area.
3. One water connection will have to be provided every two kilometers at places identified by FD, Sanjay Tiger Reserve atleast 100 meters away from the road in the sanctuary forest land for wild animals free of cost.
4. The size of the trench will not exceed more than 2.0 m depth and 1.0 m width.
5. The user agency shall seek permission from the State Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance.

6. The diameter of drinking water pipeline shall commensurate with the width of the trench mentioned above.
7. The State Government shall ensure that the length of the length of trench dug at a time does not exceed 500 m, filled up and compacted before digging next stretch of 500 m.
8. The State Government shall also suggest the time frame for completing the work of underground laying of drinking water pipeline within the PAs after taking into account all the factors/issues involve in the work.
9. 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.

76.4.8 Amendment in the minutes of previous meetings with respect to following proposals:

1. Proposal for use of 0.312 ha (Noganur RF 0.042 ha and Panai RF 0.270 ha) of forest land from Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side from Anchetty to Denkanikottai for a distance of 10.4 Kms in Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu
FP/TN/Others/30208/2017
2. Proposal for use of 0.258 ha of forest land from Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side from Dharmapuri-Anchetty State Highway for a distance of 8.6 Kms in Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu.
FP/TN/Others/30207/2017
3. Proposal for use of 0.315 ha of forest land from Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of UG Optical Fibre Cable along the roadside from Dharmapuri to Anchetti outside right of way across Woddappatti R.F. and Biligundala R.F. in Hosur Wildlife Division, Tamil Nadu.
WL/TN/OFC/436880/2023

The Standing Committee was informed that first two proposals i.e., FP/TN/Others/30208/2017 and FP/TN/Others/30207/2017 were recommended in the 72nd meeting of the Standing Committee held on 25th April, 2023. The third proposal i.e., WL/TN/OFC/436880/2023 was recommended by the Standing Committee in its 75th meeting held on 17th November, 2023. One of the conditions imposed while recommending these proposals was that the project proponent (Reliance JioInfocomm) also should offer facility of free data connection (unlimited 4G and upgraded version then there) to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wild Life Warden office/Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri and Wild Life Warden, Hosur office for facilitating the cause of conservation protection.

The Reliance Digital Jio Fibre Limited, Chennai has represented to the Ministry that these routes are passing through thick forests having bio-diversity value and abundant wildlife population, and there is no possibility of taking OFC and installing technical equipment. Besides, the company also does not have any policy to provide such free data connection. It was also mentioned that they tried to facilitate the same in another route Theppakkadu-Masinagudi Moyar in Muddumalai Tiger Reserve but were unable to do the same. It has now been requested for exemption from the condition of providing free data connection.

The Chairman mentioned that such conditions amount to imposition of a kind of tax which is only the prerogative of legislature. In a similar request with regard to the proposal for diversion of forest land from Abohar Wildlife Sanctuary for Rehabilitation & Upgradation of Abohar-Sito-Gunno-Dabwali Road of NH-354 E, the Standing Committee had decided to remove the condition of sharing of 25% of toll fee revenue with the Wildlife Department which was imposed at the time of recommending the project. Therefore, for these proposals also, this condition can be removed.

Decision Taken – After discussions, the Standing Committee decided to remove the condition regarding offering free data connection to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wild Life Warden office/Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests and Wild Life Warden imposed at the time recommending these project proposals and also in respect of similar 5 proposals for 4G saturation in Kanyakumari District recommended by the Standing Committee in its 75th meeting.

76.4.9 Proposal for use of 400.89 ha for construction of Jamrani Drinking Water Multipurpose Project, Nainital, Uttarakhand in Dudhwa Lagga Tiger Corridor.

FP/UK/WATER/5918/2021

The Standing Committee was informed that the proposal is for use of 400.89 ha for construction of Jamrani Drinking Water Multipurpose Project, Nanital, Uttarakhand in Dudhwa Lagga Tiger Corridor.

The proposal has been recommended by Chief Wild Life Warden, the State Board for Wild Life and the State Government. The proposal was not recommended by the NTCA.

The proposal was taken up for discussion in the 74th meeting wherein the Standing Committee decided that the proposal shall be examined by a site inspection committee under the Chairmanship of Shri H. S. Singh, representative of Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttarakhand and one representative from the Ministry and accordingly, deferred the proposal for the next meeting.

The Ministry constituted a committee vide letter WL – 6/125/2023 WL dated 27th September, 2023 for site inspection and submission of report. The Site Inspection Committee has carried out inspection and submitted its report.

Decision Taken: After discussions, the Standing Committee decided that the Ministry shall communicate the report of the Site Inspection Committee to the State Government of Uttarakhand and seek comments on the suggestions given therein and therefore, deferred the proposal for the next meeting.

Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change stated that the conservation of wildlife has to be kept on priority while carrying out developmental activities. The Standing Committee has, therefore, placed certain restrictions on carrying out such activities in protected areas and tiger reserves for the conservation of wildlife and its habitat which is appreciable.

The meeting ended with the thanks to the Chair.

ANNEXURE-I**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

S.No.	Name	Designation
1	Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Minister for EF&CC	Chairman
2	Shri Ashwini Choubey, Hon'ble Minister of State for EF & CC	Special Invitee
3	Ms. Leena Nandan, Secretary, MoEF&CC	Member
4	Shri Jitendra Kumar, DGF&SS, MoEF&CC	Member
5	Shri Bivash Ranjan, ADGF(WL), MoEF&CC	Member Secretary
6	Dr. H. S. Singh, Member, NBWL	Member
7	Dr. R. Sukumar, Member, NBWL	Member
8	Shri R. Sugoor, Director GEER Foundation, Gujarat	Member
9	Dr. V. Gopi, Scientist 'F', Representative of Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.	Member
10	Shri S.P. Yadav, ADGF (PT) and M.S. NTCA	Invitee
11	Shri Ramesh Kumar Pandey, IGF (PT & E), MoEF&CC	Invitee
12	Shri Ajay Naik, Chief Wild Life Warden, Andhra Pradesh	Invitee
13	Shri R. Ashok Kumar, Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Invitee
14	Shri Umakant, Chief Wild Life Warden, Goa	Invitee
15	Shri PP Pramod IFS Field Director Project Tiger Kottayam, Representative of Chief Wild Life Warden, Kerala	Invitee
16	Dr.Vasantha Kumar Namastvayam, Principal Secretary, Forest Department, UT of Ladakh	Invitee
17	Shri Sajad Hussain Mufti ,Chief Wild Life Warden, UT of Ladakh	Invitee
18	Shri Maheep Gupta, Chief Wild Life Warden, Maharashtra	Invitee
19	Shri Joykumar, Chief Conservator of Forests, Representative of Chief Wild Life Warden, Manipur	Invitee
20	Shri Arindam Tomar, Chief Wild Life Warden, Rajasthan	Invitee
21	Shri Srinivas Reddy, Chief Wild Life Warden, Tamil Nadu	Invitee
22	Shri Anjani Acharya, Chief Wild Life Warden, Uttar Pradesh	Invitee
23	Shri Debal Ray, Chief Wild Life Warden, West Bengal	Invitee
24	Shri Rakesh Kumar Jagenia, DIGF (WL), MOEFCC, New Delhi	Invitee
25	Dr. Sudheer Chintalapati, Scientist E, MoEF&CC, New Delhi	Invitee

TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT
THENI FOREST DIVISION

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

To
M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.
#89. Dr.Radhakrishnan Salai,
Mylapore Chennai.

C.No:7782/2018/D, Date:08.10.2024.

Sub: Forests – Forest [Conservation] Act, 1980 – SMTR Madurai Circle – Theni Forest Division – Proposal For the Diversion of 0.193 hectares of Forest land for laying of underground OFC along Cumbum Kumuli NH road from lower camp to Kumuli through suranganar Reserve Forest in Theni District – Stage I approval accorded –Approval of Impact Mitigation and Wildlife Conservation Plan - Demand Notice – Regarding.

- Ref :
1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change Department, F.No:4-TNB115/2023-CHN-1314, Dated:07.12.2023.
 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) Chennai. C.No:TS4/48485/2020, Dated:08.01.2024.
 3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai. C.No:WL5/21602/2024, Dated:21.08.2024.

With reference to the above subject and references cited, the user agency is hereby instructed to pay the amount of Rs.1053470/- [Rupees Ten lakhs fifty three thousand four hundred and seventy only] for Impact mitigation and Wildlife Conservation Plan as per the decision of 76th Meeting in the standing committee of National Board of Wildlife and approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai vide reference cited.

A copy of demand Notice is enclosed herewith. Further, The User Agency is requested to submit amount of Rs.10.53470/- Lakhs will not be claimed in future in any case and knows as the same is non refundable and undertaking certificate regarding the Impact mitigation and Wildlife conservation plan

Encl:As stated above.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-J.R.Samartha,
District Forst Officer,
Theni Forest Division,
Theni.

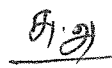
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08/10/2024


TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT
THENI FOREST DIVISION.

DEMAND NOTICE - Impact Mitigation and Wildlife Conservation plan			
Proposal for the diversion of 0.193 ha of forest land for laying of underground optical fiber cable along Cumbum-Kumuly NH Road from Lower Camp to Kumuli through Suranganar Reserved Forest of Theni Forest Division.			
<u>1.Forest Area Proposed for Diversion</u>			
Forest Area Proposed for Diversion	(A)	=	0.193 Ha.
Forest area falling outside of National Parks, Sanctuaries	(B)	=	0.154 Ha.
Forest area falling within the Tiger Corridor area of Mathikettan Chola National Park and Periyar National Park of Kerala state.	(C)	=	0.039 Ha.
<u>2. Reason for Demand</u>			
76th Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife			
As per the Orders of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi letter F.No:WL-6/144/2023-WL dated:08.12.2023.			
As per the Orders of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife warden, Chennai. Ref.No:WL5/30565/2022, Dated:24.01.2024.			
<u>3.Demand - Impact Mitigation and Wildlife Conservation plan</u>			
As per the Orders of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife warden, Chennai Ref.No:WL5/21602/2024 Dated:21.08.2024.			
Erection of Borewell operated by solar power for supply of water to the water trough (1 No)	(D)	=	7,20,720.00 ₹
Construction of Water trough (1 No)	(E)	=	3,32,750.00 ₹
Actual NPV amount payable by the User Agency		=	10,53,470.00 ₹
F = (D) + (E)			
Total Amount		=	10,53,470.04 ₹
Rupees Ten Lakhs fifty three Thousand four hundred and seventy Only			


District Forest Officer,
Theni Forest Division,
Theni.


08/10/2024

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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 04Chennai
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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This Challan is strictly to be used for making payment to CAMPA by NEFT/RTGS only 	

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After making successful payment, User Agencies may send a line of confirmation through
Email: helpdeskampa@corpbank.co.in

Note:After making the required payment through challan, if the payment status has not been updated even after 7 working days, then kindly mail a copy of your challan with transaction date to
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Rangarajan Srinivasan (HFCL)

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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