

C.No.TS4/ 48485 /2020

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests, (Head of Forest Force),
Forest Headquarters Building,
Guindy Velachery Main road,
Near Kannikapuram Checkpost,
Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.
Dated: 12.05.2023.

- Sub: Forest – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – ^{SMTR,} Madurai circle – Theni Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.193 ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along Cumbum – Kumuli NH road from lower camp to Kumuli through Suranganur Reserved Forest – online proposal submission by the User Agency ie. Jio Digital Fibre private Ltd., Chennai – Regarding.
- Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency Jio Digital Fibre private Ltd., Chennai. (FP/TN/OFC/116522/2020).
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15 Ref.No:48485/2020/TS4 dated 23.11.2022.
3. Government Letter No:19218/FR-10/2022-1 dated 30.12.2022
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai-15 Ref.No:48485/2020/TS4 dated 20.03.2023.
5. Government Letter No:19218/FR-10/2022-2 dated 27.04.2023

It is informed that the proposal for diversion of 0.193 ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along Cumbum – Kumuli NH road from lower camp to Kumuli through Suranganur Reserved Forest have been sent to Government in the reference 2nd cited and the Govt. has raised the following query in the reference 5th cited. A copy of Government letter is enclosed.

The Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director is requested to instruct the District Forest Officer, Theni to provide the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme as per the Comprehensive guidelines in hand book (March 2019) of Forest Conservation Act 1980, upload the same for further consideration of this proposal.
Encl: as above

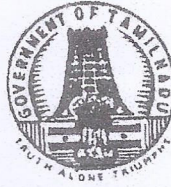
Sd/- V. Karunapriya
for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

To
The Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai
2. The District Forest Officer, Theni
Copy to
M/s.Jio Digital Fibre Ltd.,89, Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai 4.

True copy/By Order/

P. Anand
Senior Draughting Officer
15/05/2023

By e-mail



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

Letter No.19218/ FR.10 /2022-2, dated 27.04.2023

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

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 Forest
Division - Proposal (No.FP/TN/OFC/116522/2020) for
diversion of 0.193 ha of forest land for laying of
underground OFC along Cumbum–Kumuli NH road from
lower camp to Kumuli through Suranganur Reserved
Forest in Theni division, Theni District in favour of Jio
Digital Fibre private Ltd., Chennai - Regarding.

- Ref: 1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(HoFF) letter No.TS4/48485/2020, dated 23.11.2022.
2. Government letter No. 19218/FR.10/2022 – 1, dated
30.12.2022.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(HoFF) letter No. TS4/48485/2020, dated 20.03.2023.

I am directed to invite your attention to the reference 1st cited, wherein you have stated that in para 3, the District Forest Officer has not proposed Compensatory Afforestation Scheme. In this connection, as per Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 guidelines under special provisions for Compensatory Afforestation for certain categories of schemes, it is mentioned that 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. However, no Compensatory Afforestation scheme has been proposed in the subject proposal. I am, therefore to request you to clarify whether there is any guideline by Government in which Compensatory Afforestation is exempted for particular category of project. Further action will be taken on the above project based on clarification received.

Yours faithfully,

M. Megala
27/4/2023

for Special Secretary (Forests)

27/4/23