

C.No.TS4/12214/2019

O/o. the Principal Chief Conservator of
Forests, (Head of Department),
Forest Headquarters Building,
Guindy Velachery Main road,
Near Kannikapuram Checkpost,
Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.
Dated: 15.05.2023.

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – SMTR, Madurai Circle /
Theni Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.057 ha now revised
0.045 ha for Mobile, Arasu cable, Broad band connectivity (OFC
connectivity) between Theni-Batlagundu through rural areas at
Theni District – Online proposal submission by the User Agency ie.
BSNL, Theni - Regarding.

Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency – Mr.
Kathiresan, Divisional Engineer, OFC projects, BSNL,
Madurai , dated: 17.02.2019. (FP/TN/OFC /38837/2019).
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Ref.No:12214/2019/TS4 dated 10.04.2023
3. Government letter ZNo. M3411/FR-10/2023-1, dt.
09.05.2023.

Copy of the Government letter in the reference 3rd cited is enclosed. The
Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai and District
Forest Officer, Theni are requested to go through the reference prepare and
upload the details of Compensatory Afforestation as per Government of India
guidelines. Provision for watch and ward need not be provided in the
Compensatory Afforestation scheme as Compensatory Afforestation raised in
degraded forest area with less no. of seedlings.

Sd/- V. Karunapriya
for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai.
Copy to

1. The District Forest Officer, Theni Division, Theni for necessary action.
2. The Divisional Engineer, OFC projects, BSNL, East Masi Street,
Madurai 625 001.

/True copy/By Order/


Senior Draughting Officer
15/05/2023

By e-mail



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.

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)

11/5/23