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C.No. HOTNFD/1832/2026- Office of the Principal Chief Conservator  
TS3 of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Forest  
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Dated: 14-02-2026

Sub Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 0.024 ha of forest land in Pulikoradu RF for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side from Tambaram to Thiruneermalai across Pulikoradu RF in Chengalpattu District – Forwarded - addl. details called for-Regarding.

- Ref 1 Online proposal uploaded by the User Agency - M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Mylapore, Chennai - Proposal No.FP/TN/Others/ 52250/2020
- 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Chennai Division in parivesh portal
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle in parivesh portal
- 4 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. C. No. TS3/6768/2023, Dated: 14.11.2024
- 5 Resubmission of proposal in parivesh portal on 09.01.2026

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Attention of the Conservator of Forests is invited to the references cited.

1) M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Chennai has submitted online forest clearance proposal under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.024 ha of forest land in Pulikoradu RF for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side from Tambaram to Thiruneermalai across Pulikoradu RF in Chengalpattu District in parivesh 1.00 module under proposal No. FP/TN/Others/52250/2020.

2) This proposal was forwarded by the District Forest Officer, Chennai Division and Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle in parivesh portal.

3) Shortcomings noticed in the proposal had been sent vide Principal Chief Conservator of Forests references 4<sup>th</sup> cited above for rectification.

4) The proposal has been resubmitted in parivesh portal on 09.01.2026.

a) As per the updated area requirement details furnished by the user agency, laying of underground OFC has been proposed to a length of 800m and trench width of 0.30m with forest area diversion of 0.024 ha. has been proposed.

i) In the District Forest Officer EDS reply report, it has been reported

that, the user agency has proposed laying of underground OFC along the road work allowed to MEPS under Forest( Conservation) Act, 1980 to a length of 500m.

ii) The Conservator of Forests has reported that, the proposed diversion of Pulikoradu RF area is not a fresh diversion. It falls in the area already diverted under FCA, 1980 to MEPS for utilization of road to a length of 500m in Pulikoradu RF. Existing width of road reported as 7.40m.

iii) Hence, this proposal involves, fresh diversion of forest area to a length of 300m and re-diversion of forest area for a length of 500m.

iv) For the re-diversion of forest area, consent letter-NOC from the primary user agency of MEPS has been furnished in the EDS reply/proposal.

As per Government of India guidelines, for the utilization of forest land of already diverted land to another user agency/same user agency for other purpose has to be processed under rediversion category.

Hence the user agency may be informed to furnish forest clearance proposal under rediversion category for the forest land already diverted for another purpose involved in the present proposal

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Dinkar Kumar  
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Date: 14-02-2026  
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(Forest Conservation Act) &  
Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation Act, Tamil Nadu

To  
The Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, Chennai

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Chennai Division, Chennai.

Copy to M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Ltd., No. 89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 4 (User Agency)