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ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE  
& FOREST(FR.10) DEPARTMENT,  
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 9.

Letter No. 3411/FR.10/2023-1, dated 09.05.2023

From  
Thiru.T.Ritto Cyriac, I.F.S.,  
Special Secretary (Forest).

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

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Srivilliputhur  
Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai Circle / Theni Division -  
Proposal (No.FP/TN/OFC/38837/2019) for diversion of  
0.057 ha now revised 0.045 ha forest land for Mobile,  
Arasu cable, Broad band connectivity (Optical Fibre Cable  
connectivity) between Theni - Batlagundu through rural areas  
at Theni District in favour of Divisional Engineer, Optical Fibre  
Cable, Projects, BSNL, Madurai - Regarding.

Ref: Your letter No.TS4/12214/2019, dated 10.04.2023.

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I am directed to invite attention to your letter cited, wherein you have stated that the District Forest Officer, Theni has not proposed Compensatory Afforestation Scheme. As per chapter 2.5 under Part B in the Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 guidelines, Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained at the cost of user agency on degraded forest land twice in extent of forest area diverted for laying of telephone / optical fiber cable.

2. I am, therefore, directed to request you to clarify the reason for non-submission of Compensatory Afforestation scheme in the subject proposal along with your justification for the same. Further action will be taken on the project proposal, based on the clarification received from your end.

Yours faithfully,

M. Megala  
11/5/2023

for Special Secretary (Forest)

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