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TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

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To

**The Conservator of Forests and
Field Director,**
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger
Reserve,
Madurai.

C.No.2265-1/2018/D dated 06.01.2023

Sir/Madam,

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.
 6. District Forest Officer, Theni. C.No:2265/2018/D, Dated:06.01.2023.

I submit that 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 meters by the Sub Divisional Engineer, Office of the Divisional Engineer, Optical Fiber Cable Division, BSNL, Madurai vide reference 1st cited and the same was recommended except Ammapuram Bit-1 by the District Forest Officer, Theni vide reference 2nd cited..

During the Filed inspection, the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, SMTR, Madurai has observed and advised to revise the width to 0.30 Meter instead of 0.25 Meter, with the 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.

With respect to the reference 4th and 5th cited, I Confirm that the proposal falls in the Ammapuram Bit-II Reserve Forest of Theni Forest Division. And the details of Eco Sensitive Zone from the proposed Reserve Forest and Reserve Land is as follows:-

Sl.No.	Name of Prposed Reserve Forest/ Land	ESZ from Megamalai (SMTR)	ESZ from Kodaikkanal Wildlife Sanctuary
1	Valkaradu Reserve Forest	12.45 Km	13.40 Km
2	Pinnathevanpatti Reserve Forest	12.30 Km	13.00 Km
3	Ammapuram Bit-II	12.80 Km	13.90 Km
4	Paramasivan, Kovil Karadu Reserve land	12.40 Km	13.70 Km

The above distance is measured by the google earth map and the duplicate copy of the same is enclosed herewith.

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 has been instructed to revise and resubmit the proposal vide reference 6th cited.

This is for favour of kind information.

Sd/-J.R. Samartha,
District Forest Officer,
Theni Forest Division,
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Copy to the Sub Divisional Engineer, office of the Divisional Engineer, Optical Fiber Cable Division, BSNL, Madurai- 625 001.

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Draughting Officer 11/2023