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Date 31st January, 2023

To

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1st Floor, 4th Block,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-
522503

Subject: Diversion of 0.52 ha forest land in Kanupuru East RF, Surveypalli RF, Survepalli Extn RF of Nellore Range and Puduru & Yellasiri RF of Venkatagiri Range Nellore Division for laying optical fiber cable by M/s. Vindhya Tele Links Ltd., Secunderabad-Reg.

Reference: The State Government letter No. 2845/Section.II/2022/(1938670) Dated: 10.01.2023 and the online proposal No FP/AP/OFC/37050/2018

Sir,

With reference to the subject and reference cited above, this is to inform that, as reported, work in violation of FCA, 1980 was done by the user agency during the year 2018. Further it also informed that, the user agency carried out the work by virtue of permission accorded by R&B Officials. In view of the above it is requested that the following information / documents may kindly be provided for further processing of the proposal;

- a) Copy of the order issued by the R&B regarding execution of work, if any;
- b) As reported, a case was booked vide DoR 31/2019-20 dated 27.03.2020, whereas the violation is claimed to have taken place in the year 2018. Hence, reasons for delay in initiation of action against violators may please be informed along with the present status of the offence proceedings.

c) Whether the reported violation has taken place before or after making application under FCA, 1980 may please be informed and extent of forest area under violation may also be provided;

d) Upon examination of the kml file, it is noticed that the proposed OFC alignment is passing along the existing road in the RF area. Hence, may kindly provide the legal status of the existing road i.e. whether is at an **admitted RoW as per the RF notification or diverted under FCA, 1980 with supporting documents**. Further, as per the recent year's imageries, it appears that the road width has been increased. Hence, details on progress / improvement of the existing road carried out along with the time series information is required to be provided to examine the legality of the existing road and to process the proposal further.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,



(N.S.Murali)

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department & HoFF, AP Forest Department, Aranya Bhavan, P.V.S. Land Mark, Ground Floor, Opposite to IHC Corporate, Industrial Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522503
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Aranya Bhavan, P.V.S. Land Mark, Ground Floor, Opposite to IHC Corporate, Industrial Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522503
3. Vindhya Telelinks, Plot no:56.Ishaq colony,Willington Road,West Maredpally, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Telangana- 500015



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