

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From Sri Ajay Kumar Naik, IFS, Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, 'Aranya Bhavan' Mangalagiri - 522503.	To The Spl.Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Forest, Science & Technology department, A.P Secretariat, Amaravati, Velagapudi- 522 503.
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Rc.No.EFS02-15026/17/2018-FCA-1,dt.18-08-2025

Sir,

Sub:-	AP - FD - Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 - Diversion of 0.52 ha of forest land for laying optical fibre cable by M/s Vindhya telelinks Ltd., Secunderabad in Kanupuru, East Surveypalli, Extn RF of Nellore Range and and Puduru & Yelleswari RF of Venkatagiri Range, Nellore Division, Nellore District of Andhra Pradesh and diversion of 1.27 ha of forest land for laying OFC by M/s Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd. - Report submission - Reg.
Ref:-	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MoEF & CC, IRO, Vijayawada F.No.4- APB 200/2023-Vij/524 dt.10.12.2024. 2. Prl.CCF & HoFF, AP, Mangalagiri Rc.No.EFS02-15026/17/2018/FCA Sec-PCCF/FCA-3, dt.07.01.2025. 3. AIGF (Central), GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub Office at Vijayawada of Regional Officer, Chennai F.No.4- APB 227/2024-Vij/8 dt.13.01.2025. 4. GoAP Memo No.623/Section.II/2020/1113681, EFS&T (Sec.II) Deptt., dt.16.01.2025. 5. PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Mangalagiri Rc.No.EFS02-15026/17/2018/FCA-3, dt.20.01.2025. 6. Conservator of Forests, Tirupati Rc.No.346/2023/M1, dt.05.06.2025. 7. Conservator of Forests, Tirupati Rc.No.346/2023/M1, dt.06.08.2025.

Kind attention is invited to the references 3rd and 4th cited, wherein the State Government has issued instructions to inform the action taken against all the authorities / persons responsible for the violations occurred in the alignment of OFC where trench was dug in Puduru RF by M/s Vindhya Telelinks Ltd. (0.52 ha) and in the same alignment by M/s Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd. (1.27 ha), under Section 3A and 3 B of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

The Conservator of Forests, Tirupati Circle, Tirupati vide references 6th and 7th cited (copies enclosed) has submitted detailed action taken report for the violations occurred in OFC alignment where trench was dug in Puduru RF, which is as follows;

i) FP/AP/OFC/37050/2018 - Vindhya Tele Links Ltd.: (0.52 ha):

In respect of diversion of 0.52 ha of forest land in Kanupuru East RF, Surveypalli RF, and Surveypalli Extension RFs of Nellore Range, Nellore Division and Puduru & Yellasiri RFs of erstwhile Venkatagiri Range (now in Tirupati Division), a charge sheet was filed on 17.05.2025 before the Hon'ble JMFC, Naidupeta, against two accused persons under *Section 20(1)(c) of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967; Sections 3A and 3B of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980; and Rule 15 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.*

ii) FP/AP/OFC/38865/2019 - Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. (1.27 ha):

In respect of diversion of 1.27 ha of forest land in Nellore, Venkatagiri, Udayagiri, Kavali, and Atmakur Ranges of Nellore Division, the violation occurred in Puduru & Yellasiri RFs of Naidupeta Range, Tirupati Division.

A charge sheet was filed on 04.08.2025 before the Hon'ble JMFC, Naidupeta, against one accused person — under *Section 20(1)(c) of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967; Sections 3A and 3B of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980; and Rule 15 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.*

It is to inform that, charge sheets have been filed in both violation cases and requested to forward the same to the MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada for further action as per the provisions of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and Rules, 2023 as deemed fit.

Yours faithfully,
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Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests &
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Copy to the District Forest Officer, Tirupati for information.

Copy to Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central), MoEF&CC, GoI, Sub Office at Vijayawada, IRO, Chennai (with enclosures).

Copy (with enclosures) to Senior Assistant, FCA-3 Section for filing in File.No.EFS02-15026/17/2018/FCA Sec-PCCF/FCA-3.