

TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

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To

The Conservator of Forests,
Chennai Circle,
Chennai-06

C.No.2067/2023/D, dated:02.08.2025

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act - Chennai Circle - Tiruvallur Forest Division - Proposal for the Laying of OFC along the road side across the Egumadurai RF and Kondamanallur RF in Gummudipoondi Taluk, Thiruvallur District for diversion of 0.048 Ha of Reserved Forest land in Egumadurai Reserved Forest and Kondamanallur Reserved Forest under the jurisdiction of Gummidipoondi Range, Tiruvallur Forest Division- Online submission of proposal - Additional details called for -reply submitted - regarding.

- Ref: 1 Online application uploaded by the User agency The State Coordinate Officer, Jio-Digital Fiber Private Limited, Chennai-4 Ref. No. FP/TN/Others/40414/2019 Dt: 19.06.2019 and replied on 23.08.2024
- 2 This office Ref No.2067/2023/D dt: 20.02.2025 and 14.05.2025
- 3 The Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, Ref No.01/2025/D dt: 07.03.2025 and 10.07.2025

In continuation of this office reference 2nd cited the clarification called for in the reference 3rd cited is submitted as detailed below.

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1	The area sought for diversion in the proposal is varying. The User agency sought 0.048ha whereas District Forest Officer, Tiruvallur mentioned the area sought as 0.045ha.Hence District Forest Officer, Thiruvallur is requested to provide clarity.	<p>It is submitted that the actual area proposed by the User Agency for the work of OFC laying, the user agency has proposed 1km length in Egumadurai RF and 600mt length in Kondamanalur RF. But during actual measurement in the filed the length in Egumadurai RF is 910mt and Kondamanalur RF is 610mt and the width of the area for laying cable is 0.30mt.Accordingly the area required for the proposed OFC corridor is as follows.</p> <table><tr><th>Sl No</th><th>Name of the RF</th><th>Length (M)</th><th>Width (M)</th><th>Area (sqm)</th><th>Area (ha)</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Egumadurai RF</td><td>910.00</td><td>3.00</td><td>270.00</td><td>0.027</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Kondamanallur RF</td><td>610.00</td><td>3.00</td><td>183.00</td><td>0.018</td></tr><tr><td colspan="5">Total</td><td>0.045</td></tr></table> <p>Hence the actual area proposed for diversion is 0.045ha only.</p>	Sl No	Name of the RF	Length (M)	Width (M)	Area (sqm)	Area (ha)	1	Egumadurai RF	910.00	3.00	270.00	0.027	2	Kondamanallur RF	610.00	3.00	183.00	0.018	Total					0.045
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2.	The District Forest Officer, Tiruvallur mentioned in the report that there is no Right of way in the Reserve Forest. However the Reserve Forest Notification copy is not enclosed. Therefore it is requested that copy of RF Notification and duly marked map to be furnished.	<p>It is submitted that these Forest Blocks were taken from kalahasti zamindari Block A Kachinadu samasthanam under settlement process during 1973 and 1956. The 16 Notification copies of the said reserved forest which are taken by the Government under the Madras estates abolition Act of 1946 and copies of the same is enclosed for kind perusal.The existing road available in Egumadurai RF is duly marked and enclosed. There is no any indication for the availability of Road in Kondamanallur RF</p>																								

3.	The details of the Existing road in the Reserve Forest, Date of formation of road are required to be furnished along with supporting documents.	The formation details of the road are not available in this office. However the Forest Range Officer Gummidipoondi has reported that the roads are existing roads available in the RF prior to 1980 which is being used by the public.
4.	The table provided in site inspection report shows the width of area as 30mts.Hence error in measurement is noticed. Hence the District Forest Officer, Tiruvallur is requested to ascertain the facts in the field.	In the table of the site inspection report the width has been wrongly mentioned as 30mt my mistake which is now corrected as 3.0mt. Accordingly revised site inspection report is submitted.

Encl: As stated

Yours faithfully
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District Forest Officer
Tiruvallur Division
Tiruvallur

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Revised Site Inspection Report

The State Co-ordinate Officer, Jio-Digital Fibre Private Limited, No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai-4 has submitted a proposal for the Laying of OFC along the road side across the Egumadurai RF and Kondamanallur RF in Gummudipoondi Taluk, Thiruvallur District for diversion of 0.048 Ha of Reserved Forest land in Egumadurai Reserved Forest and Kondamanallur Reserved Forest under the jurisdiction of Gummidipoondi Range, Tiruvallur Forest Division, Tiruvallur District. The proposed project site was inspected on 08.10.2024 along with forest staff.

The user agency has proposed OFC corridor in two locations in Egumadurai and Kondamanallur Reserve Forest in this proposal.

1.The user agency proposed in Egumadurai Reserve Forest for the length of 910.00 m and width of 0.30 m an area of 0.027 ha. The Egumadurai Reserved Forest was notified as Reserved Forest under Section 16 of Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882 with an extent of 133.525 Ha. The Forest type of '*southern tropical thorn scrub Forest.*' is found distributed in the Reserve Forest area. The forest is found to be degraded with canopy density. The density class is Moderately Dense with eco-value IV. The wild animals such as wild boar, porcupine, hares, jackals etc., are found in the Forest area. The user agency proposed OFC corridor for Egumadurai Reserve Forest is passing through existing road of reserve forest for the length of 910.00 m and width of 0.30 m an area of 0.027 ha. The existing road is not approved Right of way. As the proposed OFC Laying is on the existing road there will be no felling/disturbance/loss to the vegetation. No felling of spontaneous tree is involved in the project area. The user agency has requested land transfer area for the proposed Transmission Corridor does not involve forest tribal rights.

2.The user agency proposed in Kondamanallur Reserve Forest for the length of 610.00 m and width of 0.30 m an area of 0.018 ha. The Kondamanallur Reserved Forest was notified as Reserved Forest under Section 16 of Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1882 with an extent of 58.93 Ha. The Forest type of '*southern tropical thorn scrub Forest.*' is found distributed in the Reserve Forest area. The forest is found to be degraded with canopy density. The density class is Moderately Dense with eco-value IV. The wild animals such as wild boar, porcupine, hares, jackals etc., are found in the Forest area. The user agency proposed OFC corridor for Kondamanallur Reserve Forest is passing through existing road of reserve forest for the length of 610.00 m and width of 0.30 m an area of 0.018 ha.. The existing road is not approved Right of way. As the proposed OFC Laying is on the existing road there will be no felling / disturbance/loss to the vegetation. No felling of spontaneous tree is involved in the project area.

The user agency has requested land transfer area for the proposed Transmission Corridor does not involve forest tribal rights.

The user agency has requested land transfer area for the proposed for OFC corridor details as follow.

Sl. No.	Location	Name of Reserve Forest	Length (M)	Width (M)	Area (sqm)	Area (Ha)
1	Egumadurai	Egumadurai RF	910.00	3.00	273.00	0.027
2	Kondamanallur	Kondamanallur RF	610.00	3.00	183.00	0.018
Total						0.045

The proposed work of laying optical Fibre cable in the Existing roads are not approved right of way in the Notification.

District Forest Officer
Tiruvallur Division
Tiruvallur