

**TENTATIVE AGENDA OF 76<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF  
NATIONAL BOARD FOR WILD LIFE**

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## **AGENDA No. 1**

### **75.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life held on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.**

The 75<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life was held on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. The minutes of the meeting were circulated vide letter F. No. WL-6/144/2023-WL dated 08<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 amongst all the Members. Copy of the minutes is placed at **ANNEXURE-1**.

**Comments of the Ministry:** The matter is placed before the Committee for consideration.

## AGENDA No.2

### 75.2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT

S. No	Agenda Item	Action Taken	Category
1.	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>6. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of land from core of Buxa Tiger</p>	<p>10 proposals for installation of 4G mobile towers were considered in the 75th Meeting of Standing Committee of National Board for Wild Life which was held on 17th November, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Environment, Forest &amp; Climate Change.</p> <p>The proposals were recommended by the Chief Wild Life Warden, State Board for Wild Life and the State Government of West Bengal.</p> <p>National Tiger Conservation Authority had mentioned that Mobile network inside the core of the Tiger Reserve may be a threat since this can be misused for committing wildlife offences including poaching. Forest Department already relies on their own efficient wireless network for communicating inside the Tiger Reserve. Moreover, since Dara Gaon village lies within core (critical tiger habitat) of Buxa</p>	4G Satuartion Project.

	<p>Reserve for 4 G saturation project in uncovered village Tashi Gaon in Alipurduar district, West Bengal- WL/WB/CommPost/434819/2023.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Tiger Reserve, efforts should be made to relocate the village as per NTCA schemes for incentivized voluntary resettlement. NTCA has therefore, not recommended the proposal.</p> <p>After discussions, the Standing Committee 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.</p> <p>NTCA vide letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024, informed 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.</p> <p>The Section 38 V (4) (i) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 categorically</p>
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		<p>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.</p> <p>It is well acknowledged that 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 offenses including</p>	
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		<p>poaching and hunting.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposals.</b></p>	
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**Note:** Because of non-receipt of Comments/Site Inspection Reports the remaining proposals of the ATR are deferred.

### **AGENDA No. 3**

**(Fresh Proposals falling inside / Outside the Protected Area)**

#### **ANDHRA PRADESH**

#### **PROPOSAL FALLING INSIDE PROTECTED AREAS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>File.No</b>	<b>Proposal Name</b>
<b>1.</b>	WL-6/4/2024 WL	Four Proposals for use of forest land from Papikonda National Park for 4G Saturation Project in Andhra Pradesh in favour of BSNL
<b>2.</b>	WL-6/ 3/2023 WL	Two Proposals for use of Non-forest land from Pulicat Bird Sanctuary for 4G Saturation Project in favour of BSNL in Andhra Pradesh



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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		
2.	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Papikonda National Park		
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/4/2024 WL		
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Andhra Pradesh		
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice		
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	1,013 Sq. kms		
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Proposal No.</b>	<b>Area</b>
		1	WL/AP/Others/452223/2023	0.0243 ha
		2	WL/AP/Others/446987/2023	0.0194 ha
		3.	WL/AP/Others/446678/2023	0.022 ha
		4.	WL/AP/Others/446322/2023	0.022 ha
			Total	0.0877
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA		
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Pending with the State Government		

9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	The User Agency has not violated the conditions in terms of Sections 29 and / or Section 35 (6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972	
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Non-Linear	
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No	
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	1	WL/AP/Others/452223/2023 14/11/2023
		2	WL/AP/Others/446987/2023 05/10/2023
		3	WL/AP/Others/446678/2023 03/10/2023
		4	WL/AP/Others/446322/2023 03/10/2023
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	M/s. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd	
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	NA	
15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes	
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>		
	Proposals was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting held on 14-12-2023		
17	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>		
	<p>Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) company with a 100% stake of Government of India. BSNL is providing various types of telecom services on PAN India basis. BSNL Telecom network is a part of modern global network, providing access to countries all over the world for information transmission through voice, data and video.</p> <p>4G Saturation project, initiated by Govt. of India is a prestigious project having national importance which is to be exercised in a time bound manner. The project is primarily meant for covering the rural and remote areas with 4G mobile coverage, where at present there is no coverage from any operator. The project is funded by Universal Service Obligation (USO) Fund of Dept. of Telecommunications, and its rollout is being continuously monitored by DoT and PMO.</p> <p>BSNL has been entrusted with the rollout of this project. in this connection, one villages namely Badigunta, ASR District, Udathapalli, Methapukota, Dharwada, Eluru, Andhra Pradesh has been nominated to provide 4G coverage under this project. The proposed tower location fall under Papikondalu National Park for which necessary Wild Life clearances needed for diversion of the land in favour of BSNL for carrying out tower installation work.</p>		

18	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b>  Papikondalu National Park is home to Tiger, Leopard, Hyena, sambar, barking deer, chowsinga and spotted deer etc.
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>  NA
20	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>  The Chief Wildlife Warden has recommended the proposals with the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acceptance of the Handheld GPS Survey by the GoI for Mobile Tower (Non-Linear Project).</li> <li>2. 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 PCCF (WL) &amp; CWLW before starting the work.</li> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. 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.</li> <li>5. 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.</li> <li>6. The User Agency shall obey any other conditions stipulated by the Forest Department as per the Acts and Rules.</li> <li>7. The User Agency will be solely responsible for any violation which attracts the Provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, as amended from time to time.</li> <li>8. Work shall be carried out only from dawn to dusk.</li> <li>9. No labour camps to be established in the Protected Area.</li> </ol>
21	<b>Violation if any</b>  No violation has been committed by the User Agency
22	<b>Comments of Ministry</b>  The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.

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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	1. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of Non-forest land from Pulicat Bird Sanctuary for 4G Saturation Project, Irakam Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh- <b>WL/AP/Others/450314/2023.</b>  2. Proposal for use of 0.02 ha of Non-forest land from Pulicat Bird Sanctuary for 4G Saturation Project, Pudirayadoruvu Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh- <b>WL/AP/Others/450490/2023.</b>						
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Pulicat Bird Sanctuary						
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/ 3/2023 WL						
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Andhra Pradesh						
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice						
6	<b>Area of the Protected area</b>	759 Sq. kms						
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	0.04 ha						
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA						
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Final notification on 26th June, 2015. The extent of ESZ of 2 km from North to South all along the Western boundary.						
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	The User Agency has not violated the conditions in terms of Sections 29 and / or Section 35 (6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972						
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Non-Linear						
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No						
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	<table><tr><td>1</td><td>WL/AP/Others/450314/2023</td><td>27/10/2023</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>WL/AP/Others/450490/2023</td><td>28/10/2023</td></tr></table>	1	WL/AP/Others/450314/2023	27/10/2023	2	WL/AP/Others/450490/2023	28/10/2023
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2	WL/AP/Others/450490/2023	28/10/2023						
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	M/s.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd						
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	NA						

15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>	
	Proposals was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting held on 14-12-2023	
17	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>	
	<p>Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) company with a 100% stake of Government of India. BSNL is providing various types of telecom services on PAN India basis. BSNL Telecom network is a part of modern global network, providing access to countries all over the world for information transmission through voice, data and video.</p> <p>4G Saturation project, initiated by Govt. Of India is a prestigious projects having national importance which is to be exercised in a time bound manner. The project is primarily meant for covering the rural and remote areas with 4G mobile coverage, where at present there is no coverage from any operator. The project is funded by Universal Service Obligation (USO) Fund of Dept. of Telecommunications, and its rollout is being continuously monitored by DoT and PMO.</p> <p>BSNL has been entrusted with the rollout of this project. In this connection, one village namely Irakam (V) &amp; Pudirayadoruvu (V), Vakadu Mandal, Tirupati (District), Tirupati (District), Andhra Pradesh has been nominated to provide 4G coverage under this project. The proposed tower location Part of Pulicat Bird Sanctuary of Wildlife Management Division, Sullurpet.</p>	
18	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b>	
	Pulicat Bird Sanctuary is home to Greater and Lesser flamingo, Garganey, Spot billed duck, Besra sparrow hawk, Pied Avocet, Painted snipe, Grey plover, Marsh harrier, Rufous turtle dove, Brown headed gull, Indian Great reed warbler, Blue chat and Yellow throated sparrow etc.	
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>	
	NA	
20	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>	
	<p>The Chief Wildlife Warden has recommended the proposals with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acceptance of the Handheld GPS Survey by the GoI for Mobile Tower (Non-Linear Project).</li> <li>2. A detailed study on the Impact of the Project on the Avifauna in</li> </ol>	

	<p>and around the Project Area, along with Mitigation Measures shall be submitted to the PCCF (WL) &amp; CWLW before starting the work.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. 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.</li> <li>5. 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.</li> <li>6. The User Agency shall obey any other conditions stipulated by the Forest Department as per the Acts and Rules.</li> <li>7. The User Agency will be solely responsible for any violation which attracts the Provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, as amended from time to time.</li> <li>8. Work shall be carried out only from dawn to dusk.</li> <li>9. No labour camps to be established in the Protected Area.</li> </ol>
21	<p><b>Violation if any</b></p> <p>No violation has been committed.</p>
22	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.</p>

**(Fresh Proposals falling inside / Outside the Protected Area)**

**Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

**PROPOSAL FALLING INSIDE PROTECTED AREAS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>File.No</b>	<b>Proposal Name</b>
<b>1.</b>	WL- 6/213/2023 WL	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.  <b>WL/AN/Others/442205/2023</b>

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1.	<b>Name of Proposal</b>	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.  <b>WL/AN/Others/442205/2023</b>
2.	<b>Name of the protected area involved</b>	Campbell Bay National Park
3.	<b>File No.</b>	WL-6/213/2023 WL
4.	<b>Name of the State</b>	Andaman and Nicobar Islands
5.	<b>Whether the proposal is sub-judice</b>	No
6.	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	426.23 sq km
7.	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ De-notification</b>	0.04 ha
8.	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA
9.	<b>Status of ESZ if any</b>	Campbell Bay National Park has been finally notified on 12th March, 2021. The Eco-sensitive Zone shall be to an extent of zero (0) to 1.0 kilometre
10.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the wild life (protection) Act 1972</b>	Necessary measures will be taken to avoid/minimize the disturbance to the wildlife and the habitat during the construction and operational phase of the project. In addition, the present activities (if any) which could alter the natural flow of water in the area will be avoided/mitigated through appropriate measures. As such there is no apprehension of disturbance to natural flow of water by the proposed project. The forest produce removed during the execution of the project will be disposed off as per the Section 29 and



		Section 35(6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act,1972. As the project is for providing the mobile connectivityin the protected area, it will facilitate coordination amongthe wildlife, Forest and Police personnel and will result in better protection.
11.	<b>Whether linear/non-linear</b>	Non-Linear
12.	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No
13.	<b>Name of the application Agency</b>	Office of The Joint Controller of Communication Accounts Dot Andaman And Nicobar Circle
14.	<b>Date of submission</b>	30/08/2023
15.	<b>Total number of trees to be felled</b>	Nil
16	<b>Maps depicting the Protected Area and the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes
17	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wildlife</b> State Board for Wildlife recommended the proposal through circulation on 22.11.2023.	
18.	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>  Universal service obligation Fund under Department of Telecom' Government of India has launched a project to provide 4G Mobile connectivity to 82 uncovered villages and also to provide seamless 4G mobile coverage across the National HighwaysinAndaman&Nicobar islands(ANI).ThisProjectshallfacilitateeaseof co-ordination among various law enforcing agencies as well as the local population and hence will greatly support conservation' development and management of forests and wildlife and compliance to Government rules and regulations. This Facility will also improve the ease of living for local communities' making establishment of this infrastructure an important public infrastructure' Whileplanning&ExecutionofUSoFProjectitcameupthatfactuallymostofthe Land in Andaman & Nicobar Island area has been under the Forest Control besides being under vegetative coverage. whereas there has been significant area occupied by the habitats mostly ,around the said area and the 4G	

	<p>services are to be provided to those peoples also and necessary Telecom Infra-structures are to be built up in all those areas also to ensure that no part of the population/citizens are left out of the coverage area' Tomakeavailablehighspeedbroadbandserviceinthoseareasthataddsgreat value in Term of making essential service available for business, education, healthcare, e-governance Nature conversation, safety &amp; Security &amp; so on' DoT needs very little access in a few such designated forest areas for setting up networkfortransmissionandreceivingdatatothebrowsingdevices'especiallythe mobile ones is essential and in a very few cases connecting Towers are done using OFC cables. increasing population of Human Settlement at Nicobar adjoining villages has the right to get the facility of high speed internet Connection for their Education, Business, Health Care, Safety &amp; Security. In Addition to that increasing demand of Restricted Eco-tourism over the area may be facilitated through High Speed internet Connection which may reduce their dependency on the forest, DoT has the intention to set up a Mobile Tower for the cause mentioned above. Due to non-availability of private land &amp; land belongs to other recognized agency, so Tower can only be erected on the land belong to Forest Department. A land measuring 400 Sqm has been searched at various location of Nicobar division through joint inspection. These Towers will also provide internet connections to the passengers/tourists passes through Nicobar Forest Division.</p>
19.	<p><b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b></p> <p>Campbell Bay National Parkis home to Nicobar Crab eating Macaque, Nicobar Wild Pig, Dugong, Nicobar Tree Shrew, Nicobar Flying Fox , Spiny Shrew , Nicobar Leaf nosed Bat , Nicobar Pipistrelle , Andaman Water Monitor, Tiwari's Garden Lizard and Estuarine Crocodile etc.</p>
20	<p><b>Type of Forest</b></p> <p>NA</p>
21	<p><b>Opinion of the Chief Wildlife Warden</b></p> <p>The Chief Wildlife Warden has recommended the proposal with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The user agency should not violate any provision of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.</li> <li>2. There should be no damage to the flora, fauna of the nearby forest during theconstruction phase of the project.</li> <li>3. During the construction phase, if any wild animal is noticed at the site, the UA should give safe passage to the animal by stopping of the activity at site till the animal go away from the site and no harm should</li> </ol>

	<p>be caused to the animal.</p> <p>4. Garbage if any generated or the excavated soil should not be discharged in the National Park/Forest area.</p>
22	<p><b>Violation (if any)</b></p> <p>No violation</p>
23	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal</p>

**(Fresh Proposals falling inside / Outside the Protected Area)**

**KARNATAKA**

**PROPOSAL FALLING INSIDE PROTECTED AREAS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>File.No</b>	<b>Proposal Name</b>
<b>1.</b>	WL-6/2/2024 WL	Four proposals for installation of 4G Mobile Towers involving Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, Karnataka in favour of BSNL.
<b>2.</b>	WL-6/ 1/2024 WL	Eighteen proposals of 4 G involving Sharavathi Valley Lion Tailed Macaque (LTM) Sanctuary, Karnataka in favour of BSNL.

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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	Following 4G proposals involving Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary, Karnataka in favour of		
		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	HoolyaUSOF 4G Tower
		BSNL:		
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary		
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/2/2024 WL		
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Karnataka		
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice		
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	1027.53 Sq. kms		
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	1	WL/KA/Others/432438/2023	0.02
		2	WL/KA/Others/432429/2023	0.02
		3	WL/KA/Others/431793/2023	0.02
		4	WL/KA/Others/432346/2023	0.0181
			Total	0.0781
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA		
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Final notification on 22nd August, 2017. The ESZ extent varying from 1.0 kilometer to 14.5 kilometers		
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional forest officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna and the User Agency should		

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13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	M/s. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd												
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	NA												
15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes												
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>	Proposals was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its meeting held on 22-08-2023												
17	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>	The proposed area is adjacent to Forest enclosure VillagesMakkalanda, Sambhapur, Sooligere and Hoolya which is a part of notified Eco-sensitive zone of Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary. The network connectivity to the village is not there and people who are residing in the villages demanding for this facility since many years. The proposed projects are unavoidable and the requirement of forest area is bare minimum, there is no much damage is as seen and it does not affect the Wildlife and their habitat.												
18	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b>	Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary is home to Royal Bengal tiger, leopard, wild dog, jackal stripped hyena, Indian fox, sloth bear, small Indian civet, Asian palm civet, jungle cat (rusty-spotted cat, grey mongoose and ruddy mongoose etc.												
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>	NA												
20	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>	The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposals with the												

	<p>following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The user agency should 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 cause by wild animal to structure.</li> <li>2. Will not be collecting the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the PA.</li> <li>3. 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 Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, will be taken.</li> <li>4. Care should be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.</li> <li>5. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act &amp; Rules, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.</li> <li>6. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the protected area without endangering the flora and fauna.</li> <li>7. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers &amp; staff, to avoid any damage to the flora &amp; fauna.</li> <li>8. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.</li> </ol>
21	<p><b>Violation if any</b></p> <p>There is no violation committed by the User Agency.</p>
22	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.</p>

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1.	Name of the protected Area involved	Following 18 proposals of 4 G involving Sharavathi Valley Lion Tailed Macaque (LTM)		
		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
Sanctuary, Karnataka.				



		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
	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/ 1/2024 WL		
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Karnataka		
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice		
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	930.16 Sq. kms		
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	1	WL/KA/CommPost/445952/2023	0.02 ha
		2	WL/KA/CommPost/446028/2023	0.02 ha
		3	WL/KA/CommPost/445960/2023	0.02 ha
		4	WL/KA/CommPost/445942/2023	0.02 ha
		5	WL/KA/CommPost/446037/2023	0.02 ha

		6	WL/KA/CommPost/445924/2023	0.02 ha
		7	WL/KA/CommPost/445995/2023	0.02 ha
		8	WL/KA/CommPost/445988/2023	0.02 ha
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		16	WL/KA/CommPost/445993/2023	0.02 ha
		17	WL/KA/CommPost/446038/2023	0.02 ha
		18	WL/KA/CommPost/445992/2023	0.02 ha
			Total	0.36 ha
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA		
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Final notification 16th November, 2023. The Eco-sensitive Zone shall be to an extent of zero to 5.25 kilometres around the boundary of Sharavathi Valley Lion Tailed Macaque Sanctuary		
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional forest officers & staff, to avoid any damage to the flora & fauna and the User Agency should not violate Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.		
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Non-Linear		
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No		
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	1	WL/KA/CommPost/445952/2023	26-09-2023
		2	WL/KA/CommPost/446018/2023	27-09-2023
		3	WL/KA/CommPost/446028/2023	27-09-2023
		4	WL/KA/CommPost/445960/2023	26-09-2023
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		11	WL/KA/CommPost/445997/2023	26-09-2023
		12	WL/KA/CommPost/445985/2023	26-09-2023
		13	WL/KA/CommPost/445998/2023	26-09-2023
		14	WL/KA/CommPost/445848/2023	26-09-2023
		15	WL/KA/CommPost/446018/2023	27-09-2023
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		17	WL/KA/CommPost/446038/2023	27-09-2023
		18	WL/KA/CommPost/445992/2023	26-09-2023
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	M/s. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd		
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	NA		
15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes		
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>	Proposals was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its meeting held on 22-08-2023		

17	<p><b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b></p> <p>Proposals has been received from Sub Divisional Engineer (Phones), Bharath Sanchar Nigam Limited, Honavar for diversion of 0.36 ha of forest land for 18 villages i.e, Hejjilu, Mahime, Koppa, Hallyani, Kurandoor,Hirebail, Kuchodi , Kulawadi, Mudnalli , Morse, Hadgeri, Medini, JankadkalHosgodBts, KhandodiAnshikeri, Bangane, BegodiBtsVillages for BSNL 4G saturation projects for uncovered village area. The Proposed diversion area of 0.36 ha of forest land is required for BSNL 4G Saturation project for uncovered areas.</p> <p>The proposed projects will have minimal impact on the area. Hence after considering above facts the diversion of 0.36 ha of forest land for 18 villages for BSNL 4G saturation project for uncovered area in Honavar Range may be considered on recovery of NPV for diversion of forest land as per Forest Conservation act 1980 may be accepted,</p>
18	<p><b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b></p> <p>Sharavathi Valley Lion Tailed Macaque Sanctuaryis home to Indian Gaur, Sambhar Deer, Spotted Deer, Barking Deer, Mouse Deer, Leopard, Flying Squirrel, Malabar Giant Squirrel etc.</p>
19	<p><b>Type of Forest</b></p> <p>NA</p>
20	<p><b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b></p> <p>The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposals with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yearly monitoring of electromagnetic field (EMF) should be conducted in and around the areas of Sharavathi Valley Lion Tailed Macaque (LTM) Sanctuary.</li> <li>2. Use visual day time markers in the area having large numbers of bird movement to avoid bird hits.</li> <li>3. Security lighting for on ground facilities should be minimised or point downwards or be down Shielded Ref. As per the recommendation cited by "Expert committee of MOEF to study the possible Impacts of communication towers dated 30-08-2010". on wildlife including birds and bees</li> <li>4. The following mitigation measures are proposed to protect the interest of wildlife during and after the execution of the project:</li> <li>5. The proposed project site is properly fence with chain link mesh, so that LTM or others mammals should not cross the area or climb the tower at the cost of User Agency.</li> <li>6. Signage Boards regarding wildlife to be instated at the cost of user agency.</li> </ol>

	<p>7. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.</p> <p>8. 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.</p> <p>9. Will not be collecting the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.</p> <p>10. 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 Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, will be taken.</p> <p>11. Care should be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.</p> <p>12. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act &amp; Rules, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act.</p>
21	<p><b>Violation if any</b></p> <p>No violation has been committed.</p>
22	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.</p>

**(Fresh Proposals falling inside / Outside the Protected Area)**

**KERALA.**

**PROPOSAL FALLING INSIDE PROTECTED AREAS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>File.No</b>	<b>Proposal Name</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>WL-6/10/2024WL</b>	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.  <b>WL/KL/ Comm Post/ 417316 /2023</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>WL-6/16/2024 WL</b>	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.  <b>WL/KL/CommPost/437450/2023</b>

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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	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.  <b>WL/KL/ Comm Post/ 417316 /2023</b>
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Parambikulam Tiger Reserve
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/10/2024 WL
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Kerala
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	643.66 sq km
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	0.6583
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Proposal is pending with the State Government for additional information.
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	The project will not cause any removal of any forest produce from the Protected Area, also the proposal will not remove/destroy or damage habitat of any wildlife. Hence there is no impact in the Protected Area in terms of Section 29 & Section 35 (6) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 or any amendment to it.
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Non-Linear
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	13/02/2023
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	M/s. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	1
15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes

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	<p>The 4G Saturation Project is a project of Govt of India approved by Union cabinet on 27.07.2022 for the saturation of 4G mobile services in the uncovered villages across the country. The project will be executed by BSNL Palakkad district. 10 locations are identified for the project. About 200 sq.meters of land is required at all the locations for the installation of Mobile tower, equipments and solar panel. Optical Fibre cable and KSEB supply are to be extended to the site.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl n o</th><th>Site proposed</th><th>District</th><th>Forest division</th><th>Range office</th><th>Forest section office</th><th>Proposed location latitude</th><th>Proposed location longitude</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td><td>Pooppara</td><td>Palakkad</td><td>Parambikulam</td><td>Karimala</td><td>-</td><td>10.357679</td><td>76.81354</td></tr> <tr> <td>2</td><td>Kuriyarkutti</td><td>Palakkad</td><td>Parambikulam</td><td>Orukomban</td><td>Pulikkal</td><td>10.409228</td><td>76.7185133</td></tr> <tr> <td>3</td><td>Sungamcolony</td><td>Palakkad</td><td>Parambikulam</td><td>Sungam</td><td></td><td>10.448586</td><td>76.783153°</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>BSNL Palakkad BA conducted field survey and combined inspection with the officers of Forest Department, Tribal Department and locations are identified as above. Due to the terrain conditions, minimum 3 towers are required for giving 4G coverage in these areas. Sanction may kindly be granted for erecting of tower, laying of OFC cable and extension of KSEB supply if required through forest roads.</p>							Sl n o	Site proposed	District	Forest division	Range office	Forest section office	Proposed location latitude	Proposed location longitude	1	Pooppara	Palakkad	Parambikulam	Karimala	-	10.357679	76.81354	2	Kuriyarkutti	Palakkad	Parambikulam	Orukomban	Pulikkal	10.409228	76.7185133	3	Sungamcolony	Palakkad	Parambikulam	Sungam		10.448586	76.783153°
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	<p>company has to pay monthly rental to the land owner. Here in 3 of the 4 proposals, the diverted land is under the possession of tribal people. If BSNL is sharing the tower with other service providers in future 50% of the revenue generated from such activity is to be remitted to the tribal EDC in the respective area for their upliftment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The forest department will have the liberty to use the tower for facilitating improved forest management, tribal welfare activities etc without hindering the purpose for which the tower is erected.</li> <li>3. The diverted land should not be used for other purposes.</li> <li>4. The constructions should not cause any damage to the environment and wildlife</li> <li>5. Blasting should not be allowed for construction.</li> <li>6. The trees to be cut shall be done at the cost of BSNL and stacked.</li> <li>7. The work should be completed within one year from date of sanction.</li> <li>8. The working hours should be immediately limited between sunrise and sunset period.</li> <li>9. As the part of the tower construction, no permission will be allowed for construction of temporary shed, cooking food etc inside the forest.</li> </ol>
21	<p><b>Violation if any</b></p> <p>No violation reported by Wild Life Warden</p>
22	<p><b>Comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority</b></p> <p>National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.7-155/2023-NTCA, dated 1st January, 2024 has mentioned that since the targeted human settlements lie within core (critical tiger habitat) of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, efforts should be made to resettle this village as per NTCA schemes for incentivized voluntary resettlement. <b>NTCA has not recommended the proposal.</b></p>
23	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.</p>

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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	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.  <b>WL/KL/CommPost/437450/2023</b>
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Periyar Tiger Reserve
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/16/2024 WL
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Kerala
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	305 sq km
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	0.0734 ha
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Proposal is pending with the State Government.
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	The proposed project will not remove/destroy or damage habitat of any wildlife. Hence there is no impact in the Protected Area in terms of Section 29 & Section 35 (6) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 or any amendment to it.
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Hybrid
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	20/07/2023
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	M/s. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	NA
15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>	

	Proposals was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> October, 2023.
17	<p><b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b></p> <p>The 4G saturation Project is a Project of the Government of India approved by the Union Cabinet on 27.07.2022 for the saturation of mobile services in the uncovered villages across the country. This Project is executed by BSNL and funded through the Universal Services Obligation Fund(USOF). In Idukki District, 24 locations have been identified to cover the 63 uncovered villages in this Project and 23 locations have been identified within the forest area under Category 1. Also in category 2 sites, 11 locations are identified within the forest areas. The forest clearance for category 1 is already under process in Parivesh. Each location has a requirement of 200 sqm of land for the installation of the mobile tower, equipment and solar panel.</p> <p>BSNL Ernakulam BA conducted survey and combined inspection with the Officers of the Forest Department and has identified 11 locations for erecting 40m Tower which comes under forest area in Category 2. At present there is no mobile coverage in these locations. Considering the terrain conditions, 11 towers are absolutely essential for providing 4G coverage in the uncovered villages. Sanction may kindly be granted for diversion of forest land for erection of Tower , laying of OFC cable and extension of KSEB supply through forest lands.</p>
18	<p><b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b></p> <p>Periyar Tiger Reserve is home to Gaur, sambar deer, leopard, sloth bear, wild dog, Lion tailed monkey, Nilgiri langur, barking deer and Nilgiri tahr etc.</p>
19	<p><b>Type of Forest</b></p> <p>Moist deciduous/Semi-evergreen/Evergreen</p>
20	<p><b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b></p> <p>The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposal with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If BSNL is sharing the tower with other service providers in future 50% of the revenue generated from such activity is to be remitted to the tribal EDC in the respective area for their upliftment.</li> <li>2. M/s BSNL shall ensure proper insulation of the power cable to avoid any threat to primates, and periodical monitoring of the power cable must be done.</li> <li>3. M/s BSNL must notify the Forest Department of any nesting of birds on the tower, and the nest should not be removed.</li> <li>4. Tree cutting required for project should be implemented based on</li> </ol>

	<p>the provisions of forest laws in force and standard operating procedure given in the same.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Power electric lighting in the premises of Tower would disturb wild animals.</li> <li>6. The BSNL 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.</li> <li>7. BSNL shall ensure proper waste management system at the project area.</li> <li>8. The BSNL shall be obliged to obey various provisions given under <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972</li> <li>b. The Kerala Forest Act, 1961</li> <li>c. The Biological Diversity Act, 2002</li> <li>d. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986</li> <li>e. The Forest Conservation Act, 1980</li> <li>f. Relevant directions issued from time to time by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble High Courts.</li> <li>g. Park Rules issued by Park Management for better management from time to time</li> </ol> </li> <li>9. The work should be completed within one year from date of sanction.</li> <li>10. The working hours should be immediately limited between sunrise and sunset period.</li> <li>11. As the part of the tower construction, no permission will be allowed for construction of temporary shed, cooking food etc inside the forest.</li> </ol>
21	<p><b>Violation if any</b></p> <p>No violation reported by Wild Life Warden.</p>
22	<p><b>Comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority</b></p> <p>National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.7-151/2023- NTCA, dated 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 has mentioned that since the targeted human settlement (Vanchivayal) lies within core (critical tiger habitat) of Periyar Tiger Reserve, efforts should be made to resettle this village as per NTCA schemes for incentivized voluntary resettlement.<b>NTCA has not recommended the proposal.</b></p>
23	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.</p>

**(Fresh Proposals falling inside / Outside the Protected Area)**

**UT of Ladakh.**

**PROPOSAL FALLING INSIDE PROTECTED AREAS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>File.No</b>	<b>Proposal Name</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>WL-6/214/2023WL</b>	15proposals of 4G Saturation Projects involving KarakoramWildlife Sanctuary, UT of Ladakh in favour of BSNL and Reliance Jio Infocomm.
<b>2.</b>	<b>WL-6/215/2023WL</b>	5 proposals of 4G Saturation Projects involving Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary, UT of Ladakh in favour of BSNL.

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1	Name of Proposal	Following 15proposals of 4G Saturation Projects involving KarakoramWildlife Sanctuary, UT of Ladakh.		
		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 ThangaChathang
		4	WL/LA/CommPost/451304/2023	4G Saturation Project Tirth
		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
		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 Terehey
2.	<b>Name of the protected area involved</b>	Karakorum Wild Life Sanctuary		
3.	<b>File No.</b>	WL-6/214/2023WL		
4.	<b>Name of the State</b>	UT of Ladakh		
5.	<b>Whether the proposal is sub-judice</b>	No		
6.	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	16126.84 Sq Km.		
7.	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ De-notification</b>	1	WL/LA/CommPost/452547/2023	0.0334
		2	WL/LA/CommPost/438905/2023	0.0334
		3	WL/LA/CommPost/451312/2023	0.0186
		4	WL/LA/CommPost/451304/2023	0.0186
		5	WL/LA/CommPost/451130/2023	0.0186
		6	WL/LA/CommPost/451318/2023	0.0186
		7	WL/LA/CommPost/451190/2023	0.0186
		8	WL/LA/CommPost/451218/2023	0.0186
		9	WL/LA/CommPost/451238/2023	0.0186
		10	WL/LA/CommPost/451118/2023	0.0186
		11	WL/LA/CommPost/451109/2023	0.0186
		12	WL/LA/CommPost/451065/2023	0.0186
		13	WL/LA/CommPost/451049/2023	0.0186
		14	WL/LA/CommPost/451850/2023	0.0186
		15	WL/LA/CommPost/451032/2023	0.0186
			Total	0.3086
8.	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	42.48585 ha		
9.	<b>Status of ESZ if any</b>	Proposal pending with the Administration of UT of Ladakh		
10.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the wild life</b>	The proposals under reference is vital for providing 4 G connectivity in the region. The proposal to install mobile communication towers by BSNL shall ameliorate the communication amongst the Defence personnel		

	<b>(protection) Act 1972</b>	<p>deployed in border areas, shall connect students to online resources enabling better educational opportunities, shall held wildlife staff in better management of the area, help the better delivery of various govt. schemes to local inhabitants etc.</p> <p>The proposal involves no felling of trees or change of flow of water. No removal of wildlife or killing shall take place. In light of the above, installing 17 4G mobile communication towers by BSNL will not have a significant long-term impact on the biodiversity of the area as the land required for the proposal is minimal/towers and it shall not cause any significant habitat change.</p>																																													
11.	<b>Whether linear/non-linear</b>	Non-Linear																																													
12.	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No																																													
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15.	<b>Total number of trees to be felled</b>	Nil																																													
16	<b>Maps depicting the Protected Area and the diversion</b>	Yes																																													



	<b>proposal included or not</b>	
17	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>	State Board for Wild Life recommended the proposals in its 9 <sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023.
18.	<b>Brief justification on the proposals as given by the applicant agency</b>	<p>The Union Cabinet on 27.07.2022 has approved a project for saturation of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages across the country. Government of India has reposed faith in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited for provisioning of 4G mobile connectivity in the uncovered villages of rural area with USOF funding for 4G Saturation Project in Ladakh UT. Approval of Saturation 4G coverage project has been conveyed by BSNL C.O. vide letter no. BSNLCO-LWE/31/3/2022-LWE/31 dated 05.08.2022 under which 4G mobile services are to be provided to uncovered villages on PAN India basis. The 4G Saturation Project is going to provide mobile communication to the areas where there is no mobile network in Ladakh UT.</p> <p>The proposal to install mobile towers by Reliance JioInfocomm Kashmir Circle shall ameliorate the communication amongst the Defence enhance the life of Defence personnel deployed in boundaries, shall connect students to online resources enabling better educational opportunities, shall help wildlife departmental staff in better management of the area, help in better delivery of various govt. schemes to local inhabitants etc.</p> <p>the proposal involves no felling of trees or change of flow of water. No removal of wildlife or killing shall take place if the said proposal is approved. In light of the above, installing mobile towers by Reliance JioInfomm Kashmir Circle will not have a significant long-term impact on the biodiversity of the area as the land required for the proposal is minimal (0.0334 ha) /towers and it shall not cause any significant habitat change. Keeping in view the topography of the area, for providing 4G mobile coverage and high speed internet services to the village population, it is essential to install mobile tower in the Forest/National Park area as there is no other suitable government non forest land available in the area. After installation of the tower in the forest/wild life sanctuary land, the residents of these villages will get high speed internet services to bring them at par with other areas of the country. Therefore, diversion of National Park land to BSNL is the only viable option for installing the mobile tower to provide 4G services in these uncovered villages under USO 4G Saturation project (A prestigious Govt. of India Project).</p>
18.	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b>	

	Karakorum Wildlife Sanctuary is home to Tibetan Antelope, Shapo, Wild Yak, Bharal, Leopards, Himalayan Mouse and Lynx etc.
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>  NA
20	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>  The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposals with the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The user agency shall not violate any regulatory provisions under Section-9,17A, 27,29,30,31,32 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.</li> <li>ii. The user agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the sanctuary.</li> <li>iii. 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.</li> <li>iv. The user agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the protected area.</li> <li>v. 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.</li> <li>vi. The user agency of its contractor shall be personally responsible for any act of Forest and wildlife violation/crime committed by its staff and labour inside the Protected Area.</li> <li>vii. Approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.</li> <li>viii. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected area as per the guidelines.</li> </ul>
21	<b>Violation (if any)</b>  There is no case of wildlife violation by Project Proponent as reported by wildlife warden.
22	<b>Comments of Ministry</b>  The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal

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1	<b>Name of Proposal</b>	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
2.	<b>Name of the protected area involved</b>	Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary		
3.	<b>File No.</b>	WL-6/214/2023 WL		
4.	<b>Name of the State</b>	Ladakh		
5.	<b>Whether the proposal is sub-judice</b>	No		
6.	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	12780.50 Sq Km.		
7.	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ De-notification</b>	1	WL/LA/CommPost/451198/2023	0.0186 ha
		2	WL/LA/CommPost/451381/2023	0.0186 ha
		3	WL/LA/CommPost/451206/2023	0.0186 ha
		4	WL/LA/CommPost/451100/2023	0.0186 ha
		5	WL/LA/CommPost/452854/2023	0.0334 ha
			Total	0.1078 ha
8.	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	835.4414 ha		
9.	<b>Status of ESZ if any</b>	Proposal pending with the State Government		

10.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the wild life (protection) Act 1972</b>	<p>The proposals under reference is vital for providing 4G connectivity in the region. The proposal to install 17 mobile communication towers by BSNL shall ameliorate the communication amongst the Defence personnel deployed in border areas, shall connect students to online resources enabling better educational opportunities, shall held wildlife staff in better management of the area, help the better delivery of various govt. schemes to local inhabitants etc.</p> <p>The proposal involves no felling of trees or change of flow of water. No removal of wildlife or killing shall take place. In light of the above, installing 17 4G mobile communication towers by BSNL will not have a significant long-term impact on the biodiversity of the area as the land required for the proposal is minimal/towers and it shall not cause any significant habitat change.</p>		
11.	<b>Whether linear/non-linear</b>	Non-Linear		
12.	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No		
13.	<b>Name of the application Agency</b>	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited		
14.	<b>Date of submission</b>	1	WL/LA/CommPost/451198/2023	03/11/2023
		2	WL/LA/CommPost/451381/2023	05/11/2023
		3	WL/LA/CommPost/451206/2023	03/11/2023
		4	WL/LA/CommPost/451100/2023	02/11/2023
		5	WL/LA/CommPost/452854/2023	21/11/2023
15.	<b>Total number of trees to be felled</b>	NA		
16.	<b>Maps depicting the Protected Area and the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes		
17.	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>	<p>State Board for Wild Life recommended the proposals in its 9th meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.</p>		
18.	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>	<p>The Union Cabinet on 27.07.2022 has approved a project for saturation of</p>		

	<p>4G mobile services in uncovered villages across the country. Government of India has reposed faith in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited for provisioning of 4G mobile connectivity in the uncovered villages of rural area with USOF funding for 4G Saturation Project in Ladakh UT. Approval of Saturation 4G coverage project has been conveyed by BSNL C.O. vide letter no. BSNLCO-LWE/31/3/2022-LWE/31 dated 05.08.2022 under which 4G mobile services are to be provided to uncovered villages on PAN India basis. The 4G Saturation Project is going to provide mobile communication to the areas where there is no mobile network in Ladakh UT.</p> <p>Keeping in view the topography of the area, for providing 4G mobile coverage and high speed internet services to the village population, it is essential to install mobile tower in the Forest/National Park area as there is no other suitable government non forest land available in the area. After installation of the tower in the forest/wild life sanctuary land, the residents of these villages will get high speed internet services to bring them at par with other areas of the country. Therefore, diversion of National Park land to BSNL is the only viable option for installing the mobile tower to provide 4G services in these uncovered villages under USO 4G Saturation project (A prestigious Govt. of India Project).</p>
19.	<p><b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b></p> <p>Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary is home to Tibetan wolf, Wild yak, Bharal, Wild dog, Snow leopard, Brown bear and the Marmot etc.</p>
20	<p><b>Type of Forest</b></p> <p>NA</p>
21	<p><b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b></p> <p>The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposal with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The user agency shall not violate any regulatory provisions under Section-9,17A, 27,29,30,31,32 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.</li> <li>The user agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the sanctuary.</li> <li>The user agency shall ensure that they will not create any dumping site within the Protected Area.</li> <li>The user agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the protected area.</li> <li>The user agency or his contractor/labour shall not create any fire places or use the firewood and bushes from the protected area.</li> <li>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</li> </ol>

	protected area.
	vii. Approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
	viii. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected area as per the guidelines.
22	<b>Violation (if any)</b> No
23	<b>Comments of Ministry</b>  The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal

**(Fresh Proposals falling inside / Outside the Protected Area)**

**MAHARASHTRA**

**PROPOSAL FALLING INSIDE PROTECTED AREAS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>File.No</b>	<b>Proposal Name</b>
<b>1.</b>	WL-6/12/2024 WL	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.  <b>WL/MH/RAIL/452557/2023</b>

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1.	<b>Name of Proposal</b>	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.  <b>WL/MH/RAIL/452557/2023</b>
2	<b>Name of the protected area involved</b>	Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary
3	<b>File No.</b>	WL-6/12/2024-WL
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Maharashtra
5	<b>Whether the proposal is sub-judice</b>	No
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	1.98 sq. km.
7	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ De-notification</b>	3.3 ha
8	<b>The area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA
9	<b>Status of ESZ if any</b>	Final notification on 31 <sup>st</sup> May, 2017. The Eco-Sensitive Zone is spread over an area of 7.14 square kilometer with an extent from 40 metres to 675 metres.
10	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the wild life (protection) Act 1972</b>	Habitat of the Great Indian Bustard and other allied species will get fragmented.
11	<b>Whether linear/non-linear</b>	Linear
12	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No
13	<b>Name of the application Agency</b>	Central Railway
14	<b>Date of submission</b>	17/11/2023
15	<b>Total number of trees to be felled</b>	NA
16	<b>Maps depicting the Protected Area and the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes
17	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>	



	Proposal has been recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 9 <sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> September, 2022.
18	<p><b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b></p> <p>The Project is doubling of Railway line project of Central Railway a wing of Indian Railway. The Project is approved by Railway ministry vide Pink book item No 2612016"17 for Rs.1875.530 Cr.</p> <p>The Project is for doubling of existing Daund to Manmad single line. The line runs South to North connecting important Junction of Daund on Mumbai-Chennai route to Manmad on Mumbai-Howrah Route. There has been huge demand for additional services in this section particularly to and fro from Shirdi which cannot be possible without doubling of existing Daund-Manmad line.</p> <p>The alignment between Ranjangaon to Sarola at kms 32419 to km 32517 is having continuous steep gradient coupled with sharp curves upto 5 degree. This km has been stalling prone and there has been incidents of stalling (unable to haul) of trains going from Ranjangaon to Sarola. There have been frequent incidents of skidding of wheels of locomotives resulting heavy wear of rails. There have been constraints on imposing speed restrictions for maintenance, replacement of 'sleepers, rails, welding etc at these kms as speed restriction increases chances of stalling. On other hand heavy wear rails lead to rail fractures requiring regular patrolling.</p> <p>Therefore for long term safety of trains and passengers, doubling is required to be done with compensated gradient as per Indian Railway Permanent way manual para 418. For safety of track the Long Welded rails Manual para 3.2.1 the radius of curve shall not be less than 440m. Hence alignment falls in adjoining strip of Railway land which was since been notified.</p>
19	<p><b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b></p> <p>Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary is home to Great Indian Bustard and Black buck apart from some other mammalian species like fox, jackal and wolf etc.</p>
20	<p><b>Type of forest</b></p> <p>NA</p>
21	<p><b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b></p> <p>The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposal with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Project agency should deposit 1 % of total cost (20.81 Cr.) of project</li> </ol>

	<p>falling in the sanctuary with Deputy Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Pune as a penalty for starting the work without permission.</p> <p>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.</p>
22	<p><b>Animal Passage Plan</b></p> <p>Animal Passage Plan has been submitted by the user Agency which is placed at <b>Annexure 2</b></p>
23	<p><b>Violation (if any)</b></p> <p>The Project Proponent have already started executing the work. Violation of FCA 1980 has taken place. Accordingly offence has been booked vide POR No. E-1 2019-20 and further enquiry is carried out by Forest Department.</p>
24	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.</p>

**(Fresh Proposals falling inside / Outside the Protected Area)**

**MANIPUR**

**A. PROPOSAL FALLING INSIDE PROTECTED AREAS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>File.No</b>	<b>Proposal Name</b>
<b>1.</b>	WL-6/13/2024 WL	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.  <b>WL/MN/Others/448428/2023</b>

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1	Name of the Proposal	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	
2	Name of the protected Area involved	YangoupokpiLokchao WLS Jiri-Makru WLS Kailam WLS Zeilad WLS Bunning WLS	
3	File no.	WL-6/13/2024 WL	
4	Name of the State	Manipur	
5	Whether proposal is sub-judice	Not sub-judice	
6	Area of the protected area	Kailam WLS-187.50sq km Bunning WLS-115.8 sq km Jiri-Makru WLS-192 sq km YangoupokpiLokchao WLS-184.80 sq.km Zeilad WLS -21 Sq.Km	
7(a)	Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification	Name of Village Protected Area	Area in Ha
		Puiling (Bunning WLS)	0.0186
		Kwatha Khunou (Yangoupokpi Lokchao WLS)	0.0186
		Satang (Yangoupokpi Lokchao WLS)	0.0186
		Leibi (Yangoupokpi Lokchao WLS)	0.0186
		Kwatha (Yangoupokpi Lokchao WLS)	0.0186
		Jeilatjang (Zeilad WLS)	0.0186
		Phoklong (Jiri-Makru WLS)	0.0186
		P Moullen (Yangoupokpi Lokchao WLS)	0.0186
		Pamjal (Kailam WLS)	0.0186
		Total	0.1674
7(b)	Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)	NA	
8	Status of ESZ, if any	Final notification of Kailam WLS on 20.10.2016.	

		<p>Final notification of Yangoupokpi Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary on 24.10.2016.</p> <p>Final notification of Zeilad WLS on 20.10.2016</p> <p>Final notification of Jiri-Makru WLS on 06.07.2017</p> <p>Final notification of Bunning WLS on 05.12.2016</p>
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	<p>Area required for the proposed project is 2000 sq. ft (0.0186 ha) for each site. As per the Site Inspection Report submitted by RFOs, some trees are required to be felled. 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 Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.</p> <p>There may be no other adverse impact in terms of section 29 of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972. As such, User Agency shall not destroy, exploit or remove any wild life including forest produce from a sanctuary or destroy or damage or divert the habitat of any wild animal by any act whatsoever or divert, stop or enhance the flow of water into or outside the Sanctuary area.</p>
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Non-Linear
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	11/10/2023
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	M/s. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	
15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes

16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>  Proposals was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its meeting held on 01-11-2023
17	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>  The project is a public utility service for saturation of BSNL- 4G mobile services in all uncovered villages across the country
18	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b>  Kailam Wildlife Sanctuary is home to Great Indian hornbill Rufous necked hornbill, Indian Pied and lesser pied hornbill, brown backed hornbill, Hoolock Gibbon, Clouded Leopard and Serow etc.  Yangoupokpi Lokchao Wildlife Sanctuary is home to Hoolock gibbon, Barking deer, Leopard, Golden cat), Jackal etc.  Zeilad WLS is home to Leopard, Leopard cat, small Indian civet, Common Langur, Hoolock gibbon, Great Indian Hornbill, barking deer, flying squirrel, Slow Loris, Golden cat, Sambar, Jackal, Pangolin, Wild boars, seasonal migration of tiger and elephants etc.  Bunning WLS is home to Barking deer, Sambar, Leopard and Jackal etc.  Jiri-Makru WLS is home to Hoolock gibbon, Langurs, Spotted linsang, Bears, Sambar, Leopard, Jackal, Pangolin, Wild boars, Large Indian civet cat, Pythons, Clouded leopard, Slow Loris, seasonal migration of tiger and elephants etc.
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>  Tropical Moist Mixed Deciduous, Subtropical Wet Hill Forests and Tropical Semi-Evergreen Forests
20	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>  The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposal with the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> </ol>

	<p>3. 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.</p> <p>4. 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 Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.</p> <p>5. Cost of demarcation of the diverted Forest land and installation of boundary pillars shall be borne by the User Agency.</p> <p>6. 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.</p> <p>7. The User Agency shall not take up any activity in contravention to the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the rules made therein. 8) User Agency shall not take up any such construction, which diverts, stops or enhance the flow of water into or outside the Sanctuary area. 9) Heavy machine and explosive shall not be used except under unavoidable circumstances and with the prior permission of the State Forest Department.</p>
21	<p><b>Violation if any</b></p> <p>No violation reported by Wild Life Warden</p>
22	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.</p>

## **B. PROPOSAL FALLING OUTSIDE PROTECTED AREAS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>File.No</b>	<b>Proposal Name</b>
<b>1.</b>	WL-6/14/2024 WL	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.  <b>WL/MN/Others/448739/2023</b>



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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	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.  <b>WL/MN/Others/448739/2023</b>														
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Jiri-Makru WLS  Zeilad WLS														
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/14/2024 WL														
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Manipur														
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice														
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	Jiri-Makru WLS-192 Sq. km  Zeilad WLS -21 Sq.Km														
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	0.0558 ha <table><tr><th>S.No.</th><th>Name of the PA</th><th>Project area under PA (X) (ha) Forest</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Azuram (UCF-ESZ of Jiri-Makru WLS)</td><td>0.0186</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Taningjam (UCF-ESZ of Jiri-Makru WLS)</td><td>0.0186</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Bamgaijang (UCF-ESZ of Zeilad WLS)</td><td>0.0186</td></tr></table>			S.No.	Name of the PA	Project area under PA (X) (ha) Forest	1	Azuram (UCF-ESZ of Jiri-Makru WLS)	0.0186	2	Taningjam (UCF-ESZ of Jiri-Makru WLS)	0.0186	3	Bamgaijang (UCF-ESZ of Zeilad WLS)	0.0186
S.No.	Name of the PA	Project area under PA (X) (ha) Forest														
1	Azuram (UCF-ESZ of Jiri-Makru WLS)	0.0186														
2	Taningjam (UCF-ESZ of Jiri-Makru WLS)	0.0186														
3	Bamgaijang (UCF-ESZ of Zeilad WLS)	0.0186														
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA														
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Final notification of Zeilad WLS on 20.10.2016.  Final notification of Jiri-Makru WLS on 06.07.2017.														
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	Area required for the proposed project is 2000 sq. ft (0.0186 ha) for each site. There may be no adverse impact in terms of section 29 of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972. As such, User Agency shall not destroy,														

		exploit or remove any wild life including forest produce from a sanctuary or destroy or damage or divert the habitat of any wild animal by any act whatsoever or divert, stop or enhance the flow of water into or outside the Sanctuary area.
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Non-Linear
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	13/10/2023
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	M/s. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	NA
15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>	
	Proposals was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its meeting held on 01-11-2023	
17	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>	
	The project is a public utility service for saturation of BSNL- 4G mobile services in all uncovered villages across the country.	
18	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b>	
	<p><b>Zeilad WLS</b> is home to Leopard, Leopard cat, small Indian civet, Common Langur, Hoolock gibbon, Great Indian Hornbill, barking deer, flying squirrel, Slow Loris, Golden cat, Sambar, Jackal, Pangolin, Wild boars, seasonal migration of tiger and elephants etc.</p> <p>Jiri-Makru WLS is home to Hoolock gibbon, Langurs, Spotted linsang, Bears, Sambar, Leopard, Jackal, Pangolin, Wild boars, Large Indian civet cat, Pythons, Clouded leopard, Slow Loris, seasonal migration of tiger and elephants etc .</p>	
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>	
	Tropical Moist Mixed Deciduous, Subtropical Wet Hill Forests and Tropical Semi-Evergreen Forests	
20	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>	
	The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposal with the	

	<p>following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The legal status of land shall remain unchanged.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. Cost of demarcation of the diverted Forest land and installation of boundary pillars shall be borne by the User Agency.</li> <li>5. 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.</li> <li>6. User Agency shall not take up any activity in contravention to the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the rules made therein.</li> <li>7. User Agency shall not take up any such construction, which diverts, stops or enhance the flow of water into or outside the Sanctuary area.</li> <li>8. The User Agency shall ensure that there is no damage to surrounding forest, environment, wildlife, natural resources like water bodies and other public properties.</li> <li>9. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.</li> <li>10. 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.</li> <li>11. 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.</li> </ol>
21	<p><b>Violation if any</b></p> <p>NA</p>
22	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.</p>

**(Fresh Proposals falling inside / Outside the Protected Area)**

**RAJASTHAN**

**PROPOSAL FALLING INSIDE PROTECTED AREAS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>File.No</b>	<b>Proposal Name</b>
<b>1.</b>	WL-6/212/2023 WL	11 proposals of 4G Saturation Projects involving Desert National Park, Rajasthan.
<b>2.</b>	WL-6/216/2023 WL	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.  <b>WL/RJ/Others/431603/2023</b>
<b>3.</b>	WL-6/9/2024 WL	6 proposals of 4G Saturation Projects involving Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan.

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1.	Name of Proposal	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.																																				
2.	Name of the protected area involved	Desert National Park Sanctuary																																						
3.	File No.	WL-6/212/2023 WL																																						
4.	Name of the State	Rajasthan																																						
5.	Whether the proposal is sub-judice	No																																						
6.	Area of the protected area	3,162 km <sup>2</sup>																																						
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8.	Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)	NA																																						
9.	Status of ESZ if any	Proposal is under process in the Ministry																																						



10.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the wild life (protection) Act 1972</b>	Minor disturbance to wildlife habitat will be caused during project implementation. Mitigation measures are being prescribed.		
11.	<b>Whether linear/non-linear</b>	Non-Linear		
12.	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No		
13.	<b>Name of the application Agency</b>	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited		
14.	<b>Date of submission</b>	1	WL/RJ/Others/437823/2023	24th July, 2023
		2	WL/RJ/Others/437992/2023	25th July, 2023
		3	WL/RJ/Others/437889/2023	24th July, 2023
		4	WL/RJ/Others/437909/2023	25th July, 2023
		5	WL/RJ/Others/437793/2023	23rd July, 2023
		6	WL/RJ/Others/437782/2023	23rd July, 2023
		7	WL/RJ/Others/437817/2023	24th July, 2023
		8	WL/RJ/Others/437691/2023	23rd July, 2023
		9	WL/RJ/Others/437957/2023	25th July, 2023
		10	WL/RJ/Others/437805/2023	23rd July, 2023
		11	WL/RJ/Others/426297/2023	25th July, 2023
15.	<b>Total number of trees to be felled</b>	Nil		
16	<b>Maps depicting the Protected Area and the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes		
17	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>			
	State Board for Wild Life recommended the above proposals in its 14th meeting held on 26 <sup>th</sup> August, 2023.			
18.	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>			
	1	WL/RJ/Others/437823/2023	This particular piece of land for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in revenue Village - - Phangali, Tehsil – Gadra Road, District –	

		Barmer has been examined for Social, Technical and Economical consideration and possible efforts were made to avoid the wildlife land by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Barmer, Rajasthan but still as Proposed site area is falling in the village under Wildlife area, NOC from wildlife Sanctuary is required. It is further stated that the land area to be used (0.0223 Ha) in this village for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is the bare Minimum.
2	WL/RJ/Others/437992/2023	This particular piece of land for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in revenue Village - - Ratreri Kalan, Tehsil - Gadra Road, District - Barmer has been examined for Social, Technical, and Economical consideration, and possible efforts were made to avoid the wildlife land by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL), Barmer, Rajasthan but still as Proposed site area is falling in the village under wildlife area, NOC from wildlife Sanctuary is required.
3	WL/RJ/Others/437889/2023	This particular piece of land for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in revenue Village - - KalSingh Ki Dhani, Tehsil - Gadra Road, District -Barmer has been examined for Social, Technical, and Economical consideration, and possible efforts were made to avoid the wildlife land by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL), Barmer, Rajasthan but still as Proposed site area is falling in the village under wildlife area, NOC from wildlife Sanctuary is required.
4	WL/RJ/Others/437909/2023	This particular piece of land for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in revenue Village - Khareen, Tehsil - Gadra Road, District - Barmer has been examined for Social, Technical, and Economical

		<p>consideration, and possible efforts were made to avoid the wildlife land by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL),</p> <p>Wildlife clearance (NOC) is required for this 40-meter tower to be installed in this village Khareento to give 4G telecom services to the inhabitants of the village. As this particular land piece (0.0223 Ha) Khasara number (31) is related to Panchayat Land.</p>
5	WL/RJ/Others/437793/2023	<p>This particular piece of land for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in revenue Village - - Dhagari, Tehsil – Gadra Road, District – Barmer has been examined for Social, Technical, and Economical consideration, and possible efforts were made to avoid the wildlife land by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL),</p> <p>Wildlife clearance (NOC) is required for this 40-meter tower to be installed in this village Dhagari to give 4G telecom services to the inhabitants of the village. Forest land diversion is not required being Panchayat Land. As this particular land piece (0.0223 Ha) Khasara number (2413/2260) is related to Panchayat Land.</p>
6	WL/RJ/Others/437782/2023	<p>This particular piece of land for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in revenue Village - - Bikoosi, Tehsil – Gadra Road, District – Barmer has been examined for Social, Technical and Economical consideration and possible efforts were made to avoid the wild life land by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL), Barmer, Rajasthan but still as Proposed site area is falling in village under wildlife area, NOC from wildlife Sanctuary is required. It is further stated that the land area to be used (0.0223Ha ) in this village for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat</p>

		Sanchar Nigam Limited is bare Minimum. Wildlife clearance (NOC) is required for this 40 meter tower to install in this village Bikoosi to give 4G telecom services to the inhabitants of the village.
7	WL/RJ/Others/437817/2023	This particular piece of land for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in revenue Village-Kambhir Ki Basti, Tehsil – Gadra Road, District – Barmer has been examined for Social, Technical, and Economical consideration, and possible efforts were made to avoid the wildlife land by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL), Barmer, Rajasthan but still as Proposed site area is falling in the village under wildlife area, NOC from wildlife Sanctuary is required. It is further stated that the land area to be used (0.0223 Ha) in this village for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is the bare Minimum. Wildlife clearance (NOC) is required for this 40-meter tower to be installed in this village Kambhir Ki Basti to give 4G telecom services to the inhabitants of the village. Forest land diversion is not required being Panchayat Land. As this particular land piece (0.0223 Ha) Khasara number (96) is related to Panchayat Land.
8	WL/RJ/Others/437691/2023	This particular piece of land for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in revenue Village - - Village-Dhabhar, Tehsil – Gadra Road, District –Barmer has been examined for Social, Technical, and Economical consideration, and possible efforts were made to avoid the wildlife land by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL), Barmer, Rajasthan but still as Proposed site area is falling in the village under wildlife area, NOC from wildlife Sanctuary is required. It is further stated that the land area to be used (0.0223 Ha) in this village for Mobile Tower installation by

		<p>Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is the bare Minimum. Wildlife clearance (NOC) is required for this 40-meter tower to be installed in this village Khareen to give 4G telecom services to the inhabitants of the village. Forest land diversion is not required being Panchayat Land. As this particular land piece (0.0223 Ha) Khasara number (408) is related to Panchayat Land.</p>
9	WL/RJ/Others/437957/2023	<p>This particular piece of land for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in revenue Village - - Raslani, Tehsil – Gadra Road, District – Barmer has been examined for Social, Technical, and Economical consideration, and possible efforts were made to avoid the wildlife land by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL), Barmer, Rajasthan but still as Proposed site area is falling in the village under wildlife area, NOC from wildlife Sanctuary is required. It is further stated that the land area to be used (0.0223 Ha) in this village for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is the bare Minimum. Wildlife clearance (NOC) is required for this 40-meter tower to be installed in this village Raslani to give 4G telecom services to the inhabitants of the village. Forest land diversion is not required being Panchayat Land. As this particular land piece (0.0223 Ha) Khasara number (2558) is related to Panchayat Land.</p>
10	WL/RJ/Others/437805/2023	<p>This particular piece of land for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in revenue Village - - Dhanuaani, Tehsil – Gadra Road, District – Barmer has been examined for Social, Technical, and Economical consideration, and possible efforts were made to avoid the wildlife land by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL), Barmer, Rajasthan but still as Proposed site area</p>

		is falling in the village under wildlife area, NOC from wildlife Sanctuary is required. It is further stated that the land area to be used (0.0223 Ha) in this village for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is the bare Minimum. Wildlife clearance (NOC) is required for this 40-meter tower to be installed in this village Dhanuaani to give 4G telecom services to the inhabitants of the village. Forest land diversion is not required being Panchayat Land. As this particular land piece (0.0223 Ha) Khasara number (129) is related to Panchayat Land.
11	WL/RJ/Others/426297/2023	This particular piece of land for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in revenue Village - Chauthiyali, Tehsil-GadraRoad, District – Barmer has been examined for Social, Technical and Economical consideration and possible efforts were made to avoid the forest land by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL), Jaisalmer, Rajasthan but Proposed site is surrounded by Desert National Park, therefore there is no any other alternative land is available in nearby area. It is further stated that the area of DNP land involved for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in revenue Village- Chauthiyali, Tehsil-GadraRoad, District – Barmer in the stater of Rajasthan is bare minimum.
19.	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b>	
	Desert National Park is home to Great Indian Bastard etc.	
20	<b>Type of Forest</b>	
	Thorn Forest	
21	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>	
	<b>CWLW Comments:</b> - The DCF has rejected the project, however a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chief Wild Life Warden on	

17.08.2023 wherein the representative of User Agency justified the requirement of the tower which was accepted.

The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the above proposals with the following conditions:

**General Conditions:**

1. 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.
2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.
3. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
4. There will be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
5. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.
6. There will be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.
7. No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.
8. There shall be no high mast/beam/search lights & high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.
9. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
10. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.
11. Any permission/clearance required under FCA-1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.

**Site Specific Conditions:**

1. The project area will be fenced with six feet chain link by the User agency.
2. 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.
3. Noise less machinery/equipment should be used to operate the mobile towers.
4. 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.
5. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard

	<p>should be strictly complied with.</p> <p>6. Solar power as far as possible should be used to operate the mobile tower as it is to be installed in GIB priority area.</p> <p>7. No approach road will be constructed for establishment of tower.</p>
22	<p><b>Violation (if any)</b></p> <p>There is no violation of the WLP Act 1972.</p>
23	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal</p>



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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	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. <b>WL/RJ/Others/431603/2023</b>
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Ranthambore Tiger Reserve
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/216/2023 WL
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Rajasthan
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	1,334 Sq. kms
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	0.0232 ha
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Proposal is pending with the State Government
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	Minor disturbance to wildlife habitat will be caused during project implementation. Mitigation measures are being prescribed.
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Non-Linear
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	02/06/2023
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	Bharti Hexacom Limited
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	NA
15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b> Proposal was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its meeting held on 26-08-2023.	

17	<p><b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b></p> <p>Bharti Hexacom Limited, Jaipur Rajasthan has proposed the project for Mobile Tower Installation in revenue Village-Khijura, Tehsil-Sapotra, District-Karauli in the State of Rajasthan ( Reference No. R/NN-629307-USOK04) and Proposed Tower Location area is falling in the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve Area.</p>
18	<p><b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b></p> <p>Ranthambore Tiger Reserve is home to wildlife boars, Leopard, Caracal, Indian Wolf, Jackal, Sloth Bear, Hyena, Chinkara, Sambhar, Spotted Deer, Wild Pigs, Tiger and Fox etc.</p>
19	<p><b>Type of Forest</b></p> <p>Semi Arid deciduous</p>
20	<p><b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b></p> <p>The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the above proposals with the following conditions:</p> <p><b>General Conditions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.</li> <li>3. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.</li> <li>4. There will be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.</li> <li>5. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.</li> <li>6. There will be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.</li> <li>7. No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.</li> <li>8. There shall be no high mast/beam/search lights &amp; high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.</li> <li>9. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.</li> <li>10. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.</li> <li>11. Any permission/clearance required under FCA-1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.</li> </ol> <p><b>Site Specific Conditions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project area will be fenced with six feet chain link by the User agency.</li> <li>2. The user agency shall comply with the advisory issued by Ministry</li> </ol>

	<p>of Environment and Forests Vide letter F.No. 15-11/2010 WL -1 dated 09.08.2012 on the use of mobile towers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Noise less machinery/equipment should be used to operate the mobile towers.</li> <li>4. 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.</li> <li>5. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard should be strictly complied with.</li> <li>6. Solar power as far as possible should be used to operate the mobile tower as it is to be installed in GIB priority area.</li> <li>7. No approach road will be constructed for establishment of tower.</li> </ol>
21	<p><b>Violation if any</b></p> <p>There is no violation of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.</p>
22	<p><b>Comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority</b></p> <p>National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.7-148/2023- NTCA dated 29th December, 2023 has mentioned that the improved mobile network inside the CTH of the Tiger Reserve may be a serious management threat since this can be misused for committing wildlife offences including poaching and hunting. Forest Department already rely on their own efficient wireless network for communicating inside the Tiger Reserve. <b>NTCA has not recommended the proposal.</b></p>
23	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.</p>

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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	<p>Following 6 proposals of 4 G involving critical Tiger Habitat (CTH) of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, Rajasthan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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: <b>WL/RJ/Others/436801 /2023).</b></li><li>2. Proposal for use of 0.0232 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical tiger habitat of Ranthambhore 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: <b>WL/RJ/Others/431621/2023)</b></li><li>3. Proposal for use of 0.0232 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical tiger habitat of Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve for construction of a Mobile Tower by Bharti Hexacom Limited in revenue Village - Baharda, Tehsil -Sapotra, District - Karauli, Rajasthan- <b>WL/RJ/Others/431607/2023).</b></li><li>4. Proposal for use of 0.0232 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical tiger habitat of Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve forproposal on construction of a Mobile Tower by Bharti Hexacom Limited in revenue Village, Morechi, Tehsil - Sapotra, District, Karauli, Rajasthan- <b>WL/RJ/Others/431602/2023</b></li><li>5. Proposal for use of 0.0232 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical tiger habitat of Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve for Mobile Tower by Bharti Hexacom Limited in revenue Village - ChoriyaKhata, Tehsil - Sapotra, District - Karauli, Rajasthan -</li></ol>
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		<b>WL/RJ/Others/431606/2023</b> 6. Proposal for use of 0.01672 ha of non-forest land from Core/Critical tiger habitat of Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve for proposal on construction of a Mobile Tower by BSNL in Asha ki Guwari, Tehsil - Sapotra, District -Karauli, Rajasthan- <b>WL/RJ/Others/436882/2023.</b>																							
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Kailadevi Wildlife Sanctuary Ranthambore Tiger Reserve																							
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/9/2024 WL																							
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Rajasthan																							
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice																							
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	Kailadevi Wildlife Sanctuary- 676.40 Sq.Km Ranthambore Tiger Reserve-1,334 Sq. kms																							
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13	Name of the applicant agency	1	WL/RJ/Others/436801/2023	BSNL
		2	WL/RJ/Others/431621/2023	Indus Towers Limited
		3	WL/RJ/Others/431607/2023	Bharti Hexacom Limited
		4	WL/RJ/Others/431602/2023	Bharti Hexacom Limited
		5	WL/RJ/Others/431606/2023	Bharti Hexacom Limited
		6	WL/RJ/Others/436882/2023	BSNL
14	Total number of tree to be felled	NA		
15	Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not	Yes		
16	Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life			
	Proposals has been recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26-08-2023.			
17	Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency			
	1	WL/RJ/Others/436801/2023	This particular piece of land for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in revenue Village - - Manikpura, Tehsil – Sapotra, District –Karauli has been examined for Social, Technical, and Economical consideration, and possible efforts were made to avoid the wildlife land by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL), Barmer, Rajasthan but still as Proposed site area is falling in the village under wildlife area, NOC from wildlife Sanctuary is required. It is further stated that the land area to be used	

		(0.0223 Ha) in this village for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is the bare Minimum. Wildlife clearance (NOC) is required for this 40-meter tower to be installed in this village Manikpura to give 4G telecom services to the inhabitants of the village. Forest land diversion is not required being Panchayat Land. As this particular land piece (0.0188 Ha) Khasara number (60) is related to Panchayat Land.
<b>2</b>	WL/RJ/Others/431621/2023	Indus Towers Limited has proposed the project for mobile tower Installation in revenue village Nainiya Ki Guwari, Tehsil –Sapotra, District-Karauli in the State of Rajasthan (Reference No. R/NN-641743-YSOMWR8) and Proposed Tower Location area in Falling in the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve Area.
<b>3</b>	WL/RJ/Others/431607/2023	Bharti Hexacom Limited, Jaipur Rajasthan has proposed the project for Mobile Tower Installation in revenue Village – Baharda, Tehsil - Sapotra, District – Karauli in the State of Rajasthan (Reference No. R/NN-629320 - USOK08) and Proposed Tower Location area is falling in the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve Area.
<b>4</b>	WL/RJ/Others/431602/2023	Bharti Hexacom Limited, Jaipur Rajasthan has proposed the project for Mobile Tower Installation in revenue Village – Morechi, Tehsil - Sapotra, District – Karauli in the State of Rajasthan (Reference No. R/NN-629324 - USOK05) and Proposed Tower Location area is falling in the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve Area.
<b>5</b>	WL/RJ/Others/431606/2023	Bharti Hexacom Limited, Jaipur Rajasthan has proposed the project

		for Mobile Tower Installation in revenue Village – Choriya Khata, Tehsil - Sapotra, District – Karauli in the State of Rajasthan (Reference No. R/NN-656844 - USOK10) and Proposed Tower Location area is falling in the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve Area.
6	WL/RJ/Others/436882/2023	This particular piece of land for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in revenue Village - - Asha Ki Guwari, Tehsil – Sapotra, District –Karauli has been examined for Social, Technical, and Economical consideration, and possible efforts were made to avoid the wildlife land by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited(BSNL), Barmer, Rajasthan but still as Proposed site area is falling in the village under wildlife area, NOC from wildlife Sanctuary is required. It is further stated that the land area to be used (0.0223 Ha) in this village for Mobile Tower installation by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited is the bare Minimum. Wildlife clearance (NOC) is required for this 40-meter tower to be installed in this village Asha Ki Guwari to give 4G telecom services to the inhabitants of the village. Forest land diversion is not required being Panchayat Land. As this particular land piece (0.0167 Ha) Khasara number (119) is related to Panchayat Land.
18	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b> Kailadevi Wildlife Sanctuary is home to tigers, leopards, sloth bears, sambars and chitals etc.  Ranthambore Tiger Reserve is home to wildlife boars, Leopard, Caracal, Indian Wolf, Jackal, Sloth Bear, Hyena, Chinkara, Sambhar, Spotted Deer, Wild Pigs, Tiger and Fox etc.	
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>	



	Semi Arid deciduous
20	<p><b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b></p> <p>The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the above proposals with the following conditions:</p> <p><b>General Conditions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. No work shall be done before sunrise and after sunset in the project area.</li> <li>3. No material of any kind should be extracted from the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.</li> <li>4. There will be no felling of trees and burning of fuel wood inside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.</li> <li>5. The waste material generated should be disposed outside the Protected Area and Eco-Sensitive Zone.</li> <li>6. There will be no labour camp within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area.</li> <li>7. No blasting will be carried out within 1 km from the boundary of Protected Area during the work.</li> <li>8. There shall be no high mast/beam/search lights &amp; high sounds within 1 km from the Protected Area boundary.</li> <li>9. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.</li> <li>10. Maintenance activity of any nature should be carried out only after seeking formal approval from competent authority of tiger reserve/PA.</li> <li>11. Any permission/clearance required under FCA-1980 or other acts may be taken as per rules.</li> </ol> <p><b>Site Specific Conditions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project area will be fenced with six feet chain link by the User agency.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> <li>3. Noise less machinery/equipment should be used to operate the mobile towers.</li> <li>4. 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.</li> <li>5. Any guidelines/regulations or orders of Hon'ble Courts in this regard should be strictly complied with.</li> </ol>

	<p>6. Solar power as far as possible should be used to operate the mobile tower as it is to be installed in GIB priority area.</p> <p>7. No approach road will be constructed for establishment of tower.</p>
21	<p><b>Violation if any</b></p> <p>There is no violation of the WLP Act 1972</p>
22	<p><b>Comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority</b></p> <p>National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.7-148/2023-NTCA, dated 29th December, 2023&amp;7-156, 147, 154,149,150,157/2023-NTCA dated 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024 <b>has not recommended the above mentioned proposals.</b></p>
23	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.</p>

**(Fresh Proposals falling inside / Outside the Protected Area)**

**TAMIL NADU**

**PROPOSAL FALLING INSIDE PROTECTED AREAS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>File.No</b>	<b>Proposal Name</b>
1.	WL-6/5/2024 WL	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  <b>WL/TN/CommPost/437790/2023</b>
2.	WL-6/6/2024 WL	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 Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve for uncovered village Manalodai in Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu.  <b>WL/TN/Communication Post/437603/2023</b>
3.	WL-6/7/2023 WL	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 Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve on 4G saturation project in uncovered village Orunooram Vayal in Kanyakumari district, Tamil Nadu.  <b>WL/TN/Communication Post/437769/2023</b>
4.	WL-6/8/2024 WL	2 proposals involving Core Zone of Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu
5.	WL-6/197/2023 WL	Proposal for use of 0.193ha 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.  <b>FP/TN/OFC/116522/2020</b>

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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	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- <b>WL/TN/CommPost/437790/2023.</b>
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/5/2024 WL
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Tamil Nadu
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	895 Sq. kms
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	0.018 ha
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Proposal is pending with the State Government.
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	Section 29 and Section 35 (6) is not relevant as the diversion is not a part of a Sanctuary or National Park.
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Hybrid
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	23/07/2023
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	NA
15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>	
	Proposal was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 8 <sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26-09-2023	

17	<p><b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b></p> <p>This project is very much essential for the education of tribal children in Mookaraikkal Tribal settlement. The project supports smart education in Mookaraikkal Tribal residential school. Also this project aims in social inclusion and to bridge the gap between Urban-Rural divide.</p> <p>The project is time bound and directly monitored by the PMO office, for education and timely completion.</p>
18	<p><b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b></p> <p>KalakadMundanthurai Tiger Reserve is home to Tigers, Sambar, spotted deer, elephants, leopards and wild dogs etc</p>
19	<p><b>Type of Forest</b></p> <p>NA</p>
20	<p><b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b></p> <p>The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposals with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of KalakadMundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.</li> <li>2. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Tiger Reserve.</li> <li>3. No fire places will be created inside the Tiger Reserve.</li> <li>4. The work in the Tiger Reserve will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.</li> <li>5. No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve.</li> <li>6. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.</li> <li>7. The legal status of the land remain unchanged.</li> <li>8. 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 Wildlife Warden well in advance.</li> <li>9. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.</li> <li>10. The project proponent (BSNL) also should offer facility of free data connection (unlimited 4G and upgraded version then &amp; there) to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests office in Velachery, Conservator of Forests and Field Director office,</li> </ol>

	<p>KalakadMundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Tirunelveli and Deputy Director and Wildlife Warden, Kalakad, office, for facilitating the cause of conservation protection.</p> <p>11. Any other condition stipulated by the Field Director / Deputy Director shall be followed.</p>
21	<p><b>Violation if any</b></p> <p>No.</p>
22	<p><b>Comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority</b></p> <p>National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.7-137/2023- NTCA dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 has recommended the proposal with the following mitigation measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. 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.</li> <li>5. CWLW, Tamil Nadu should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.</li> </ol>
23	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.</p>

(2)

1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	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 KalakadMundanthurai Tiger Reserve for uncovered village Manalodai in Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu.  <b>WL/TN/Communication Post/437603/2023</b>
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Kannyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/6/2024 WL
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Tamil Nadu
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary- 402.395 Sq. kms
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	0.265 ha
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary has been finally notification on 22nd September, 2020. The Eco-sensitive Zone shall be to an extent of 0 (zero) to 3.0 kilometres.
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	Section 29 and Section 35 (6) is not relevant as the diversion is not a part of a Sanctuary or National Park.
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Hybrid
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	21/07/2023
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	NA

15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>  Proposal was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 8 <sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26-09-2023	
17	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>  The present proposal installation of facilities for 4G connectivity in Nagercoil- BSNL 4G saturation project-Installation of 40 meter tower and equipment for uncovered mobile network coverage area in Manalodai village of Kaniyakumari.	
18	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b>  Kannyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary Indian Bison, Elephant, NilgiriTahr, Sambar Deer and Lion-tailed Macaque etc.	
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>  NA	
20	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>  The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposals with the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of KalakadMundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.</li> <li>2. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Tiger Reserve</li> <li>3. No fire places will be created inside the Tiger Reserve.</li> <li>4. The work in the Tiger Reserve will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.</li> <li>5. No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve.</li> <li>6. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.</li> <li>7. The legal status of the land remain unchanged.</li> <li>8. 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 Wildlife Warden well in advance.</li> <li>9. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.</li> </ol>	



	<p>10. The project proponent (BSNL) also should offer facility of free data connection (unlimited 4G and upgraded version then &amp; there) to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests office in Velachery, Conservator of Forests and Field Director office, KalakadMundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Tirunelveli and Deputy Director and Wildlife Warden, Kalakad, office, for facilitating the cause of conservation protection.</p> <p>11. Any other condition stipulated by the Field Director / Deputy Director shall be followed.</p>
21	<p><b>Violation if any</b></p> <p>No.</p>
22	<p><b>Comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority</b></p> <p>National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.7-143/2023- NTCA dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 has recommended the proposals with the following mitigation measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> <li>3. The OFC should be covered with excavated materials after the construction. Care should be taken that the structures are totally underground.</li> <li>4. 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.</li> <li>5. 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.</li> <li>6. CWLW, Tamil Nadu should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.</li> </ol>
23	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p>

The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.

(3)

1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	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.  <b>WL/TN/Communication Post/437769/2023</b>
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/ 7/2023 WL
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Tamil Nadu
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	Kanniyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary- 402.395 Sq. kms
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	0.018 ha
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Kanniyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary has been finally notified on 22nd September, 2020. The Eco-Sensitive Zone shall be to an extent of 0 (zero) to 3.0 kilometres
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	Section 29 and Section 35 (6) is not relevant as the diversion is not a part of a Sanctuary or National Park.
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Hybrid
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	22/07/2023
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	NA

15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>	
	Proposal was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 8 <sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26-09-2023	
17	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>	
	It is requested for transfer of 2000 sqft (0.018 ha) forest land for erecting a 40 m tower under “Mission 500 4G Saturation Project” with Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), Government of India to provide mobile coverage for Orunooramvayal Site, Kaliyal Village, Vilavancode Sub-District, Kanyakumari District. The connectivity to this tower is through DMW (Digital Microwave) which is a wireless connectivity. Hence no additional forest area is required for this site. The project is very much essential for the education of Tribal children in Orunooramvayal Tribal settlement. The project supports smart education in Orunooramvayal Tribal Residential School. Also this project aims in social inclusion and to bridge the gap between Urban-Rural divide. This project is time bound and directly monitored by the PMO office, for execution and timely completion..	
18	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b>	
	Kannyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary Indian Bison, Elephant, Nilgiri Tahr, Sambar Deer and Lion-tailed Macaque etc.	
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>	
	NA	
20	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>	
	<p>The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposals with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Tiger Reserve</li> <li>3. No fire places will be created inside the Tiger Reserve.</li> <li>4. The work in the Tiger Reserve will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.</li> <li>5. No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve.</li> <li>6. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the</li> </ol>	

	<p>provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. The legal status of the land remain unchanged.</li> <li>8. 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 Wildlife Warden well in advance.</li> <li>9. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.</li> <li>10. The project proponent (BSNL) also should offer facility of free data connection (unlimited 4G and upgraded version then &amp; there) to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests office in Velachery, Conservator of Forests and Field Director office, Kalakad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve, Tirunelveli and Deputy Director and Wildlife Warden, Kalakad, office, for facilitating the cause of conservation protection.</li> <li>11. Any other condition stipulated by the Field Director / Deputy Director shall be followed.</li> </ol>
21	<b>Violation if any</b>
	No.
22	<b>Comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority</b>
	<p>National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.7-135/2023-NTCA dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 has recommended the proposals with the following mitigation measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. 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.</li> <li>5. CWLW, Tamil Nadu should develop a mechanism to monitor the</li> </ol>

	compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.
23	<b>Comments of Ministry</b> The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.

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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	The following 2 proposals involving Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu		
		1	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.	WL/TN/Communication Post/430510/2023
		2	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	WL/TN/Communication Post/430542/2023
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Anamalai Tiger Reserve		
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/8/2024 WL		
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Tamil Nadu		
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice		
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	45833 Sq. kms		
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	1	WL/TN/Communication Post/430510/2023	0.02 ha
		2	WL/TN/Communication Post/430542/2023	0.02 ha
			Total	0.04 ha
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA		
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Proposal is under examination in the Ministry.		

9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	The proposed area of installation of USO Saturation 4G tower at Thalinji tribal settlement within Anamalai Tiger Reserve. Though the project site is located inside the protected area. The project is mainly focused to improve communication with the 4G facility at the National Level.
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Hybrid
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	24/05/2023
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	NA
15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>	Proposals was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 8 <sup>th</sup> meeting held on 26 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023.
17	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>	The proposed area of 0.02 Ha for installation of USO saturation 4G Tower located in Thalinji & 0.02 Ha for installation of USO saturation 4G Tower located in Mavadappu Tribal Settlement in Amaravathi Range of Anamalai Tiger Reserve. There is no need to fell any trees for this project and it will not affect the flora and fauna of the area. Hence there is no negative impact of Forest and Wildlife. The proposed area for diversion does not have any archaeological and heritage related monuments. There is no Tribal Right affected by this project. This project is useful for surrounding Tribal settlement.
18	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b>	Anamalai Tiger Reserve is home to Jackal, Wild dog, Indian fox, Tiger Leopard, Jungle cat, Leopard cat, Smooth coated otter and Small clawed otter etc.
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>	Thorn Forest
20	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>	



	<p>The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposals with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.</li> <li>2. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Tiger Reserve.</li> <li>3. No fire places will be created inside the Tiger Reserve</li> <li>4. The work in the Tiger Reserve will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.</li> <li>5. No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve.</li> <li>6. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.</li> <li>7. The legal status of the land remain unchanged.</li> <li>8. 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 Wildlife Warden well in advance.</li> <li>9. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.</li> <li>10. The project proponent (BSNL) also should offer facility of free data connection (unlimited 4G and upgraded version then &amp; there) to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests office in Velachery, Conservator of Forests and Field Director office, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore, and Deputy Director, office, Udumalpet for facilitating the cause of conservation protection.</li> <li>11. Any other condition stipulated by the Field Director / Deputy Director shall be followed.</li> </ol>
21	<p><b>Violation if any</b> No.</p>
22	<p><b>Comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority</b></p> <p>National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.7-116 &amp; 117/2023- NTCA dated 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 has mentioned that Mobile network inside the core of the Tiger Reserve harbouring tigers and many endangered faunas may be a serious threat since this can be misused for committing wildlife offences including poaching. Forest Department already rely on their own efficient wireless network for communicating inside the Tiger Reserve. Moreover, since Thalinji &amp; Mavadappu settlement lies within core (critical tiger habitat) of Anamalai Tiger Reserve, efforts should be made to relocate this village, on voluntary basis, as per NTCA schemes for incentivized resettlement. <b>NTCA has not recommended the</b></p>

	<b>proposal.</b>
23	<b>Comments of Ministry</b> The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.

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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	Proposal for use of 0.193ha of forest land at the edge of Core of SrivilliputhurMegamalai 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.  <b>FP/TN/OFC/116522/2020</b>				
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	SrivilliputhurMegamalai Tiger Reserve				
3	<b>File No.</b>	WL-6/197/2023 WL				
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Tamil Nadu				
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	No				
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	269.10 sq.km				
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/Denotification</b>	0.193 ha				
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	s.No.	Name of project	User Agency	Year	Area Diverted/ Permitted for use(ha.)
		1.	Laying of underground OFC along Cumbam-Cumuli NH road from Lower camp to Kumuli through Suranganar RF	Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited	2020	0.039
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Final notification on 10.10.2019. The extent of the Eco-sensitive Zone varies from zero kilometer (towards the eastern boundary Gandamanur range covered by the Srivilliputhur Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuary) to 1.7 kilometer				

		around the Megamalai Wildlife Sanctuary
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	Not applicable, since the diversion is not part of a Sanctuary or National Park.
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Linear
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	19/06/2022
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	NA
15	<b>Maps depicting the Sanctuary and the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>	
	Proposal was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 8th meeting held on 26th September, 2023.	
17	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>	
	<p>The Optical Fibre Cables are always laid along the road side due to easy supervision, quick maintenance and low cost of maintenance. The applicant does not have to acquire land for this project purpose, as the road side land is under the control of State Highway / National Highways Authority of India. However, the land classification is forest land. The area requested for the laying of the Optical Fibre Cable is the minimum considering the requirements and also considering the safety of the cables so laid. Since the telecommunication cables also carry the communication from the Government Offices, Defence &amp; Strategic Establishments and from the different industrial organizations apart from the general public, for the safety and confidentiality of the conversation so made it is not advisable to lay such important cables on the private land belonging to different parties.</p> <p>The cable alignment will be suitably diverted to avoid any cutting of trees and laid within the road land boundary by excavating a narrow trench of 0.30 meters width and up to 1 to 2 meter depth. The same strip of trench will be reinstated to its original condition. It is also intimated that no structure will be erected on the cable route. The area required for the laying of the Optical Fibre Cables is on right side of the road which passing from Cumbum to Kumuli and also bare minimum which is a part of the protected forest land. The project area does not involve any</p>	

	diversion of forest area in any manner. No alternative was considered as the project is site specific.
18	<p><b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b></p> <p>SrivilliputhurMegamalai Tiger Reserve is home to Nilgiri Langur Tufted Grey, Langur, Lion-tailed Macaque, Bonnet Macaque, Grey Slender Loris, Tiger Leopard and Jungle Cat.</p>
19	<p><b>Type of Forest</b></p> <p>NA</p>
20	<p><b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b></p> <p>The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposal subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearances, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of SrivilliputhurMegamalai Tiger Reserve, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.</li> <li>2. All the materials required for the work should be prepared outside the Tiger Reserve.</li> <li>3. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.</li> <li>4. No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the Tiger Reserve.</li> <li>5. No fire places will be created inside the Tiger Reserve.</li> <li>6. Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.</li> <li>7. The legal status of the land remain unchanged.</li> <li>8. 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 Wildlife Warden well in advance.</li> <li>9. The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.</li> <li>10. The project proponent (Reliance JioInfocomm) also should offer facility of free data connection (unlimited 4G and upgraded version then &amp; there) to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests office in Velachery, Conservator of Forests and Field Director office, SrivilliputhurMegamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai, and District Forest Officer office, Theni for facilitating the cause of conservation protection.</li> <li>11. Any other condition stipulated by the Field Director / District Forest Officer shall be followed.</li> </ol>

21	<b>Violation, if any</b>  No
22	<b>Comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority</b>  National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.7-113/2023-NTCA, dated 28th November, 2023 has recommended the proposal with the following mitigation measures: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. No alteration in the existing drainage pattern should be allowed within the Tiger Reserve or corridor for implementing the proposed construction.</li> <li>3. The user agency shall ensure that no labour trespasses inside the forests apart from the construction site.</li> <li>4. 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.</li> <li>5. Any future maintenance of the OFC would be subject to prior approval of the competent authority of Tamil Nadu Forest Department.</li> <li>6. CWLW, Tamil Nadu should develop an appropriate mechanism to monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated herein.</li> </ol>
23	<b>Comments of Ministry</b>  The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.

**(Fresh Proposals falling inside / Outside the Protected Area)**

**UTTAR PRADESH**

**PROPOSAL FALLING OUTSIDE PROTECTED AREAS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>File.No</b>	<b>Proposal Name</b>
<b>1.</b>	WL- 6/216/2023 WL	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.  <b>WL/UP/CommPost/434135/2023</b>

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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	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.  <b>WL/UP/CommPost/434135/2023</b>
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Rajaji Tiger Reserve
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/216/2023 WL
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Uttar Pradesh
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	819.54 Sq. kms
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	0.1040 ha
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Draft notification issued on 22.05.2018 has expired.
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	Govt. of Uttarakhand, Forest and Environment, Section-II, vide Notification No. 130/X-2-2015-19(1) 2013, Dated 18.04.2015 in exercise of powers conferred by section 38 V (I) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 (Central Act No. 53 of 1972) declared 1075.17 sq.km. area as asRajaji Tiger Reserve.
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Linear
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	25/06/2023
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	53



15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>	
	Proposal was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 15th meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023.	
17	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>	
	<p>NH-307 is an important route connectivity to Dehradun. Some portion of this highway falls under Mohand range in Shivalik reserve forest area. In this range NH passes from Mohand to Daatkali temple. In this stretch of NH there is no mobile connectivity of any of the operator. From various VVIP references and as a necessity to public there is requirement of providing mobile coverage in this area for the facility of the passer by and residents of the nearby localities. The Government of India has approved proposal to provide 4G mobile services in all the villages where there is no mobile services of any of the mobile operators available. In this context Government of India has launched a Project "4G Saturation Project through USOF" to provide 4G mobile Coverage of uncovered Villages. Vide DoT New Delhi Letter no. DDG (SP)/USOF/DOTI Uncovered Villages-Part-I/dated 13.03.2023, under this project BSNL Saharanpur has been given a target to install and commission 4G BTS at 5 different locations in this stretch of NH falling within the jurisdiction of Saharanpur Revenue District from Mohand Forest office to Daat Kali Mandir. To achieve the target for providing mobile connectivity in this portion of NH, BSNL need to install 5 numbers of ground base towers of 40M height.</p> <p>All these locations where 4G BTSS have been proposed to be installed falls in the Mohand range of Shivalik reserve forest and there is no other land available where these towers can be installed.</p>	
18	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b>	
	Rajaji Tiger Reserve is home to Asian Elephant, tiger, leopard, Himalayan Black Bear, Sloth Bear, Civet, Marten, Jackal and Hyena etc.	
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>	
	Dry deciduous	
20	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>	
	The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposal with the following conditions:	

1. General Conditions: The legal status of land shall remain unchanged. The user agency will have right only for the purpose applied for and land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal. The said land or part of it shall not be transferred to any other department, institution or person without prior approval of State Govt./Central Govt.
2. The instructions/orders pass by the State Govt./Central Govt. and the directions passed by Hon'ble High Court/Supreme Court from time to time, regarding such project shall be complied with.
3. The user agency shall extend all support to forest department in case of any forest and wildlife offence.
4. If the project involves forest land in the project, Forest Clearance as per provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall also be required and user agency shall be required to comply all conditions stipulated in forest clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.
5. Amount of Net Present Value (N.P.V.) shall be paid by the User Agency as per directions issued by Ministry of Environment of Forest (FC Division), New Delhi vide Letter No. F.No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and Letter No. F.No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 19.01.2022 for proposed forest land 0.104 ha. falling by default within the Eco Sensitive Zone of Rajaji Tiger Reserve under the jurisdiction of Divisional Forest Officer, Shiwalik Forest Division, Saharanpur.
6. The personnel of user agency working on the site should be well aware and shall be bound to follow the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. (As amended)
7. The employees or workers shall never be involved in forest offences with regard to Wildlife and forest produce. In case of violation of this condition, the necessary compensation will be deposited by the User Agency as imposed by DFO concerned accordance to law.
8. The user agency will ensure that no labour camp shall be established inside the sanctuary. Nights stay in the sanctuary neither firewood nor any other forest produce from the forest will be used.
9. The Project Proponent shall obtain consent to establish and to operate from UP Pollution Control Board (as per applicability) and effectively implement all the conditions stipulated there in.
10. Construction based materials will not be thrown inside the sanctuary area or the movement corridor of wildlife and ESZ area.
11. The project proponent shall undertake plantation work by planting the native species as proposed by DFO/WLW in the area adjacent to project area/sanctuary for which necessary finance will be provided by the user agency.
12. Since this proposal requires removal of 17 trees and 36

plants at project site situated within by default ESZ of Rajaji Tiger Reserve, so in place of 17 trees and 36 plants to be removed, ten times i.e. 530 trees will be planted at appropriate site of degraded forest land for which the cost of plantation and its maintenance for 10 years will be deposited by the user agency under the online deposit head no.6- additional charges for protected area in CAMPA FUND, as per guidelines of Government of India as per demand raised by Divisional Forest Officer, Shiwalik Forest Division, Saharanpur/Protected Area Manager. This amount will be spent for the above work within the same protected area.

13. The user agency will keep fire fighting equipments as well as equipments for minimizing noise pollution and muck disposals at the site.
14. During execution of the project work, the user agency shall adopt certain technical measures to negate the impact relating any environmental pollution/radioactive pollution.
15. No labor camp shall be established in sanctuary area.
16. No work shall be allowed from sunset to sunrise.
17. Specific Conditions: The user agency shall deposit of Rs.10.50 lakh (Rs. Ten Lakh Fifty Thousand only) for mitigation measures to minimize the negative impact of the project on the wildlife habitat of Shiwalik Forest Division, Saharanpur under the online deposit head no.6- additional charges for protected area in CAMPA FUND, as per guidelines of Government of India. This amount will be spent on the mitigation measures within the same protected area.
18. The above Conditions will be ensured by Divisional Forest Officer, Shiwalik Forest Division, Saharanpur.

21 **Mitigation Measure Plan**

S.No.	Name of work	Qty	Rate	Amount in Rs.
1.	Creation of Pakka Water hole (Mohand)	1	246000	246000
2.	Creation of Pakka Water hole(Shakumbri)	1	246000	246000
3.	Creation of Pakka Water hole(Barakala)	1	246000	246000
4.	Leopard cage	1	150000	150000
5.	GPS (Mohand, Shakumbri, Barakala)	3	20000	60000
6.	Diesel/Petrol for patrolling (Mohand, Shakumbri, Barakala)	LS	LS	42000
7.	Expenditures for wild	LS	LS	30000

		animals rescue			
	8.	Snake catching stick	3	7000	21000
	9.	Public address system (PA)	2	4500	9000
		<b>Total</b>			<b>1050000</b>
22	<b>Violation if any</b>				
	As per information uploaded by Wildlife Warden concerned, no violation is committed with respect to WLP Act by the Project Proponent.				
23	<b>Comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority</b>				
	National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.7-144/2023-NTCA dated 26th December, 2023 has mentioned that with recent translocation of tiger in the western part of Rajaji Tiger Reserve, there is a potential for tiger recovery in the landscape subject to improved protection regime and further habitat restoration and prey augmentation. Improved mobile network along the periphery of core of a Tiger Reserve harbouring endangered fauna may be a serious management threat since this can be misused for committing wildlife offences including poaching. Moreover, Electro Magnetic Radiations (EMR) from the communication towers may have varying negative impacts on wildlife especially birds and bees. <b>NTCA has not recommended the proposal.</b>				
24	<b>Comments of Ministry</b>				
	The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.				

**(Fresh Proposals falling inside / Outside the Protected Area)**

**WEST BENGAL.**

**PROPOSAL FALLING OUTSIDE PROTECTED AREAS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>File.No</b>	<b>Proposal Name</b>
1.	<b>WL-6/11/2024</b> <b>WL</b>	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.  <b>WL/WB/CommPost/435262/2023</b>
2.	WL-6/15/2024 WL	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.  <b>WL/WB/OFC/437309/2023.</b>

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1	<b>Name of Proposal</b>	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.  <b>WL/WB/CommPost/435262/2023</b>
2	<b>Name of the protected area involved</b>	Buxa Tiger Reserve
3	<b>File No.</b>	WL-6/11/2024-WL
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	West Bengal
5	<b>Whether the proposal is sub-judice</b>	No
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	760 sq km
7	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ De-notification</b>	0.02 ha
8	<b>The area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA
9	<b>Status of ESZ if any</b>	ESZ of Buxa Tiger Reserve has been finally notified on 7 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020. ESZ extends from 'Zero' to 5 km from the boundary of Buxa Tiger Reserve.
10	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the wild life (protection) Act 1972</b>	The land in question, measuring 0.02 hectare is a very small patch of forest. There will be no tree felling involved. Therefore, the impact of this land diversion, although located in Sanctuary/National Park, will be minimal. The park staff, particularly those on foot patrol, will benefit from the better communication. It will lead to seamless mobile connectivity in the field and that would help in controlling forest/wildlife offences.
11	<b>Whether linear/non-linear</b>	Non - Linear
12	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No
13	<b>Name of the application Agency</b>	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
14	<b>Date of submission</b>	01/07/2023
15	<b>Total number of trees to be felled</b>	NA
16	<b>Maps depicting the</b>	Yes

	<b>Protected Area and the diversion proposal included or not</b>
17	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>  Proposal has been recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 13 <sup>th</sup> meeting held on 5 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023.
18	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>  Better mobile communication in remote areas
19	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b> Buxa Tiger Reserve is home to Royal Bengal Tiger, Asian Elephant, Leopard, Indian gaur, Mongoose, Porcupine, Golden jackal, Indian Fox, Spotted Deer, Barking Deer, Himalayan Black Bear, Sambar, Marble Cat and Jungle Cat etc.
20	<b>Type of forest</b>  NA
21	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>  The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposal with the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No felling of trees shall be allowed.</li> <li>2. No new approach road to be constructed for this 4G Saturation Project of BSNL.</li> <li>3. Concertina wire shall not be allowed for fencing the mobile tower at project location.</li> </ol>
22	<b>Violation (if any)</b>  There has been no violation by the Project Proponent.
23	<b>Comments of NTCA</b>  National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.F.No.7-130/2023- NTCA dated, 6 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023 has recommended the proposal with the following mitigation measures: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. Security lighting for on-ground facilities should be minimized, and as far as possible, point downwards or be down-shielded to avoid</li> </ol>

	<p>bird hits and disturbances to bee colonies. Use of visual daytime markers for birds should also be installed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. 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.</li> <li>5. CWLW, West Bengal should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliance of the conditions stipulated herein.</li> </ol>
24	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.</p>



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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	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.  <b>WL/WB/OFC/437309/2023.</b>
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/15/2024 WL
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	West Bengal
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	161.17 sq. km
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	0.3915 Ha
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Final notification on 22nd September, 2020. ESZ extends upto five km from the boundary of the sanctuary.
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	The land in question, measuring 0.3915 hectare is a very small patch of forest. Moreover, the optical fibre cable is proposed to be laid along the Hill Cart Road. Therefore, the impact of this land diversion, although located Sanctuary/National Park, will be minimal.
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Non-Linear
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	27/07/2023
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	Reliance JioInfocomm Limited
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	NA
15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes

16	<p><b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b></p> <p>Proposals has been recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 13<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 05-09-2023.</p>
17	<p><b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b></p> <p>(TOTAL LENGTH OF PROPOSED ROUTE - <math>6.3 \times 0.45 = 0.2835</math> Hectare + <math>1.8 \times 0.6 = 0.108</math> Hectare Total Area-0.3915 Hectare.) While planning &amp; Execution of Reliance 4G Project it came up that factually 30% of the Land in North Bengal area has been under the Forest Control besides 37.76% being under vegetative coverage. Whereas there has been significant area occupied by the habitats mostly around the said area and the 4G services are to be provided to those peoples also and necessary Telecom Infra-structures are to be built up in all those areas also to ensure that no part of the population/citizens are left out of the coverage area. To make available high speed broadband service in those areas that adds great value in Term of making essential service available for business, education, healthcare, egovernance Nature Conversation, Safety &amp; Security &amp; so on, Reliance JioInfocomm Limited needs very little access in a few such designated forest areas for setting up network for transmission and receiving data to the browsing devices, especially the mobile ones is essential and in a very few cases connecting Towers are done using OFC cables. Since a Stretch of 8.100 Km in the scheme of laying OFC cables which is a part of Total 56 Km Length OFC cables from Chamta to Rongtong/Chunabhati Falls In The Forest Areas Of Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary Under Darjeeling Wildlife Division &amp; This is such that cannot be given up &amp; compromise. Considering the topography of the terrain laying of OFC cable need to be executed in 2 ways i.e. 1) Following Underground Methodology with a stretch of 6.3 Km from Chamta upto Rongtong Swing excluding Chamta Tea Garden area &amp; Sukna Village area along Hilcart Road &amp; 2) Following Overhead Methodology from Rongtong Swing to Sepoidhura TG (Upto Culvert no 63/7) with a stretch of 1.8 km on the uphill side of Hilcart Road. In the case of following overhead methodology still poles of length 6m/7.5m will be embedded with a gap of 35-40 Mtr apart over the forest land at uphill side of Hill Cart Road under Darjeeling Wildlife Division. The Base of each pole will be embedded with CC (Cylindrical Shape Structure of Size 1.3 M Depth &amp; 0.6 Mtr Diam). So We are in need of space <math>0.45 \text{ Mtr} \times 6300 \text{ Mtr}</math> totaling 2835 SqM = 0.2835 Ha &amp; <math>0.60 \text{ Mtr} \times 1800 \text{ Mtr}</math> totaling 1080 SqM = 0.108 Ha (For Overhead) in total 0.3915 Ha of the forest land under Darjeeling Wildlife Division. So, we are requesting the authority to consider our prayer for provide us space for laying OFC Cable along the Hill Cart Road passing through the Forest Area of Darjeeling Wildlife Division for Connectivity.</p>

18	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b>  Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary is home to gaur, chital (spotted deer), barking deer, boar, pangolin, sambar, Rhesus monkey, Himalayan black bear, many species of lesser cat like fishing cat and jungle cat, Himalayan black bear and leopard etc.
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>  Tropical Moist Deciduous forest
20	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>  The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposal with the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall not be used for any other purpose than that specified in proposal.</li> <li>2. No felling of tree is permitted for the operation.</li> <li>3. No night shelter or night accommodation shall be permitted inside sanctuary while executing the work.</li> <li>4. No clearing of forest floor to access the work site is permitted.</li> </ol>
21	<b>Violation if any</b>  There has been no violation by the Project Proponent.
22	<b>Comments of Ministry</b>  The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposal.

## **AGENDA No. 4**

**Any other item with the permission of the Chair**

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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	Following 3 proposals of 4 G Saturation Projects in buffer zone of the Kali Tiger Reserve, Karnataka.		
		<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Proposal no.</b>	<b>Subject</b>
		1	WL/KA/CommPost/441105/2023	4 G Saturation Project At Asulli
		2	WL/KA/CommPost/441100/2023	4 G Saturation Project At Kalabhavi
		3	WL/KA/CommPost/441187/2023	4g Saturation Project Karanjoida
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Kali Tiger Reserve		
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/17/2023 WL		
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Karnataka		
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice		
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	Kali Tiger Reserve-1,346 Sq. kms		
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Proposal no.</b>	<b>Area</b>
		1	WL/KA/CommPost/441105/2023	0.02
		2	WL/KA/CommPost/441100/2023	0.02
		3	WL/KA/CommPost/441187/2023	0.02
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA		
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Proposal is pending with the State Government.		
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	As per the report submitted by Wildlife Warden in the "Parvesh" web portal, there is no violation committed by the User Agency in this project.		
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Linear		
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No		
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	1	21-08-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/441105/2023
		2	21-08-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/441100/2023
		3	21-08-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/441187/2023
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited		

14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	NA
15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>  Proposals was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 17 <sup>th</sup> meeting held on 22.08.2023.	
17	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>  Many villages located in the 'remote areas 'do-not have any communication network. Therefore, the villagers residing in these villages do not have access to essential services, emergency assistance, and socioeconomic opportunities. They also do not have any access to many welfare schemes being launched Central Government and State Government. The absence of digital connectivity has adversely affected the overall development and well-being of the local community. With a view to connect remotes villages with the mainstream, the Government of India has launched this ambitious 4G-Saturation Project to address this pressing concern. As part of this project, the installation of communication towers in underserved and remote areas has been identified as a top priority. The Universal Service Obligation Fund(USOF) has been allocated to facilitate the implementation of the project, aimed at bringing digital connectivity to areas currently devoid of any such services.  As per the criteria defined by the GOI, the 250 villages have been identified in Uttara Kanada district. The detailed survey of all these villages has been carried out by the BSNL officials along with the officials of Revenue, Panchayat and Forest departments. The efforts have been made to locate as many towers as possible in Revenue and Panchayat area. However, in view of the village locations' and population living in these remote ' villages, some towers are required to be located in Forest area as no technically suitable location is available in Revenue and Panchayat areas. Out of the total 250 tower locations, 125 locations are found suitable in revenue areas, 20 locations are found suitable in Panchayat area and remaining 105 lands are found suitable in forest area.  The necessity of the proposed communication tower in the forest land cannot be overstated, considering the dire need for digital connectivity in the area. The 4 G saturation project, which has been approved by the Cabinet Committee and funded under the USOF, aligns with the governments vision of providing inclusive development to all citizens. The installation of these towers will not only benefit the local population but also contribute to bridging the digital divide and fostering environmental sustainability.	
18	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b>  Kali Tiger Reserve is home to Tiger, Leopard, Elephant, Bison, Wild dog, Sambar, Spotted deer, Sloth bear, Wild boar, Hanuman langur and Bonnet macaque etc.	
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>  NA	
20	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>	

	<p>The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposals with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Signage Boards regarding wildlife to be instated at the cost of user agency.</li> <li>2. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.</li> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. Will not be collecting the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.</li> <li>5. 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 Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, will be taken.</li> <li>6. Care should be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.</li> <li>7. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act &amp; Rules, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.</li> <li>8. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the corridor without endangering the flora and fauna.</li> <li>9. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers &amp; staff, to avoid any damage to the flora &amp; fauna.</li> <li>10. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.</li> </ol>
21	<p><b>Violation if any</b></p> <p>No.</p>
22	<p><b>Comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority</b></p> <p>National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.7-20/2018-NTCA dated 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 has recommended the above proposals with the following mitigation measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. Construction time should be during daytime. All construction materials should be procured from outside Kali Tiger Reserve or its ESZ. Construction debris</li> </ol>

	<p>should be appropriately disposed away from the TR and its ESZ by the User Agency.</p> <p>5. CWLW, Karnataka should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.</p>
23	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposals.</p>



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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	Following 11 proposals of 4 G Saturation Projects involving in core zone of Kali Tiger Reserve, Karnataka:		
		<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Proposal no.</b>	<b>Subject</b>
		1	WL/KA/CommPost/441153/2023	4g Saturation Project At Chafer
		2	WL/KA/CommPost/441179/2023	4 G 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	4 G Saturation Project At Shivapur
		6	WL/KA/CommPost/441162/2023	4g Saturation Project At Gund
		7	WL/KA/CommPost/441125/2023	4 G Saturation Project At Yermukha
		8	WL/KA/CommPost/440939/2023	4g Saturation Project
		9	WL/KA/CommPost/441184/2023	4 G Saturation Project At Kalasai
		10	WL/KA/CommPost/441112/2023	4g Saturation Project Godshet Village
		11	WL/KA/CommPost/441188/2023	4 G Saturation Project At Neturge
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Kali Tiger Reserve		
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/17/2023 WL		
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Karnataka		
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice		
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	Kali Tiger Reserve-1,346 Sq. kms		

7(a)	Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification	S.No.	Proposal no.		Area
		1	WL/KA/CommPost/441153/2023		0.02
		2	WL/KA/CommPost/441179/2023		0.02
		3	WL/KA/CommPost/441140/2023		0.02
		4	WL/KA/CommPost/441170/2023		0.02
		5	WL/KA/CommPost/441172/2023		0.02
		6	WL/KA/CommPost/441162/2023		0.02
		7	WL/KA/CommPost/441125/2023		0.02
		8	WL/KA/CommPost/440939/2023		0.02
		9	WL/KA/CommPost/441184/2023		0.02
		10	WL/KA/CommPost/441112/2023		0.02
		11	WL/KA/CommPost/441188/2023		0.02
7(b)	Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)	NA			
8	Status of ESZ, if any	Proposal is pending with the State Government.			
9.	Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972	As per the report submitted by Wild Life Warden in the "Parvesh" web portal, there is no violation committed by the User Agency in this project.			
10	Whether project linear/non-linear	Linear			
11	Whether EC obtained	No			
12	Date of submission by user agency	1	21-08-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/441153/2023	
		2	21-08-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/441179/2023	
		3	21-08-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/441140/2023	
		4	21-08-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/441170/2023	
		5	21-08-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/441172/2023	
		6	21-08-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/441162/2023	
		7	21-08-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/441125/2023	
		8	19-08-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/440939/2023	
		9	21-08-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/441184/2023	
		10	21-08-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/441112/2023	
		11	21-08-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/441188/2023	
13	Name of the applicant agency	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited			
14	Total number of tree to be felled	NA			
15	Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not	Yes			
16	Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life				
	Proposals was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 17 <sup>th</sup> meeting held on 22.08.2023.				

17	<p><b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b></p> <p>Many villages located in the 'remote areas 'do-not have any communication network. Therefore, the villagers residing in these villages do not have access to essential services, emergency assistance, and socioeconomic opportunities. They also do not have any access to many welfare schemes being launched Central Government and State Government. The absence of digital connectivity has adversely affected the overall development and well-being of the local community. With a view to connect remotes villages with the mainstream, the Government of India has launched this ambitious 4G-Saturation Project to address this pressing concern. As part of this project, the installation of communication towers in underserved and remote areas has been identified as a top priority. The Universal Service Obligation Fund(USOF) has been allocated to facilitate the implementation of the project, aimed at bringing digital connectivity to areas currently devoid of any such services.</p> <p>As per the criteria defined by the GOI, the 250 villages have been identified in Uttara Kanada district. The detailed survey of all these villages has been carried out by the BSNL officials along with the officials of Revenue, Panchayat and Forest departments. The efforts have been made to locate as many towers as possible in Revenue and Panchayat area. However, in view of the village locations' and population living in these remote ' villages, some towers are required to be located in Forest area as no technically suitable location is available in Revenue and Panchayat areas. Out of the total 250 tower locations, 125 locations are found suitable in revenue areas, 20 locations are found suitable in Panchayat area and remaining 105 lands are found suitable in forest area.</p> <p>The necessity of the proposed communication tower in the forest land cannot be overstated, considering the dire need for digital connectivity in the area. The 4 G saturation project, which has been approved by the Cabinet Committee and funded under the USOF, aligns with the governments vision of providing inclusive development to all citizens. The installation of these towers will not only benefit the local population but also contribute to bridging the digital divide and fostering environmental sustainability.</p>
18	<p><b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b></p> <p>Kali Tiger Reserve is home to Tiger, Leopard, Elephant, Bison, Wild dog, Sambar, Spotted deer, Sloth bear, Wild boar, Hanuman langur and Bonnet macaque etc.</p>
19	<p><b>Type of Forest</b></p> <p>NA</p>
20	<p><b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b></p> <p>The Chief Wildlife Warden has recommended the proposals with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Signage Boards regarding wildlife to be instated at the cost of user agency.</li> <li>2. The construction work shall be restricted to day time hours i.e. between 6 AM to 6 PM.</li> <li>3. 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.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Will not be collecting the raw materials, forest produce including firewood from the forest.</li> <li>5. 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 Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, will be taken.</li> <li>6. Care should be taken not to disturb the wildlife species and their habitat during construction activities.</li> <li>7. The user agency and project personnel will comply with the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act &amp; Rules, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.</li> <li>8. The muck generated during the project implementation shall be taken out of the corridor without endangering the flora and fauna.</li> <li>9. The work shall be taken up only under the close supervision of the jurisdictional officers &amp; staff, to avoid any damage to the flora &amp; fauna.</li> <li>10. No tents or any other stay arrangement shall be permitted inside the protected area.</li> </ol>
21	<b>Violation if any</b>  No.
22	<b>Comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority</b>  National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.7-20/2018-NTCA dated 4 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024 has mentioned that the proposed mobile tower falls within Critical Tiger Habitat (CTH) of Kali Tiger Reserve. The site had tiger presence in its vicinity as per 2022 and 2018 cycles of all India tiger estimation. As per 2022 cycle of all India tiger estimation, the project site had presence of many endangered large mammals in its vicinity. The Electro Magnetic Radiations (EMR) from the communication towers may have varying negative impacts on wildlife especially birds and bees. Moreover, improved mobile network inside the CTH of the Tiger Reserve may be a serious management threat since this can be misused for committing wildlife offences including poaching and hunting. Forest Department already rely on their own efficient wireless network for communicating inside the Tiger Reserve. Furthermore, since the efforts should be made to resettle the villages situated in core (CTH) as per NTCA schemes for incentivized voluntary resettlement. NTCA has therefore not recommended the above mentioned proposals.
23	<b>Comments of Ministry</b>  The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposals.

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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	Following 2 proposals of 4 G Saturation project in buffer zone of the Nagarjunsagar-Srisailem 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	
2.	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Nagarjunsagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve			
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/20/2024 WL			
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Andhra Pradesh			
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice			
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	3727.82 sq. kms			
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	1	WL/AP/Others/449730/2023	0.02	0.02
		2	WL/AP/Others/454134/2023	0.02	0.02
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA			
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Final notification on 18.10.2021			
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	The User Agency has not violated the conditions in terms of Sections 29 and / or Section 35 (6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972			
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Non-Linear			
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No			
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	1	20-10-2023	WL/AP/Others/449730/2023	
		2	02-12-2023	WL/AP/Others/454134/2023	
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	M/s. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd			
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	NA			
15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes			
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>				

	Proposals was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting held on 14-12-2023
17	<p><b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b></p> <p>4G Saturation project, initiated by Govt. Of India is a prestigious project having national importance which is to be exercised in a time bound manner. The project is primarily meant for covering the rural and remote areas with 4G mobile coverage, where at present there is no coverage from any operator. The project is funded by Universal Service Obligation (USO) Fund of Dept. of Telecommunications, and its rollout is being continuously monitored by DoT and PMO. The over arching goal is to bridge the digital divide, enable digital inclusion, and contribute to Social and Economical development by bringing the benefits of advanced mobile technologies to remote villages. BSNL has been entrusted with the rollout of this project. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited envisioned establishing a State-of-art mobile network infrastructure to facilitate the realization of “Digital India” objective. Need of the project: The vision of BSNL is to change the lives of rural India through Digital empowerment of the people in rural areas by creating advanced mobile communication infrastructure as a national asset. To provide affordable mobile communication to citizens and institutions in remote and rural areas, which will facilitate human development and boost their economic ability thereby improving their quality of life in rural India. Through its constant endeavors BSNL will be able to provide secure, reliable, affordable and high quality mobile connectivity to people in remote areas.</p> <p>4G Networks are designed to deliver significantly higher data rates compared to legacy mobile network generations. This allows faster downloads, smoother streaming of High Definition data contents and overall better user experience for data-intensive applications. Mobile Broadband: 4G Technology provides high speed broadband enabling users to access internet and data services at comparable speeds to fixed-lines connections. Data Centric: 4G is designed to cater to increasing demand for data centric applications and services enabling users to consume and generate data-intensive content on the go. Ultimately, the 4G Saturation project leverages modern mobile network technology to connect previously underserved areas, empower communities with digital services and contribute to overall development of the region.</p>
18	<p><b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b></p> <p>Nagarjunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) is home to tiger, leopard, sloth bear, wild dog, jackal, ratel, porcupine, giant squirrel, mouse deer, four horned antelope, sambar and wild boar etc.</p>
19	<p><b>Type of Forest</b></p> <p>Type 5A/C3 southern Tropical Dry Mixed Deciduous forests Eco class-III, Density-0.40</p>
20	<p><b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b></p> <p>The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposals with the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acceptance of the Handheld GPS Survey by the GoI for Mobile Tower (Non-Linear Project).</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. 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 PCCF (WL) &amp; CWLW before starting the work.</li> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. 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.</li> <li>5. 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.</li> <li>6. The User Agency shall obey any other conditions stipulated by the Forest Department as per the Acts and Rules.</li> <li>7. The User Agency will be solely responsible for any violation which attracts the Provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, as amended from time to time.</li> <li>8. Work shall be carried out only from dawn to dusk.</li> <li>9. No labour camps to be established in the Protected Area.</li> </ol>
21	<p><b>Violation if any</b></p> <p>No violation</p>
22	<p><b>Comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)</b></p> <p>National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.7-20/2018-NTCA dated 4th January,2024 has recommended the proposals with the following mitigation measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. 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.</li> <li>5. CWLW, Andhra Pradesh should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.</li> </ol>
23	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposals.</p>

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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	Following 5 proposals of 4 G Saturation projects in core zone of Nagarjunsagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve, Andhra Pradesh.		
		1	WL/AP/Others/449562/2023	BSNL 4G Saturation Project, Marripalem, 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
2.	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Nagarjunsagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve		
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/20/2024 WL		
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Andhra Pradesh		
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice		
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	3727.82 sq. kms		
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	1	WL/AP/Others/449562/2023	0.02
		2	WL/AP/Others/449726/2023	0.02
		3	WL/AP/Others/453873/2023	0.02
		4	WL/AP/Others/453856/2023	0.02
		5	WL/AP/Others/454114/2023	0.02
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA		
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Final notification on 18.10.2021. ESZ extends from 0 (zero) to 26 kilometres around the boundary of Nagarjunsagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve.		
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	The User Agency has not violated the conditions in terms of Sections 29 and / or Section 35 (6) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972		
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Non-Linear		
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No		



12	Date of submission by user agency	1	WL/AP/Others/449562/2023	19-10-2023
		2	WL/AP/Others/449726/2023	20-10-2023
		3	WL/AP/Others/453873/2023	30-11-2023
		4	WL/AP/Others/453856/2023	30-11-2023
		5	WL/AP/Others/454114/2023	02-12-2023
13	Name of the applicant agency	M/s. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd		
14	Total number of tree to be felled	NA		
15	Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not	Yes		
16	Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life			
	Proposals was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting held on 14-12-2023			
17	Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency			
	<p>4G Saturation project, initiated by Govt. Of India is a prestigious project having national importance which is to be exercised in a time bound manner. The project is primarily meant for covering the rural and remote areas with 4G mobile coverage, where at present there is no coverage from any operator. The project is funded by Universal Service Obligation (USO) Fund of Dept. of Telecommunications, and its rollout is being continuously monitored by DoT and PMO. The over arching goal is to bridge the digital divide, enable digital inclusion, and contribute to Social and Economical development by bringing the benefits of advanced mobile technologies to remote villages. BSNL has been entrusted with the rollout of this project. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited envisioned establishing a State-of-art mobile network infrastructure to facilitate the realization of “Digital India” objective. Need of the project: The vision of BSNL is to change the lives of rural India through Digital empowerment of the people in rural areas by creating advanced mobile communication infrastructure as a national asset. To provide affordable mobile communication to citizens and institutions in remote and rural areas, which will facilitate human development and boost their economic ability thereby improving their quality of life in rural India. Through its constant endeavors BSNL will be able to provide secure, reliable, affordable and high quality mobile connectivity to people in remote areas.</p> <p>4G Networks are designed to deliver significantly higher data rates compared to legacy mobile network generations. This allows faster downloads, smoother streaming of High Definition data contents and overall better user experience for data-intensive applications. Mobile Broadband: 4G Technology provides high speed broadband enabling users to access internet and data services at comparable speeds to fixed-lines connections. Data Centric: 4G is designed to cater to increasing demand for data centric applications and services enabling users to consume and generate data-intensive content on the go. Ultimately, the 4G Saturation project leverages modern mobile network technology to connect previously underserved areas, empower communities with digital services and contribute to overall development of the region.</p>			
18	Rare and endangered species found in the area			

	Nagarjunasagar Srisaillam Tiger Reserve (NSTR) is home to tiger, leopard, sloth bear, wild dog, jackal, ratel, porcupine, giant squirrel, mouse deer, four horned antelope, sambar and wild boar etc.
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>  Type 5A/C3 southern Tropical Dry Mixed Deciduous forests Eco class-III, Density-0.40
20	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>  The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposals with the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acceptance of the Handheld GPS Survey by the GoI for Mobile Tower (Non-Linear Project).</li> <li>2. 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 PCCF (WL) &amp; CWLW before starting the work.</li> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. 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.</li> <li>5. 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.</li> <li>6. The User Agency shall obey any other conditions stipulated by the Forest Department as per the Acts and Rules.</li> <li>7. The User Agency will be solely responsible for any violation which attracts the Provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, as amended from time to time.</li> <li>8. Work shall be carried out only from dawn to dusk.</li> <li>9. No labour camps to be established in the Protected Area.</li> </ol>
21	<b>Violation if Any</b>  No violation
22	<b>Comments of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)</b>  National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.7-20/2018-NTCA dated 4th January,2024 has observed that the proposed mobile tower falls within Critical Tiger Habitat (CTH) of Nagarjunasagar Srisaillam Tiger Reserve (NSTR). The site had tiger presence in its vicinity as per 2022 and 2018 cycles of all India tiger estimation. As per 2022 cycle of all India tiger estimation, the project site had presence of many endangered large mammals in its vicinity. The Electro Magnetic Radiations (EMR) from the communication towers may have varying negative impacts on wildlife especially birds and bees. Moreover, improved mobile network inside the CTH of the Tiger Reserve may be a serious management threat since this can be misused for committing wildlife offences including poaching and hunting. Forest Department already rely on their own efficient wireless network for communicating inside the Tiger Reserve. Furthermore, since the efforts should be made to resettle the villages

	situated in core (CTH) as per NTCA schemes for incentivized voluntary resettlement. <b>NTCA has therefore not recommended the above proposals.</b>
23	<b>Comments of Ministry</b>  The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposals.

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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	Following 6 proposals of 4G Saturation Project involving Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary, Goa.		
		<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Proposal No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>
		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
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary		
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/18/2023 WL		
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Goa		
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice		

6	Area of the protected area	Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary-208.48 sq. km		
7(a)	Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification	S. No.	Proposal No.	Area
		1	WL/GA/Others/445050/2023	0.02 ha
		2	WL/GA/Others/439961/2023	0.02 ha
		3	WL/GA/Others/444839/2023	0.02 ha
		4	WL/GA/Others/445142/2023	0.02 ha
		5	WL/GA/Others/432669/2023	0.02 ha
	6	WL/GA/Others/445602/2023	0.02 ha	
7(b)	Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)	NA		
8	Status of ESZ, if any	Final notification issued on 25th February, 2015. The extent of Eco-sensitive Zone shall be one kilometre of land or the water body whichever is nearer to the boundary.		
9.	Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972	No violation under Section 29 has been reported.		
10	Whether project linear/non-linear	Non-Linear		
11	Whether EC obtained	No		
12	Date of submission by user agency	S.No	Proposal No.	Submission Date
		1	WL/GA/Others/445050/2023	20-09-2023
		2	WL/GA/Others/439961/2023	10-08-2023
		3	WL/GA/Others/444839/2023	18-09-2023
		4	WL/GA/Others/445142/2023	20-09-2023
		5	WL/GA/Others/432669/2023	08-06-2023
	6	WL/GA/Others/445602/2023	23-09-2023	
13	Name of the applicant agency	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd, Goa		
14	Total number of tree to be felled	NA		
15	Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not	Yes		
16	Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life			
	Proposals was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023.			
17	Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency			
	The villages identified as uncovered are villages which are left out from any direct or sufficient coverage from any 4G telecom service provider (TSP). These villages are			

	located in or adjacent to the Forest area and the location identified is the best suitable for erection of the mobile tower to provide necessary coverage to the village locality as per the guidelines circulated by DoT. The search for any other type of land such as revenue /defence or any other government land has been undertaken and no such suitable land has been found. Hiring of private land can only be done in case no government land is available as per the guidelines in No. BSNL CO NWSP/11/3/2022-NWP-SP/31 Dtd. 05.01.2023. The location of land selected is as such that will cover the village locality as per the prediction plot obtained which is attached herewith for reference. The location of land is suitable as the elevation of the site provides Line of Sight (LOS) for the media connectivity through microwave equipment. Such kind of deployment is an alternative for laying of OFC cable all the way from the existing network's point of presence up to the proposed village location. If OFC is involved in providing backhaul connectivity the that will again introduce requirement of ROW for laying of OFC along the road side towards the proposed village location. Also, this saves the cost of the project and helps in faster deployment and integration of the mobile site.
18	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b>  Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary is home to Indian gaur, panther, mouse deer and wild dogs etc.
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>  NA
20	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>  The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposals with the condition the user agency will keep electromagnetic radiation within permissible limit.
21	<b>Violation if any</b>  No.
22	<b>Comments of the National Tiger Conservation Authority</b>  National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.7-20/2018-NTCA dated 4th January,2024 has recommended the proposals with the following mitigation measures: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. 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.</li> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. 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.</li> </ol>

	5. CWLW, Goa should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.
23	<b>Comments of Ministry</b>  The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposals.

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1	<b>Name of the Proposal</b>	Following 2 proposals of 4G Saturation Project involving Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary, Goa.		
		<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Proposal No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>
		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
2	<b>Name of the protected Area involved</b>	Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary		
3	<b>File no.</b>	WL-6/22/2023 WL		
4	<b>Name of the State</b>	Goa		
5	<b>Whether proposal is sub-judice</b>	Not sub-judice		
6	<b>Area of the protected area</b>	Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary- 211.05 sq.km		
7(a)	<b>Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification</b>	<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Proposal No.</b>	<b>Area</b>
		1	WL/GA/Others/438630/2023	0.02 ha
		2	WL/GA/Others/438632/2023	0.02 ha
7(b)	<b>Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)</b>	NA		
8	<b>Status of ESZ, if any</b>	Final notification issued on 17th February, 2015. The extent of Eco-sensitive Zone shall be one kilometre of land or the water body whichever is nearer to the boundary.		
9.	<b>Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972</b>	No violation under Section 29 has been reported.		
10	<b>Whether project linear/non-linear</b>	Non-Linear		
11	<b>Whether EC obtained</b>	No		
12	<b>Date of submission by user agency</b>	<b>S.No</b>	<b>Proposal No.</b>	<b>Submission Date</b>
		1	WL/GA/Others/438630/2023	30-07-2023
		2	WL/GA/Others/438632/2023	30-07-2023
13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd, Goa		
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	NA		



15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>  Proposals was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 2023.	
17	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>  The villages identified as uncovered are villages which are left out from any direct or sufficient coverage from any 4G telecom service provider (TSP). These villages are located in or adjacent to the Forest area and the location identified is the best suitable for erection of the mobile tower to provide necessary coverage to the village locality as per the guidelines circulated by DoT. The search for any other type of land such as revenue /defence or any other government land has been undertaken and no such suitable land has been found. Hiring of private land can only be done in case no government land is available as per the guidelines in No. BSNL CO NWSP/11/3/2022-NWP-SP/31 Dtd. 05.01.2023. The location of land selected is as such that will cover the village locality as per the prediction plot obtained which is attached herewith for reference. The location of land is suitable as the elevation of the site provides Line of Sight (LOS) for the media connectivity through microwave equipment. Such kind of deployment is an alternative for laying of OFC cable all the way from the existing network's point of presence up to the proposed village location. If OFC is involved in providing backhaul connectivity the that will again introduce requirement of ROW for laying of OFC along the road side towards the proposed village location. Also, this saves the cost of the project and helps in faster deployment and integration of the mobile site.	
18	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b>  Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary is home to Indian bison, panther, mouse deer, black panther, slender loris, wild dogs and bears etc.	
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>  NA	
20	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>  The Chief Wild Life Warden has recommended the proposals with the condition the user agency will keep electromagnetic radiation within permissible limit.	
21	<b>Violation if any</b>  No.	
22	<b>Comments of the National Tiger Conservation Authority</b>  National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no.7-20/2018-NTCA dated 4th January,2024 has recommended the proposals with the following mitigation measures:  1. 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.	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. 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.</li> <li>3. 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.</li> <li>4. 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.</li> <li>5. CWLW, Goa should develop a mechanism to monitor the compliances of the conditions stipulated herein.</li> </ol>
23	<p><b>Comments of Ministry</b></p> <p>The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposals.</p>

1	Name of the Proposal	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.  <b>FP/MP/Pipeline/6646/2022</b>			
2	Name of the protected Area involved	Bagdara Wildlife Sanctuary			
3	File no.	WL-6/95/2023 WL			
4	Name of the State	Madhya Pradesh			
5	Whether proposal is sub-judice	Not sub-judice			
6	Area of the protected area	478 sq. kms			
7(a)	Area proposed for diversion/ Denotification	89.669 ha			
		Component wise breakup			
		S.no	Component	Project Area under Protected Area(ha.)	Project Area under Non-Protected Area(ha.)
		1	Pipeline distribution	84.184	0
		2	OHT	2.34	0
		3	Approach road	3.145	0
				89.669	
7(b)	Area so far diverted from the protected area(s)	NA			
8	Status of ESZ, if any	Final notification on 13th September, 2017.			
9.	Specific comments w.r.t section 29 to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972	No removal of Wild LW is involved. Also, there is no proposal for stopping or diverting the flow of water into or outside the protected area. 59 trees are involved for felling. Hence it attracts Section 29 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972.			
10	Whether project linear/non-linear	Linear			
11	Whether EC obtained	No			
12	Date of submission by user agency	08-12-2022			

13	<b>Name of the applicant agency</b>	Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam Maryadit
14	<b>Total number of tree to be felled</b>	59
15	<b>Maps depicting the diversion proposal included or not</b>	Yes
16	<b>Recommendation of State Board for Wild Life</b>	
	Proposals was recommended by State Board for Wild Life in its 24 <sup>th</sup> meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> April, 2023.	
17	<b>Brief justification on the proposal as given by the applicant agency</b>	
	The project namely "Waidhan 2 Multi Village Scheme" is proposed to provide drinking water to 184 villages of Singrauli district taking Sone river as source. To convey water to the villages, pipelines are required to be laid which inevitably passes through in between forest area at some places.	
18	<b>Rare and endangered species found in the area</b>	
	Bagdara Wildlife Sanctuary is home to Tiger, Barking deer, Indian rate, Spotted deer, Hyaena and Indian wild boar, Panther and India small clawotter etc.	
19	<b>Type of Forest</b>	
	NA	
20	<b>Opinion of the Chief Wild Life Warden</b>	
	The Chief Wildlife Warden has recommended the proposal with the condition that the project proponent should ensure no damage to forest, wildlife and its habitat and no work will be done at night. The construction material if required, shall be brought from outside the Protected Area 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.	
21	<b>Violation if any</b>	
	No.	
22	<b>National Tiger Conservation Authority</b>	
	National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) vide letter no. F. No. 7-93/2023-NTCA dated 19 <sup>th</sup> September, 2023 has mentioned laying of pipelines will be a one-time activity with minimal ecological impact on wildlife. Considering this, the proposal is recommended for approval subject to compliance of mitigation measures prescribed by the CWLW, Madhya Pradesh.	
23	<b>Comments of Ministry</b>	
	The Standing Committee may like to take a view on the proposals.	