

**TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
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To  
Conservator of Forests,  
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Dharmapuri – 636 705.

**C.No. 5731 / 2018 / D, dated 23-03-2022**

Sir,

- Sub : Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Dharmapuri Circle / Dharmapuri Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.445 ha (0.370+0.075) of Forest land in Pennagaram RF and Woddapatty RF of Hogenakkal Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along Dharmapuri to Anchetty road of Hogenakkal stretch in Dharmapuri District - Online submission of proposal by the User Agency - M/s Reliance Jio Info COMM Limited, Chennai Online submission of proposal by the User Agency - Regarding.
- Ref : 1) Online application uploaded by the User Agency (Revised Proposal) – M/s Reliance Jio Info COMM Limited, Chennai Proposal No. FP / TN / Others / 30206 / 2017 dated 12-08-2020.
- 2) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Chennai. C.No. TS3 / 7005 / 2020 dated 21-02-2022.
- 3) The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri C.No. 2311 / 2020 / D dated 22-02-2022.
- 4) This office C.No. 5371 / 2018 / D dated 30-11-2021.

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As per the shortcomings pointed out in the Ref (3) cited above, the Proposal for diversion of 0.445 ha (0.370+0.075) of Forest land in Pennagaram RF and Woddapatty RF of Hogenakkal Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along Dharmapuri to Anchetty road of Hogenakkal stretch in Dharmapuri District. I submit my replies is as follows.

- i) In para 1 of Ref (2) cited above, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Chennai has instructed to revise the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme i.e. the maintenance of the plantation is to be proposed for 10 years. Based on this estimate revised for 10 years instead of 7 years and uploaded in the web portal in Part-II of Form - A.

## Site Inspection Report of the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri

Name of the Project : Diversion of 0.445 ha of forest land in Pennagaram RF and Woddapatty Reserved Forests in Dharmapuri Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable (OFC).

Date of Inspection : 09 – 02 – 2021

Staffs accompanied : Thiru. N. Sekar, Forest Range Officer and Range staff.

The proposed site was inspected by me on 09-02-2021. The proposal was submitted by the User Agency for requesting prior permission under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, for diversion of 0.792 ha forest land in Dharmapuri and Hosur Forest Divisions for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) to improve mobile network connectivity.

The proposal is for linear project, and it is proposed along the stretches of Pennagaram - Anchetti Road, which is passing through the Pennagaram RF and Woddapatty RF of Hogenakkal Range. During the field inspection of proposed linear path, it is observed that,

1. The proposed length and area mentioned in the proposal of User Agency is slightly higher than actual field condition. The details are,

Sl. No	Segment	Name of the Reserve Forests	As per Proposal		Actual	
			Length (in km)	Area (in ha)	Length (in km)	Area (in ha)
1	Segment I	Pennagaram RF	12.40	0.372	11.35	0.341
2		Woddapatty RF			0.95	0.029
<b>Total of Segment I</b>			12.40	0.372	12.30	0.370
3	Segment II	Woddapatty RF (in Dharmapuri part)	3.50	0.105	2.50	0.075
<b>Total of Segment II</b>			3.50	0.105	2.50	0.075
<b>Total km / Area to be diverted</b>			<b>15.90</b>	<b>0.477</b>	<b>14.80</b>	<b>0.445</b>

Photograph showing the inspection of proposed project site by the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division, Dharmapuri along with the staff of Hogenakkal Range on 09-02-2021



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*6/02/2021*