

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
Thiru.P.G.Arunlal, I.F.S.,
District Forest officer,
Tiruvannamalai Division,
Tiruvannamalai.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
Guindy - Velacheri road,
Guindy,
Chennai - 32.

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

Ref.No.5146/2020/D. Dated:21.12.2023

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Proposals for diversion of 0.89 ha of Forest land for laying of underground OFC along the Polur to Jamunamarathur road through Periyamalai RF and Moolakkadu RF of Polur Range, Pattaraikadu RF and Veerappanur RF of Jamunamarathur Range in Tiruvannamalai Division - proposal submission - reg.

- Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency - M/s.Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, No.89, Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai Proposal No.FP/TN/OFC/117044/2020, dated:25.12.2020.
2. Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer on 21.07.2023.
3. This Office Ref.No.5146/2020/D dt:16.08.2023.
4. The Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle, Vellore Ref.No.7413/2019/D1 dt:26.08.2023.
5. The Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Chennai letter dt:Nil.
6. The Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle, Vellore EDS dt:12.12.2023.
7. This Office Ref.No.5146/2020/D dt:12.12.2023.
8. The Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Chennai letter dt:18.12.2023

I submit that, as per the reference 6th cited, the Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle, Vellore has requested to revise the proposal by mentioning that,

"As the proposed depth is 1 meter to 2 meters the width will be definitely 0.30 meters. Moreover the User Agency's other proposal minimum required width is 30 cms. The total area requested for diversion comes around 1.0617 hectares".

As per the above, query was raised to User Agency to submit the proposal accordingly. The User Agency in the reference 8th cited has stated that, the optical fibre cable laying width of 25 cm is technically possible under the ground in the proposed area

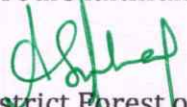
and also stated that, the Government of Tamil Nadu, Environment and Forest Department vide G.O.(MS) No.127 E&F Dept. dated 01.11.2016 has given permission for laying underground optical fibre cable to a width of 25 cm and length of 36.20 km along the Kodaikanal-Dindigul road (SH), passing through Palani Hills Southern Slope Reserve Forest and Perumalai Reserve Forest, for providing a 4G wireless broad band network in Kodaikanal Forest Division, Dindigul District. The User Agency has requested to permit the proposed width of 25 cm as per the Government order cited.

Hence I request that, the width proposed for 25cm in the proposal by the User Agency may kindly be considered as per the justification report of the User Agency and Government order cited above, the proposal may be accepted and further action may kindly be taken up.

This is for favour of kind submission.

Encl: As stated above

Yours faithfully,


District Forest officer,
Tiruvannamalai Division,
Tiruvannamalai.

Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests, Vellore Circle, Vellore.

JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PRIVATE LIMITED

CIN: U64200GJ2018PTC105652

No.89, Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai 600 004.

To,

Date:18-12-2023

The District Forest Officer
Thiruvannamalai Forest Division
Thiruvannamalai

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Proposal No. FP/TN/OFC/117044/2020, dated 25.12.2020.
- 2) Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer on 21.07.2023.
 - 3) The District Forest Officer, Thiruvannamalai Division, Thiruvannamalai Ref.No.5146/2020/D dated: 16.08.2023.
 - 4) Office of the Conservator of Forest, Vellore Circle, Vellore. Ref. Letter No. C.No,7413/2019/D1 dated: 26.08.2023.
 - 5) The District Forest Officer, Thiruvannamalai Division, Thiruvannamalai Ref.No.5146/2020/D dated: 12.12.2023

Sir,

With reference to cited No. 4&5 subjects, the details enquired about by the Conservator of Forest, Vellore Circle, raised a revised proposal area, and it is mentioned that "the User Agency's other proposal's minimum required width is 30 cms. The total area requested for diversion is around 1.0617 hectares. Hence, the District Forest Officer is requested to revise the proposal".

In this connection, we justify that an optical fiber cable laying width of 25 cm is technically possible under the ground in the proposed area. Prior to this, the Environment and Forest Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu permitted us to install underground optical fiber cable along the Kodalikanal-Dindigul road (SH), passing through Palani Hills Southern Slope Reserved Forest and Perumalai Reserve Forest, for providing a 4G wireless


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broadband network in Kodalikanal Forest Division, Dindigul District. **The Government Order No. (MS) No. 127 dated November 1, 2016 is enclosed as an attachment for the Order Copy for Laying Optical Fibre Cable, Width 25 cms.**

I request that you kindly permit the proposal early, request the same length, and request a width of **25 cm** in this proposal.

For Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited


Authorized Signatory

M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Dr. Radhakrishnan Road,
Mylapore,
Chennai-4

Copy to: The Conservator of Forest, Vellore Circle, Vellore



ABSTRACT

Forests – Laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable to a length of 36.20 km along Kodaikanal – Dindigul Road (SH 156) Passing through Palani Hills Southern Slope Reserve Forest and Perumalmalai Reserve Forest – For providing 4G wireless Broadband Networks in Kodaikanal Forest Division, Dindigul District – Permission granted – Orders issued.

Environment and Forests (FR.10) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.127

Dated : 01.11.2016

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Read :

From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No.TS4/24924/2016, dated:15.09.2016.

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ORDER :

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has stated that M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai have informed that as part of the initiative, Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd is planning to have comprehensive state of the art Optical Fibre Cable network, a critical infrastructure requirement for 4G wireless broadband networks all across TamilNadu. They are planning to lay Optical Fibre Cable through for backbone in Ganguvarpatti - Kodaikanal Dindigul (SH 156) road area from 5/800 Km to 48/200 Km only in forest for a length of 36.20 km. Trenching size is width 25cm, Depth 60 cm & total area is 0.905 ha. and due to this purpose, link is required to integrate Collectorate Dindigul and Theni. Since this area is adjoining forest land, he assured that Optical Fibre Cable laying work will be done only in road boundary, there is no tree cutting involved and also it will not damage any forest property. The work will be carried out as per Standards, Guidelines and policies of Authority for laying the Optical Fibre Cable. There is no felling of trees involved for this project and it will not affect fauna and flora. Already cable wires have been laid in this proposed road several years back by Bharath Sanchar Nigam Limited. The proposed laying out measures by Reliance Company is side by side to the already existing line. Hence there is no impact to Forest and Wildlife, the entire portion where the Optical Fibre Cable line is to be laid, will not come under the Kodaikanal Wild Life Sanctuary limit, as this portion is excluded but it is only Reserve Forest area. This area is not coming under Eco sensitive zone. Hence, the District Forest Officer and the Conservator of Forests have recommended that an area of 0.90 ha. of Forest land in Southern slope Reserve Forest and Perumalmalai Reserve Forest of Perumpallam, Devathanapatty and Kodaikanal Ranges of Kodaikanal Forest Division may be diverted to M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai for laying Optical Fibre Cable along the existing road of State Highways.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has therefore requested that the laying of Optical Fibre Cable to a length of 36.20 km along Kodaikanal - Dindigul Road (SH 156) passing through Palani Hills Southern slope Reserve Forest and Perumalmalai Reserve Forest for providing 4G Wireless Broadband networks in Kodaikanal Forest Division, Dindigul District by M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai, be permitted subject to the condition that Rs.5.00 lakhs should be furnished by the firm, Bank guarantee for one year in the name of District Forest Officer, Kodaikanal and Lease rent as fixed by the District Forest Officer has to be deposited by the firm to the District Forest Officer, Kodaikanal for the period of 20 years, as per the General approval conveyed by Government of India in Letter No.F.No.II-9/98-FC, dated 16.10.2000 & 08.04.2009 and F.No.11-9/98-FC dated 07.09.2015.

3. The Government have examined the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in detail and accordingly permit the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests to grant permission to M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited for laying of Optical Fibre Cable at a length of 36.20 km along Kodaikanal - Dindigul Road (SH 156) passing through Palani Hills Southern slope Reserve Forest and Perumalmalai Reserve Forest totalling to 0.905 ha. for providing 4G Wireless Broadband networks in Kodaikanal Forest Division, Dindigul District, subject to the condition that Rs.5.00 lakhs should be furnished by the firm, Bank guarantee for one year in the name of District Forest Officer, Kodaikanal and Lease rent as fixed by the District Forest Officer has to be deposited by the firm to the District Forest Officer, Kodaikanal for the period of 20 years.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

ATULYA MISRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department), Chennai - 15.
M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Mylapore, Chennai - 4.

Copy to :-

The Conservator of Forests, Dindigul.
The District Forest Officer, Kodaikanal.
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Section Officer *2/1/16*

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