

C.No.TS4/49471/2020

Office of the Principal Chief  
Conservator of Forests (Head of  
Forest Force), Forest Headquarters  
Building, Guindy Velachery Main  
Road, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.

Dated: 07.09.2023

- Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Trichy Circle /  
Pudukkottai Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.165 ha of  
forest land in Sengeerai RF for laying underground Optical  
Fibre Cable to a length of 5490.66m at 1 to 2 m depth and  
width of 0.30 m along the left side of road from Arimalam to  
Rayavaram across Sengeerai 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 dated 31.12.2020. (FP /TN/ OFC/  
117896/ 2022), dt.29.12.2020.  
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests letter No.  
TS3/49417/2020, dated 31.07.2023.  
3. Government Ltr.No.6119/FR.10/2023-1, dt.02.09.2023.

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A copy of the Government letter 7th cited is enclosed. The District Forest Officer,  
Pudukkottai is requested to send Compensatory Afforestation scheme as called for by  
the Government and upload the same in the web portal for further action.

Further, the District Forest Officer has also been requested to report whether the  
one Eucalyptus tree to be felled is planted or spontaneous tree.

Encl: As above

Sd/-S.Alayam,  
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

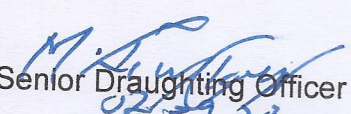
To

The District Forest Officer, Pudukkottai

Copy to 1. Chief Conservator of Forest, Trichy

2. The TANFINET, Chennai

/True copy/By order/

  
Senior Draughting Officer





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

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  
2/9/2023

for Special Secretary (Forest)

2/9/23