

**TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
Thiru. D. Venkatesh, I.F.S.,  
Conservator of Forests & Field Director ,  
Mudumalai Tiger Reserve,  
Udhagamandalam.

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of  
Forests (Head of Forest Force),  
Forest Head Quarters, Guindy,  
Chennai – 600 032.

**Ref. No.5402/2022/D1, dated 12.07.2023**

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 –Nilgiris Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.03 ha. of forest land in Droog Reserved Forest in Nilgiris Forest Division for erection of telecommunication tower in Pakkasuranmalai area in the Nilgiris District – Proposal forwarded - Reg.

- Ref:
1. Online application uploaded by the user agency M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, No.89, Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai-4 Proposal No.FP/TN/Others/33940/2018, dated 30.05.2018 and resubmission of proposal on 15.02.2019 and 08.02.2021.
  2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai. C. No. TS3/7248/2021, dated 26.05.2022, 12.09.2022, 30.05.2023 and 26.06.2023.
  3. Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Nilgiris Forest Division, Udhagamandalam on 09.07.2022
  4. Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Udhagamandalam on 05.09.2022
  5. This office resubmission of proposal in parivesh web portal on 21.04.2023.
  6. The District Forest Officer, Nilgiris Forest Division, Udhagamandalam. Ref.No.2544/2021/D1, dated 09.06.2023 and 10.07.2023.
  7. This office Ref.No.5402/2022/D1, dated 14.06.2023.

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I submit that the shortcomings noticed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests vide ref 2<sup>nd</sup> cited dated 26.06.2023 has been rectified by the District Forest Officer and uploaded in the Parivesh web portal. I therefore **enclose** herewith the hard copy of the above received from the District Forest Officer for kind reference. Further, the EDS raised in the portal is also replied.

Hence, I request that the proposal may kindly be processed further.

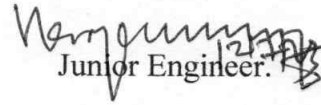
Encl.: As stated

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/ D. Venkatesh,  
Conservator of Forests and Field Director,  
Mudumalai Tiger Reserve,  
Udhagamandalam.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Nilgiris Forest Division.

Copy to M/s. Jio Digital Fiber Limited (Formerly known as Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited),  
Chennai.

/ t. c. b. o. /

  
Junior Engineer.

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From  
Thiru.S.Gowtham, I.F.S.,  
District Forest Officer,  
Nilgiris Forest Division,  
Udhagamandalam – 1.

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Department) ,  
Forest Head Quarters building,  
Velachery main road,  
Guindy, Chennai – 32  
(Through the Conservator of Forests and  
Field Director,  
Mudumalai Tiger Reserve,  
Udhagamandalam)

**Ref.No.2544/2021/D1. Dated.10.07.2023**

Sir,

Sub : Forest (Conservation) Act-1980 – Proposal for diversion of 0.03 ha of Forest land in Droog Reserved Forest in Nilgiris Forest Division for erection of telecommunication tower in Pakkasuranmalai area in the Nilgiris District–Proposal forwarded -Regarding

Ref 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Panagal Maaligai, Chennai C.No.TS3/7248/2021 dated :26.06.2023

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I submit here with replay to the shortcomings noticed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest(Head of Department),Chennai in vide reference cited above

Total financial outlay for Compensatory Afforestation is Rs .1254000(Rupees Twelve Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Only) including chain link fence work and the defect has been rectified in section 13.i of Part-II form and the same has been enclosed for further process of the proposal

This is for favour of kind information

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/- S.Gowtham  
District Forest Officer,  
Nilgiris Forest Division,  
Udhagamandalam.

**Enclosure: As stated above**

Copy submitted to The Conservator of Forests and Field Director Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Udhagamandalam, The Nilgiris District.

True copy / by order

Senior Draughting Officer

U. 20/2021  
10/7/23  
S. 10/7/23

**PART-II**

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest)

State Serial No. of proposal : TN-026/2021

## 1. Location of the project/Scheme : Tamil Nadu

- (i) State / Union Territory : Tamil Nadu  
(ii) District : The Nilgiris  
(iii) Forest Division : Nilgiris South  
(iv) Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.) : 0.03  
(v) Category of the Proposal: Others

## 2. Legal status of forest land proposed for diversion :

S. No.	Division	Forest Land(ha.)	Legal Status
1	Nilgiris South	0.03	Reserved Forest
Total		0.03	

Division 1. : Nilgiris North

## 3. District wise area to be diverted in the division :

S. No.	District	Area(in ha.)
NIL		

## 4. Details of Vegetation available in the forest land proposed for diversion :

## (i) Density of vegetation

S. No.	Area(in ha.)	Density	Eco-Class
NIL			

## (ii) Species-wise local/scientific names and girth-wise enumeration of trees at FRL :

S. No.	Scientific Name	Local Name	(0-30)cm.	(31-60)cm.	(61-90)cm.	(91-120)cm.	(121-150)cm.	(>150)cm.
NIL								

## 5. Working plan prescription for the forest land proposed for diversion : No Data

## 6. Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion : No Data

## 7. Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest(in km.) : No Data

## 8. Significance of the forest land proposed for diversion from wildlife point of view :

(i). Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion : No Data

(ii). Whether forms part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc. : No Data

(iii). Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone(ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife(Protection) Act, 1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a Protected Area is not notified, then, 10kms distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ): No Data

(iv).



Whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion : No Data

- (v). Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area : No Data

9.

Details of any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the area, if any :

- (i). Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area : No Data

10. Comment as to the reasonability of the extent of the forest land proposed for diversion :

- (i). Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project : No Data

11. Details of violation(s), if any ,committed :

- (i). Whether any work in violation of the Act or guidelines issued under the Act has been carried out : No Data

12. Whether work in violation is still in progres(Yes/No) : No Data

13. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme :

- (i). Patch wise details for Degraded Area (To be earmarked by DFO)

- (i). Total Financial Outlay for C.A(lacs):

Patch Wise Details						
S.no	Patch No.	Area(ha.)	Name of PF/RF	Range	Compartment No	Uploaded KML file of patch
NO Data						

Additional information Details :

S. No.	Documents	Remarks
NIL		

Division 2. : Nilgiris South

3. District wise area to be diverted in the division :

S. No.	District	Area(ha.)
1	The Nilgiris	0.03
Total		0.03

4. Details of Vegetation available in the forest land proposed for diversion :

- (i) Density of vegetation

S. No.	Area(in ha.)	Density	Eco-Class
1	0.03	0.15	Eco 1
Total.	0.03		

- (ii) Species-wise local/scientific names and girth-wise enumeration of trees at FRL :

S. No.	Scientific Name	Local Name	(0-30)cm.	(31-60)cm.	(61-90)cm.	(91-120)cm.	(121-150)cm.	(>150)cm.
1	Grevia Robusta	Silver Oak	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total			0	1	0	0	0	0
Sub Total (No of Trees.)			1					

5. Working plan prescription for the forest land proposed for diversion : The Forest land is managed as per Working plan

6. Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion :

Slope grading of the site in question is less than 33% therefore forest area will not be affected by the soil erosion

7. Approximate distance of the proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest(in km.) : 0

8. Significance of the forest land proposed for diversion from wildlife point of view :

(i). Details of wildlife present in and around the forest land proposed for diversion : Indian Gaur sambar Deer Wild Boar Porcupine Barking Deer Black naped hare

(ii). Whether forms part of national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc. : No

(iii). Whether the forest land proposed for diversion is located within eco-sensitive zone(ESZ) of the Protected Area notified under Wildlife(Protection) Act, 1972 (Note: In case, ESZ of a Protected Area is not notified, then, 10kms distance from boundary of the Protected Area should be treated as ESZ): No

(iv). Whether any national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, wildlife migration corridor etc., is located within 1 Km. from boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion : No

(v). Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area : No

9.

Details of any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the area, if any :

(i). Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area : No

10. Comment as to the reasonability of the extent of the forest land proposed for diversion :

(i). Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project : Yes

11. Details of violation(s), if any, committed :

(i). Whether any work in violation of the Act or guidelines issued under the Act has been carried out : No


12. Whether work in violation is still in progress(Yes/No) : No Data





13. Details of compensatory afforestation scheme :

(i). Patch wise details for Degraded Area (To be earmarked by DFO)



(i). Total Financial Outlay for C.A(lacs): 12.54

Patch Wise Details						
S.no	Patch No.	Area(ha.)	Name of PF/RF	Range	Compartment No	Uploaded KML file of patch

1	1	1.00	Coonoor Peak RF	Coonoor	85A	 <a href="#">View file</a>
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- (ii). Copy of CA scheme details: 
- (iii). Scanned copy of the Geo-referenced map of the forest land proposed for C.A. prepared by using DGPS or Total Station: 
- (iv). Copy of Survey of India Toposheet indicating boundary of forest land proposed for C.A.: 
- (v). Copy of NOC from Competent Authority : 



Additional information Details :

S. No.	Documents	Remarks
1		Approved Human Wild life Mitigation Plan
2		User Agency undertaking certificate

14. District Profile :


S.no	District Name	Geographical area of the district (in ha.)	Forest area of the district (in ha.)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 (in ha.)	No. of Approved Cases	Forest Land including penal C.A. (in ha.)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on(date)	A) Forest land (in ha.)	B) Non-forest land (in ha.)
1	The Nilgiris	255201.65	131984.20	168.26	51	179.69	07/07/2022	118.34	82.59


15. Site inspection report of the DFO/CCF/Nodal Officer highlighting important facts pertaining to the forest land :

Division Name	Circle	Site inspected By	Whether site inspected	No. of times site visited	Site inspection report	Date of visit
Nilgiris South	Coimbatore	DFO	Yes	One		05/07/2022
	Coimbatore	CF	Yes	One		05/09/2022

(Specific recommendation of the DFO/CCF/Nodal Officer with(Part II,III & Part IV))

16. Specific recommendation of the DFO/CCF/Nodal Officer for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reason :

Division	Circle	Recommendation By	Recommendation	Reason	Letter	Whether CF agreed
Nilgiris South	Coimbatore	DFO	Recommended	The User Agency, M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited Chennai has submitted the proposal for erection of telecommunication tower in Pakkasuranmalai area for diversion of 0.03 ha of		

				<p>forest land in S.F.No.223/2 of Coonor town section, Hulical west beat, Durg Reserved Forest, Pakkasuranmalai area of Coonor Range of Nilgiris Forest Division The area of proposed project has been inspected by me along with the Coonor town section Forester, Coonor Range on 03.09.2021 with the relevant records. The User Agency has applied for 0.03 ha Forest land for erection of telecommunication tower. Length and width of the proposed area is 17.36m X 17.32 m, total extent of 0.03 ha. This proposal is scrutinized with the existing directives of Honourable Supreme Court of India and provisions of Forest Conservation Act, 1980. The proposed project for an extent of 0.03ha is recommended with the conditions.</p>		
	Coimbatore	CF	Recommended	<p>There is no need to fell any trees and it will not affect the flora and fauna of the area. Hence there is no negative impact on forest and wildlife. However since flagship species like tiger is available in the area in these Reserved Forest</p>		Yes



