

Letter No. 6119/FR.10/2023 – 1, dated: 02.09.2023

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 –
Trichy Circle / Pudukkottai Division - Proposal
(FP/TN/OFC/117896/2022) for diversion of 0.165 ha
of forest land in Sengeerai Reserved Forest for
laying underground Optical Fibre Cable to a length
of 5490.66m at 1 to 2m depth and width of 0.30m
along the left side of road from Arimalam to
Rayavaram across Sengeerai Reserved Forest in
Pudukkottai District in favour of Jio Digital Fibre
Private Limited, Chennai – Clarification - Regarding.

- Ref: 1. Your Letter No.TS4/49417/2020, dated
31.07.2023.
2. Guidelines received from the Scientist 'D',
Government of India, Ministry of Environment,
Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi dated
21.08.2023.

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I am directed to invite your attention to the references cited. As per the guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 issued by the Government of India in the reference second cited, provisions given under sub-rule (1) of rule 11 of the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 provides that primarily, the Compensatory Afforestation, in lieu of forest land proposed for diversion, has to be raised over equivalent non-forest land which is not under the management and administrative control of the Forest Department. Further, I am to state that no exemption is provided in the guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for such project proposals involving less than one hectare of forest land.

2. I am, therefore, to request you to resubmit the proposal along with the details of Compensatory Afforestation scheme as per provisions of guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the reference second cited, to Government, immediately for further consideration of the proposal.

3. Further, I am to state that the District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai Division under 4(ii) of Part-II has stated that one Eucalyptus tree is to be felled. In this connection, I am to request you to clarify whether the said tree to be felled is a planted or spontaneous tree.

Yours faithfully,

M. Megala
2/19/2023

for Special Secretary (Forest)

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