

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
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To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(HoFF),
Chennai.

Through
The Conservator of Forests,
Vellore Circle,
Vellore -9.

Ref.No.3726/2023/D1 Date. 03.10.2024

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- 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
3. Telesonic Network Limited replay dated:11.02.2024

I submit to state that, in the reference cited above, the Airtel (Telesonic Network Limited), Chennai had submitted a proposal through web portal for diversion of 0.246 ha. of Forest land in Karuttamalai RF of Odugathur Range, Vellore Forest Division, for laying underground OFC cable to a length of 4.10 Km.

In reference 2, the Conservator of Forests has instructed that, based on field conditions, a trench width of 60 meters and a depth of 1.0 meter would be sufficient for this project. The initial proposal suggested a trench depth of 1.65 meters, which was deemed excessive and unnecessary. The user agency has since acknowledged this guidance and has confirmed that they will adhere to the revised trench depth of 1.0 meter as instructed.

Accordingly, we have revised the relevant documentation and certificates and uploaded the updated information on the portal. A copy of the user agency's reply is enclosed for your further action.

District Forest Officer,
Vellore Division, Vellore.