

Ref.No.5146/2020/D

Office of the District Forest Officer,
Thiruvannamalai Division,
Thiruvannamalai.
Dated.12.12.2023.

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Proposals for diversion of 0.89 ha of Forest land for laying of underground OFC along the Polur to Jamunamarathur road through Periyamalai RF and Moolakkadu RF of Polur Range, Pattaraikadu RF and Veerappanur RF of Jamunamarathur Range in Thiruvannamalai Division - proposal submission - reg.

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1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency - M/s.Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, No.89, Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai Proposal No.FP/TN/OFC/117044/2020, dated:25.12.2020.
 2. Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer on 21.07.2023.
 3. This Office Ref.No.5146/2020/D dt:16.08.2023.
 4. The Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle, Vellore Ref.No.7413/2019/D1 dt:26.08.2023.
 5. The Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Chennai letter dt:Nil.
 6. This Office Ref.No.5146/2020/D dt:01.12.2023.
 7. The Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle, Vellore query in the web portal dt:12.12.2023.

As per the reference 4th cited, the Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle, Vellore has requested to revise the proposal by mentioning that, "As the proposed depth is 1 meter to 2 meters the width will be definitely 0.30 meters. Moreover the User Agency's other proposal minimum required width is 30 cms. The total area requested for diversion comes around 1.0617 hectares".

As per the above, query was raised to User Agency to submit the proposal accordingly. The User Agency in the reference 5th cited has stated that, the optical fibre cable laying width of 25 cm is technically possible under the ground in the proposed area and also mentioned that, an approval has already been obtained from the Government of Tamil Nadu, Environment and Forest Department vide G.O.(MS) No.127 E&F Dept. dated 01.11.2016 for laying underground optical fibre cable to a width of 25 cm and length of 36.20 km along the Kodaikanal-Dindigul road (SH), passing through Palani Hills Southern Slope Reserve Forest and Perumalai Reserve Forest, for providing a 4G wireless broad

band network in Kodaikanal Forest Division, Dindigul District. The User Agency has requested to permit the proposal by considering the width proposed for 25 cm as approved in the above Government order. The proposal was forwarded by this Office to the Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle, Vellore vide this Office reference 6th cited.

As per the reference 7th cited, the proposal has been returned again by the Conservator of Forests through web portal and requested to resubmit the proposal as per the query raised. Hence the user agency is requested to submit justification for the query and resubmit the proposal accordingly.

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