

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

To

Thiru. J.R. Samartha, I.F.S.,
District Forest Officer,
Theni Forest Division,
Theni.

Sub Divisional Engineer,
Office of the Divisional Engineer,
Optical Fiber Cable Division, BSNL
Madurai.

C.No.2265/2018/D dated:06.01.2023

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – SMTR, Madurai /
Theni Forest Division – Diversion of forest land for laying of OFC
in Valkaradu RF, Paramasivan Kovil Karadu RF, Ammapuram Bit
1 & 2, Pinnathevanpatti RL – Cable lies in forest region for about
1800 meters proposal Submission by the User Agency ie., Bharat
Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Madurai - Regarding.

- Ref:
1. Online application submitted by the Sub Divisional Engineer, Office of the Divisional Engineer, Optical Fiber Cable Division, BSNL, Madurai. (Proposal No: FP/TN/OFC/38837/2019, Dated:17.02.2019.)
 2. District Forest Officer, Theni. C.No:2265/2018/D, Dated:01.08.2022
 3. The Conservator of Forests and Field Director, SMTR, Madurai C.No:2471/2022/D1, Dated:19.12.2022.
 4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department) Chennai. C.No:TS4/12214/2019, Dated:22.11.2022.
 5. The Conservator of Forests and Field Director, SMTR, Madurai C.No:2471/2022/D1, Dated:19.12.2022.

An Application requesting Diversion of forest land for laying of OFC in Valkaradu RF, Paramasivan Kovil Karadu RF, Ammapuram Bit 1 & 2, Pinnathevanpatti RL for the laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable [OFC] for an extent of 0.045 Hectares about 1800 meters Length for an width of 0.25 meter by the Sub Divisional Engineer, Office of the Divisional Engineer, Optical

Fiber Cable Division, BSNL, Madurai vide reference 1st cite and the same was recommended except Ammapuram Bit-1 by the District Forest Officer, Theni vide reference 2nd cited.

During the Field inspection, the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, SMTR, Madurai has observed execution of the proposed work in the field condition and advised to revise the width to 0.30 Meter instead of 0.25 Meter, with increased width of the work, proposed extent is increased. Presently the proposal is recommended for an extent of 0.054 Hectares vide reference 3rd cited.

On verification of the proposal it is observed that there is no detail about the requirement of depth for laying of underground optical fiber cable. Since, The Sub Divisional Engineer, Madurai is requested to revise and resubmit the proposal in the PARIVESH portal immediately for further necessary action.

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

Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests & Field Director, Srivilliputhur-Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai for kind information.

//True Copy - By Order//


Draughting Officer. 6/1/20