## TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

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To
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## Ref.No.3726/2023/D1 Date. 7.12.2023

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 – Vellore Forest Circle/Vellore Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.246 ha. of Forest land in Karuttamalai RF of Odugathur Range in Vellore Forest Division for laying underground Optical Fibre Communication (OFC) cable – Asanampattu to Alangayam road – The Airtel (Telesonic Network Limited) - Reg.

Ref 1. Online forest clearance Proposal No. FP/TN/OFC/153781/22 dt:24.03.2022

2. The Conservator of Forest, Vellore Circle, Vellore Ref.No.4137/2019/D1 dt.23.11.2023

I invite your attention to the reference cited.

The Senior Manager, the Airtel (Telesonic Network Limited), Chennai, has uploaded online forest clearance proposal under section 2 of Forest (conservation) Act,1980 for diversion of 0.246 ha of forest land at Karuthamalai Reserved Forest in Vellore Forest Division for laying underground OFC cable along the road side from Asanampattu to Alangayam road, Vellore District.

In the reference 2rd cited The Conservator of Forests, were noticed the following the shortcomings.

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.

Above shortcomings to be rectified and the proposal may be furnished in complete shape early for further process of the proposal.

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copy to Forest Range Officer, Odugathur Range.