

C.No.4134/2019/D1.

O/o the Conservator of Forests,
Vellore Circle, Vellore – 9.

Dated 23.11.2023.

Sub : Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Vellore Forest Circle / Vellore Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.063 ha. of Forest land in Pallikonda RF of Odugathur Range in Vellore Forest Division for laying underground Optical Fiber Communication (OFC) cable – Vellore to Odugathur Main Road – The Airtel (Telesonic Network Limited) – Online submission of proposal – Hard copy submission – Regarding.

- Ref: 1) Online forest clearance Proposal uploaded by M/s. Telesonic Networks Limited, No.42/147 & 44/146, Santhome High Road & Rosary Church Road, Mylapore, Chennai-4 – Proposal No.FP/TN/OFC/154295/2022, dated : 10.04.2022.
- 2) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai C.No.TS3/10787/2022, dated : 02.05.2022.
- 3) Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer on 18.10.2023.
- 4) The District Forest Officer, Vellore Division, Vellore Ref.No.3725/2023/D1, dated : 16.11.2023.

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The proposal submitted by the User Agency in the reference 1st cited for for diversion of 0.063 ha. of Forest land in Pallikonda RF of Odugathur Range in Vellore Forest Division for laying underground Optical Fiber Communication (OFC) cable under section-2 of Forest Conservation Act 1980 has been forwarded by the District Forest Officer, Vellore by uploading the Part-II Form-A.

The area proposed for the diversion of 0.063 ha. of Forest land in Pallikonda RF of Odugathur Range in Vellore Forest Division for laying underground Optical Fiber Communication (OFC) cable Vellore to Odugathur Main Road section across Pallikonda Reserve Forest. This road is a State Highways road which passes through Pallikonda RF. The Airtel proposed to lay the underground OFC cable to a length of 1.05 Km. The Airtel (Telesonic Network Limited) has proposed to lay the underground OFC cable to a length of 1.05 km. to a width of 60 cm. and to a depth of 1.65 mts. The proposed alignment of the OFC cable to be laid in the forest area is along the State Highways Road which passes through Pallikonda Reserve Forest.

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As per the field conditions for a width of 60 mts. a depth of 1.0 mts. is sufficient. The proposed depth of 1.65 mts. is too deep, which is unnecessary. The same User Agency has proposed 1.0 mt. depth for laying underground OFC cable. Hence a revised proposal may be submitted.

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Conservator of Forests,
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To :

The District Forest Officer,
Vellore Forest Division,
Vellore.

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