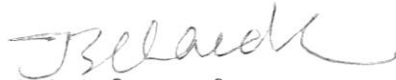


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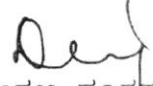
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S.No.	Proposal No.	Project Name	Proponent	Area	State	Division	Village Name	Status
1	FP/KA/OFC/4426 78/2023	OFC LAYING FOR 4G BTS OF CHIKHALE VILLAGE BELGAUM DIST KHANAPUR TALUK OF 4G SATURATION PROJECT GOVT. OF INDIA.	BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED	0.1301	KARNATAKA	Belgaum Division	CHIKHALE	Stage-1 Approve by GOI
2	FP/KA/OFC/4436 40/2023	OFC LAYING FOR 4G BTS OF CHIGULE VILLAGE BELGAUM DIST KHANAPUR TALUK OF 4G SATURATION PROJECT GOVT. OF INDIA.	BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED	0.1407	KARNATAKA	Belgaum Division	CHIGULE	Pending at UA due to EDS by DFO
3	FP/KA/OFC/4683 76/2024	PROPOSAL FOR OPTICAL FIBER CABLE LAYING BY BHARATH SANCHAR NIGAM LTD FOR CONNECTIVITY TO 4G TOWER UNDER 4G SATURATION PROJECT AT Huland VILLAGE.	BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED	0.3519	KARNATAKA	Belgaum Division	HULAND	Pending at Nodal Officer for Recommendation
4	FP/KA/OFC/4711 63/2024	OFC Laying at Abanali and Jamagaon Villages for BSNL 4G Saturation Project.	BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED	0.1741	KARNATAKA	Belgaum Division	JAMAGAON	Pending at Nodal Officer for Recommendation
5	FP/KA/OFC/4724 29/2024	OFC Laying at Kongala, Pastoli and Gavali Villages for BSNL 4G Saturation..	BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED	0.6535	KARNATAKA	Belgaum Division	GAVALI	Pending at UA for DFO EDS Reply
6	FP/KA/OFC/4726 51/2024	OFC Laying at Dongargaon Village for BSNL 4G Saturation Project.	BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED	0.0587	KARNATAKA	Belgaum Division	DONGARGAON	Pending at Nodal Officer for Recommendation
7	FP/KA/OFC/4762 38/2024	OFC Laying at Hemmadaga and Degaon Villages for BSNL 4G Project.	BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED	0.2732	KARNATAKA	Belgaum Division	HEMMADAGA	Pending at Nodal Officer for Recommendation
8	FP/KA/REDIV/489 519/2024	OFC laying for 4G saturation project at Kabanali.	BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED	0.0575	KARNATAKA	Belgaum Division	KABANALI	Pending at DFO for Scrutiny and Recommendation


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S.No.	Submission Date	Proposal No.	Project Category	Project Name	Division	App. form/CAF Area (Ha)	Village Name	Status
1	16-09-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/444666/2023	Communication Post	BSNL 4G project Wild life clearance area for Gavali village	BELGAUM DIVISION WL	0.02	Gavali	Pending at Chief Wildlife Warden
2	05-09-2023	WL/KA/Others/443208/2023	Others (please specify)	BSNL 4G project Wild life clearance area for Mendil village	BELGAUM DIVISION WL	0.02	Mendil	Pending at Chief Wildlife Warden
3	13-04-2024	WL/KA/CommPost/469209/2024	Communication Post	BSNL 4G Saturation Project Under Govt of india USOF at Pastoli village in Khanapur.	BELGAUM DIVISION WL	0.02	Pastoli	Pending at Chief Wildlife Warden
4	27-09-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/446021/2023	Communication Post	BSNL 4G project Wild life clearance area for Kongala village	BELGAUM DIVISION WL	0.02	Kongala	Pending at Chief Wildlife Warden
5	24-04-2024	WL/KA/CommPost/470419/2024	Communication Post	BSNL 4G Saturation Project Under Govt of india USOF at Amagoan village in Khanapur.	BELGAUM DIVISION WL	0.02	Amagoan	Pending at Chief Wildlife Warden
6	13-09-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/444186/2023	Communication Post	BSNL 4G project Wild life clearance area for Jamagoan village	BELGAUM DIVISION WL	0.02	Jamagoan	Pending at GOI
7	12-04-2024	WL/KA/CommPost/469148/2024	Communication Post	BSNL 4G Saturation Project Under Govt of india USOF at Abanali village in Khanapur Taluka	BELGAUM DIVISION WL	0.02	Abanali	Pending at GOI
8	12-09-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/444009/2023	Communication Post	BSNL 4G project Wild life clearance area for Hemmadaga village	BELGAUM DIVISION WL	0.02	Hemmadaga	Pending at GOI
9	12-09-2023	WL/KA/CommPost/444103/2023	Communication Post	BSNL 4G project Wild life clearance area for Degaon village	BELGAUM DIVISION WL	0.02	Degaon	Pending at GOI


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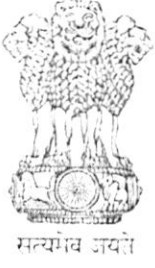
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Regional Office,



Online Proposal No.: FP/KA/OFC/442678/2023

Dated 25/11/2024



To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
M.S.Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bangalore – 560 001

Subject: Diversion of 0.1310 ha. of forest land in Sy No. 76 and 1 of Chikhale Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belgaum District for laying of OFC cable in favour of Dy. General Manger, Bharath Sanchar Nigama Limited, BSNL Main Telephone Exchange, Camp, Khanapur Road, Belagavi-reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to State Government's proposal on the above mentioned subject received through Parivesh 2.0 on 29/05/2023 and 20/11/2023 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2(1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, in-principle approval /Stage-I clearance of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section 2(1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.1310 ha. of forest land in Sy No. 76 and 1 of Chikhale Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belgaum District for laying of OFC cable in favour of Dy. General Manger, Bharath Sanchar Nigama Limited, BSNL Main Telephone Exchange, Camp, Khanapur Road, Belagavi, subject to the following conditions:

1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged
1.2	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land
1.3	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal
1.4	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government
1.5	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused
1.6	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
1.7	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.0.1310 ha. The user agency shall furnish the undertaking to this effect.
1.8	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year.
1.9	The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
1.10	The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year
1.11	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
1.12	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.
1.13	The State Govt. shall ensure that the complete compliance of FRA 2006 as per the rule 11 (7) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023

2. Standard conditions

S. No	Conditions
2.1	The User Agency shall ensure that after completion of the project, area should be reclaimed

S. No	Conditions
	suitably.

3. Specific Conditions

S. No	Conditions
3.1	Cost of raising ten times number of trees to be felled (subject to minimum number of 100 plants (including maintenance) shall be realized from the user agency towards compensatory Afforestation.
3.2	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted, and location of CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with GPS id.
3.3	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3.4	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to designated CAMPA account of the concerned State, only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in)
3.5	The State Govt./User Agency shall obtain necessary approval under applicable law/rules/orders including procedural/regulatory requirements under Eco Sensitive Zone.

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be effected till final approval is granted by the Government in this regard.

Further, it may also be noted that this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions within 2 years, the in-principle approval shall be deemed to be null and void.

Copy To

1. The Chief Executive Officer, National Authority (CAMPA), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi - 110 003
2. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi - 110 003
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18 th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (VSESA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18 th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003
5. The Dy. General Manager, Bharath Sanchar Nigama Limited, BSNL Main Telephone Exchange, Camp, Kumbhari,

Road, Belagavi.

6. Guard file

Your's faithfully

(M.K.Shambhu)

Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Signature Not Verified

Digitally Signed by: Mahesh Kumar
Shambhu
Deputy Inspector General of Forest, IRO

Date: 25/11/2024



Karnataka Forest Department

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No.D1/Bhoomi/BSNL-4G-OFC Cable/Chigule /CR- /2023-24 / Date : 15-03-2024

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17-04-2024

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Belagavi Circle, Belagavi.

Sir,

Sub : Diversion of forest land 0.1407 ha. for OFC Laying for 4G BTS of Chigule Village Belgaum Dist. Khanapur Taluk of 4G Saturation Project Govt. of India.

Proposal No.FP/KA/OFC/443640/2023

- Ref: 1. Letter No.AGM MS/4G SAT/2023-24, Dated:15-09-2023 of the Deputy General Manager (MS), O/o. G.M. Telecom, Belagavi.
2. This office even no. letter dated: 20-10-2023 & 27-10-2023.
3. Letter No.RFO/Kankumbi/BSNL/2023-24, dated:4-11-2023 and 22-02-2024 of the Range Forest Officer, Kanakumbi Range, Kankumbi.
4. Letter No.ACF/KSD/Staff/Others/2023-24/660, dated:26-02-2024 of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Sub Division, Khanapur.
5. Letter No.AGM MS/4G SAT/2023-24, dated:03-03-2024 of the Deputy General Manager (MS), O/o. G.M. Telecom, Belagavi.

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With reference to the subject and reference (1) cited above, the Deputy General Manager (MS), O/o. the Principal General Manager Telecom, BSNL, Belagavi has submitted the proposal for diversion of forest land to an extent of 0.1407 ha., for laying of OFC for 4G BTS of Chigule village, Khanapur Taluk of Belgavi District.

Vide this office letter cited at reference (2) of dated: 20-10-2023 above, this office has sought field inspection report from the Range Forest Officer, Kankumbi and the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Sub Division, Khanapur. Simultaneously, raised EDS after getting the technical scrutiny report from the Range Forest Officer,

ICT, Bengaluru vide this office letter cited at reference (2) of dated:27-10-2023 above.

The Range Forest Officer, Kankumbi Range, Kankumbi and the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Sub Division, Khanapur vide letters cited at reference (3) and (4) respectively had submitted the proposal along with duly signed maps after field verification.

Vide letter cited at reference (5) above (Copy enclosed), the Deputy General Manager (MS), O/o. the Principal General Manager, Telecom, BSNL, Belagavi has submitted the compliance report on the EDS raised as per the technical scrutiny report of the Range Forest Officer, ICT, Bengaluru.

Submitting herewith the proposal for diversion of forest land of 0.1407 ha., for OFC Laying for 4G BTS of Chigule Village, Khanapur Taluk , Belgaum Dist. of 4G Saturation Project Govt. of India (**Proposal No.FP/KA/OFC/443640/2023**) in favour of the Deputy General Manager (MS), O/o. the Principal General Manager, Telecom, BSNL, Belagavi.

This is for your kind perusal and needful action.

Your's faithfully,

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No.D1/OFC/FC-443640/2023/BSNL/CR- /2023-24

Date : 15 -03-2024

Sub: Diversion of 0.1407ha forest land for OFC Laying for 4G BTS of Chigule Village Belgaum Dist. Khanapur Taluk of 4G Saturation Project Govt. of India. **Proposal No.FP/KA/OFC/443640/2023**

Ref: Letter No.AGM MS/4G SAT/2023-24, dated:03-03-2024 of the Deputy General Manager (MS), O/o. G.M. Telecom, Belagavi

Recommendation Certificate

I have inspected the proposed site along with the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Khanapur Sub Division, Khanapur, Range Forest Officer, Kanakumbi Range and staff on 04-03-2024 the proposed forest area diversion for OFC Laying for 4G BTS of Chigule Village Belgaum Dist. Khanapur Taluk of 4G Saturation Project Govt. of India.

Hence, I recommend the diversion of 0.1407 ha. of Forest land for the purpose OFC Laying for 4G BTS of Chigule Village Belgaum Dist. Khanapur Taluk of 4G Saturation Project Govt. of India as per the provisions under Forest (Conservation) Act-1980.

Date: 15 -03-2024

Place: Belagavi

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Ref: Letter No.AGM MS/4G SAT/2023-24, dated:03-03-2024 of the Deputy General Manager (MS), O/o. G.M. Telecom, Belagavi

Site Inspection Report of Deputy Conservator of Forests
Belagavi Division, Belagavi

I have inspected the area on 04-03-2024 along with the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Sub Division, Khanapur and Range Forest Officer, Kanakumbi, the area proposed for diversion of 0.1407 ha for OFC Laying for 4G BTS of Chigule Village Belgaum Dist. Khanapur Taluk of 4G Saturation Project Govt. of India. The total forest area to be diverted for the proposed OFC Laying for 4G BTS of Chigule Village Belgaum Dist. Khanapur Taluk of 4G Saturation Project Govt. of India. The land required for OFC Laying for 4G BTS of Chigule Village Belgaum Dist. Khanapur Taluk of 4G Saturation Project.

Date: 15-03-2024

Place: Belagavi

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Ref: Letter No.AGM MS/4G SAT/2023-24, dated:03-03-2024 of the Deputy General Manager (MS), O/o. G.M. Telecom, Belagavi

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have inspected the project spot on 04-03-2024. The area is demarcated on the ground for the diversion. No rare endangered, unique species of flora and fauna are found in the proposed area. The demand for the forest land is unavoidable and barest minimum and genuine for the project.

Date:15 -03-2024

Place: Belagavi

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Deputy Conservator of Forests,
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Ref: Letter No.AGM MS/4G SAT/2023-24, dated:03-03-2024 of the Deputy General Manager (MS), O/o. G.M. Telecom, Belagavi

CERTIFICATE

There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act-1980 in the proposed area.

Date: 15 -03-2024
Place: Belagavi

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Ref: Letter No.AGM MS/4G SAT/2023-24, dated:03-03-2024 of the Deputy General Manager (MS), O/o. G.M. Telecom, Belagavi

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that, all required annexures and particulars pertaining to the proposal are furnished in English.

Date:15 -03-2024

Place: Belagavi

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Ref: Letter No.AGM MS/4G SAT/2023-24, dated:03-03-2024 of the Deputy General Manager (MS), O/o. G.M. Telecom, Belagavi

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that, this proposal does not affect any monuments of Historical, Religious, Archaeological or Recreational importance including wildlife Sanctuary, and national park etc.

Date:15-03-2024

Place: Belagavi

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Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Belagavi Division, Belagavi.

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No.D1/Land/FC/BSNL/BSNL/OFC-468376/2024-25

Dated:13-11-2024

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer(FCA)
Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram,
Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub: OFC Laying for 4G Mobile Tower under the 4G Saturation Project of
Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF) under Dept. of
Telecommunications, Govt. of India at Hulund Village F. Sy. No.18,
19, 4 & Knanakumbi Village F.Sy.No.168, Tal-Khanapur,
Dist:Belagavi. Proposal No.FP/KA/OFC/468376/2024

Ref: Letter No.BSNL/BGM/MS/4G project/23-24/31, dated:10-04-
2024 of Deputy General Manager, O/o. G.M. Telecom, BSNL,
Belagavi.

With reference to the above subject, we are in receipt of proposal by Deputy General
Manager, BSNL for Laying of OFC under the 4G saturation project of Universal Services
Obligation Fund (USOF) under Dept. of Telecommunications, Government of India at
Hulund Village F.Sy.No.18, 19, 4 & Knanakumbi Village F.Sy.No.168, Khanapur Taluka,
Belagavi District through Parivesh-2 portal vide Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/468376/2024.

The proposed location has been inspected by the undersigned on 6th August, 2024,
the proposal has been processed online, the Site Inspection Report and Recommendation
has been submitted online through Parviesh-2 portal.

Please find herewith enclosed the Site Inspection Report for your kind perusal and
needful action.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Belagavi Division, Belagavi.

Copy submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle, Belagavi for
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Deputy Conservator of Forests,
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Site Inspection Report

PROPOSAL FOR OPTICAL FIBER CABLE LAYING BY BHARATH SANCHAR NIGAM LTD FOR CONNECTIVITY TO 4G TOWER UNDER 4G SATURATION PROJECT AT HULAND VILLAGE

Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/468376/2024

Date of Inspection: 6th August 2024

Location: Huland Village, Belagavi District

Applicant: BSNL

Overview

Huland village is located approximately 8 kilometers from Kankumbi, accessible only by a road maintained by the forest department. This unpaved road traverses a pristine forest patch characterized by evergreen vegetation and grasslands. The hamlet of Huland consists of around 18 households with a population of 96 individuals. The agricultural land holding is about 65 acres. The present proposal is for laying of OFC along the road connecting Kankumbi and Huland Village.

Ecological Significance


Huland is situated in the corridor connecting Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary and Sahyadri Tiger Reserve, making it vital for tiger conservation. It is a critical habitat that forms part of the larger Kali Tiger Conservation Unit. The forest around Huland is home to diverse flora and fauna, and any disruption to its ecological integrity could have far-reaching consequences for wildlife, particularly tigers.

Assessment

BSNL has proposed to lay an optical fiber cable (OFC) along the road connecting Kankumbi to Huland, intended to link the tower at Huland constructed in non forest land. During discussions with BSNL officials it was found that the signal from the 4G tower at Chikle (which has already been recommended) located on the other side of a ravine separating Huland and Chikle settlements reaches the Huland tower by direct line of sight. This provides full coverage for the entire Huland hamlet and surrounding areas.

- 1. Impact on Tiger Habitat:** The laying of OFC cable in this area would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.
- 2. Limited Necessity:** The proposed tower at Chikle, which has been recommended for approval, provides full coverage to Huland and connects wirelessly to the Tower constructed at Huland. The need for OFC to connect to the proposed tower at Huland and associated infrastructure is not justified.

In light of these considerations, the proposal for the laying of Optical Fiber Cable at Huland is **not recommended**.


Deputy Conservator of Forests
Belagavi Division, Belagavi



No.D1/Land/FC/BSNL/BSNL/OFC-471163/2024-25

Dated:11-11-2024.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer(FCA)
Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram,
Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub: Laying of OFC Cable for 4G Mobile Towers under the 4G Saturation Project of Universal Services Obligations Fund (USOF) under Dept. of Telecommunication, Govt. of India at villages Abanali Sy.No.40A, 18 and Jamagaon Sy. No.27 Tal-Khanapur, Dist:Belgaum. Proposal No.FP/KA/OFC/471163/2024

Ref: Letter No.BSNL/BGM/4G project/23-24/36, dated:15-05-2024 of Assistant General Manager, Mobile Services (O & I) BSNL, Belagavi.

With reference to the above subject, we are in receipt of proposal by Assistant General Manager, BSNL for Laying of OFC under the 4G saturation project of Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF) under Dept. of Telecommunications, Government of India at Abanali Sy. No.40 A, 18 and Jamagaon Sy. No.27 Village, Khanapur Taluka, Belagavi District through Parivesh-2 portal vide Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/471163/2024.

The proposed location has been inspected by the undersigned on 6th August, 2024, the proposal has been processed online, the Site Inspection Report and Recommendation has been submitted online through Parviesh-2 portal.

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Belagavi Division, Belagavi.

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Site Inspection Report

OFC Laying at Abanali and Jamagaon Villages for BSNL 4G Saturation Project

Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/471163/2024

Date of Inspection: 6th August 2024

Location: Abanali, Jamagaon Village, Belagavi District

Applicant: BSNL

Overview

Jamagaon village is located approximately 5 kilometers from Abanali, accessible only by a road maintained by the forest department. This road traverses a pristine forest patch characterized by semi-evergreen and evergreen vegetation and is unpaved. The hamlet of Jamagaon consists of around 58 households with a population of approximately 372 individuals.

BSNL has proposed the erection of a 4G tower at Jamagaon, equipped with receiver and transmitter equipments, power generator and other necessary infrastructure. The present proposal is for laying of an optical fiber cable (OFC) along the road connecting Abanali to Jamagaon, intended to link with the tower. It was **noted** during discussions with BSNL officials that while the signal from the existing tower at Abanali may cover certain areas around Jamagaon, it would not provide full coverage for the entire hamlet.

Ecological Significance

Jamagaon is situated within the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, a critical habitat that forms part of the larger Kali Tiger Conservation Unit. Bhimgad serves as a crucial corridor linking the Kali and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves, making it vital for tiger conservation. The sanctuary is home to diverse flora and fauna, and any disruption to its ecological integrity could have far-reaching consequences for wildlife, particularly tigers.

Voluntary Village Relocation Efforts

Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary currently extends over 13 villages, including Jamagaon. A significant number of families residing in these villages have expressed their willingness to relocate under the Government of India's voluntary village relocation program. The forest department and district administration have identified priority sites, including Jamagaon, for this relocation process, which is crucial for the long-term conservation of the area.

Assessment

- 1. Impact on Tiger Habitat:** The laying of an OFC cable and erection of a new 4G Tower in this area would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.
- 2. Counterproductive to Relocation Efforts:** The proposed developments may undermine the ongoing voluntary relocation efforts by making the area more

accessible and potentially more attractive for outsiders to settle in the hamlet. This is counter to the conservation goals that aim to reduce human-wildlife conflict and secure larger contiguous areas for wildlife.

3. **Limited Necessity:** The proposed tower at Abanali, which has already been recommended for approval, is expected to provide partial coverage to Jamagaon. Given the ongoing relocation efforts and the limited population in the area, the need for an OFC line connecting Abanali and Jamagaon and associated infrastructure is not justified.



Deputy Conservator of Forests

Belagavi Division, Belagavi


Recommendation

OFC Laying at Abanali and Jamagaon Villages for BSNL 4G Saturation Project

Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/471163/2024

1. **Impact on Tiger Habitat:** The laying of an OFC cable and erection of a new 4G tower in this area would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.
2. **Counterproductive to Relocation Efforts:** The proposed developments may undermine the ongoing voluntary relocation efforts by making the area more accessible and potentially more attractive for outsiders to settle in the hamlet. This is counter to the conservation goals that aim to reduce human-wildlife conflict and secure larger contiguous areas for wildlife.
3. **Limited Necessity:** The proposed tower at Abanali provides partial coverage to Jamagaon. Given the ongoing relocation efforts and the limited population in the area, the need for a tower at Jamagaon and associated infrastructure is not justified.

In light of these considerations, the proposal for the laying of OFC cable connecting the 4G towers at Abanali and Jamagaon is **not recommended**. Approving this project would be detrimental to the long-term conservation goals of the Kali Tiger Conservation Unit and could jeopardize ongoing efforts to preserve the ecological integrity of the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary.



Deputy Conservator of Forests

Belagavi Division, Belagavi



No. D1/Land/FC/BSNL/BSNL/OFC-472651/2024-25

Dated: 19-11-2024

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer(FCA)
Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram,
Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub: Laying of OFC Cable for 4G Mobile Towers under the 4G
Saturation Project of Universal Services Obligations Fund (USOF)
under Dept. of Telecommunication, Govt. of India at village
Dongargaon F.Sy. No.62, 66, 67, 49 Tal-Khanapur, Dist:Beigaum.
Proposal No.FP/KA/OFC/472651/2024

Ref: Letter No.BSNI./BGM/4G project/23-24/38, dated:15-05-2024 of
Assistant General Manager, Mobile Services (O & I) BSNL,
Belagavi.

With reference to the above subject, we are in receipt of proposal by Assistant
General Manager, BSNL for Erection of 4G Mobile Tower under the 4G saturation project
of Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF) under Dept. of Telecommunications,
Government of India at F. Sy. No.62, 66, 67, 49, Dongargaon Village, Khanapur Taluka,
Belagavi District through Parivesh-2 portal vide Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/472651/2024.

The proposed location has been inspected by the undersigned on 6th August, 2024,
the proposal has been processed online, the Site Inspection Report and Recommendation
has been submitted online through Parviesh-2 portal.

Please find herewith enclosed the proposal copy along with the Site Inspection Report
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Site Inspection Report

OFC Laying at Dongargaon Village for BSNL 4G Saturation Project

Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/472651/2024

Date of Inspection: 6th August 2024

Location: Dongargaon Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

Project Overview

The project is to lay OFC to ensure backhaul connectivity and support the installation of a mobile tower to provide 4G coverage in uncovered areas in Dongargaon and other villages.

Total Area Involved:

- Forest Land Area: 0.0587 hectares
- Non-Forest Land Area: 0.0053 hectares
- Total Area: 0.064 hectares

Total Project Cost: ₹50 Lakhs (Fifty Lakh(s) Only)

Observations

- The proposed OFC route is accessible from BSNL POP Point at Dongargaon Cross to Dongargaon Village. The cable will be laid along the roadside, minimizing disturbance to the forest and local ecosystem.
- The forest area designated for OFC laying (0.0587 hectares) lies along an existing road with minor undergrowth.
- The non-forest land (0.0053 hectares) comprises mostly of roadside land without any vegetation.
- The proposed laying of OFC along the roadside is expected to have minimal impact on the surrounding forest habitat. The width required for laying the cable is only 0.45 meters requiring no felling of trees.
- The OFC connects to the 4G tower located at Dongargaon village and will significantly improve mobile connectivity for many habitations, including Hemmadaga and Shirol.
- Enhanced communication will benefit local residents, support agricultural activities, and improve emergency response capabilities.

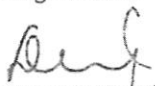
Recommendation

The proposal aligns with the 4G Saturation Project of the Government of India, which aims to improve digital connectivity in underserved rural areas. The proposed OFC at Dongargaon village will provide critical communication infrastructure that will benefit local residents,

improve connectivity across multiple villages. No significant negative impacts on forest and wildlife are expected, and the long-term benefits for community development are considerable. Therefore, the project is recommended for approval.

Mitigation Measures:

- The OFC laying activities should avoid any large tree roots or significant vegetation.
- OFC installation shall be executed during daytime hours between 8 AM to 6 PM to minimize disturbance to wildlife in the forest area.
- During the work phase a forest department representative shall be nominated to monitor the laying of the cable to ensure compliance with forest regulations.


Deputy Conservator of Forests
Belagavi Division, Belagavi

Recommendation

OFC Laying at Dongargaon Village for BSNL 4G Saturation Project

Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/472651/2024

Date of Inspection: 6th August 2024

Location: Dongargaon Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

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Belagavi Division, Belagavi

Impact of the Proposal

OFC Laying at Dongargaon Village for BSNL 4G Saturation Project


Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/472651/2024

Date of Inspection: 6th August 2024

Location: Dongargaon Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

The proposed OFC route is accessible from BSNL POP Point at Dongargaon Cross to Dongargaon Village. The cable will be laid along the roadside, minimizing disturbance to the forest and local ecosystem. The forest area designated for OFC laying (0.0587 hectares) lies along an existing road with minor undergrowth. The non-forest land (0.0053 hectares) comprises mostly of roadside land without any vegetation. The proposed laying of OFC along the roadside is expected to have minimal impact on the surrounding forest habitat. The width required for laying the cable is only 0.45 meters requiring no felling of trees.


Deputy Conservator of Forests
Belagavi Division, Belagavi



No.D1/Land/FC/BSNI/BSNI/OFC-476238/2024-25

Dated:12-11-2024.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer(FCA)
Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Mallechwaram,
Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub: Laying of OFC Cable for 4G Mobile Towers under the 4G Saturation Project of Universal Services Obligations Fund (USOF) under Dept. of Telecommunication, Govt. of India at villages Hemmadaga F.Sy. No.107, 2, 3, 51, 100, 95, 97 and Degaon F. Sy. No. 14, 15, 17, 18, 12, 26 Tal-Khanapur, Dist:Belgaum.

Proposal No.FP/KA/OFC/476238/2024

Ref: Letter No.BSNI./BGM/4G project/23-24/38, dated:15-05-2024 of Assistant General Manager, Mobile Services (O & I) BSNI., Belagavi.

With reference to the above subject, we are in receipt of proposal by Assistant General Manager, BSNI, ^{for} Laying of OFC under the 4G saturation project of Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF) under Dept. of Telecommunications, Government of India at F.Sy. No.107, 2, 3, 51, 100, 95, 97of Hemmadaga and F. Sy. No. 14, 15, 17, 18, 12, 26 of Degaon Villages. Khanapur Taluka, Belagavi District through Parivesh-2 portal vide Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/476238/2024.

The proposed location has been inspected by the undersigned on 6th August, 2024, the proposal has been processed online, the Site Inspection Report and Recommendation has been submitted online through Parviesh-2 portal.


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Site Inspection Report

OFC Laying at Hemmadaga and Degaon Villages for BSNL 4G Project

Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/476238/2024

Date of Inspection: 6th August 2024

Location: Hemmadga, Degaon Village, Belagavi District

Applicant: BSNL

Overview

Degaon village is located approximately 6 kilometers from Hemmadga, accessible only by a road maintained by the forest department. This road traverses a pristine forest patch characterized by semi-evergreen and evergreen vegetation and is unpaved. The hamlet of Degaon consists of around 20 households with a population of approximately 100 individuals.

BSNL has proposed the erection of a 4G tower at Degaon, equipped with receiver and transmitter equipments, power generator and other necessary infrastructure. The present proposal is for laying of optical fiber cable (OFC) along the road connecting Hemmadga to Degaon, intended to link with the proposed 4G tower at Degaon. It was noted during discussions with BSNL officials that while the signal from the existing tower at Hemmadga would cover certain areas of Degaon, it would not provide full coverage for the entire hamlet.

Ecological Significance

Degaon is situated within the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, a critical habitat that forms part of the larger Kali Tiger Conservation Unit. Bhimgad serves as a crucial corridor linking the Kali and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves, making it vital for tiger conservation. The sanctuary is home to diverse flora and fauna, and any disruption to its ecological integrity could have far-reaching consequences for wildlife, particularly tigers.

Voluntary Village Relocation Efforts

Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary currently extends over 13 villages, including Degaon. A significant number of families residing in these villages have expressed their willingness to relocate under the Government of India's voluntary village relocation program. The forest department and district administration have identified priority sites, including Degaon, for this relocation process, which is crucial for the long-term conservation of the area.

Assessment

- 1. Impact on Tiger Habitat:** The erection of a 4G tower and the laying of an OFC cable in this area would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.
- 2. Counterproductive to Relocation Efforts:** The proposed developments may undermine the ongoing voluntary relocation efforts by making the area more

accessible and potentially more attractive for outsiders to settle in the hamlet. This is counter to the conservation goals that aim to reduce human-wildlife conflict and secure larger contiguous areas for wildlife.

3. **Limited Necessity:** The proposed tower at Hemmadga provides partial coverage to Degaon. Given the ongoing relocation efforts and the limited population in the area, the need for a tower at Degaon and associated infrastructure is not justified.



Deputy Conservator of Forests

Belagavi Division, Belagavi

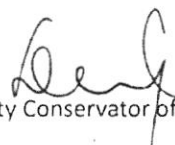
Recommendation

OFC Laying at Hemmadaga and Degaon Villages for BSNL 4G Project

Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/476238/2024

1. **Impact on Tiger Habitat:** The laying of an OFC cable and erection of a 4G tower in Degaon would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.
2. **Counterproductive to Relocation Efforts:** The proposed developments may undermine the ongoing voluntary relocation efforts by making the area more accessible and potentially more attractive for outsiders to settle in the hamlet. This is counter to the conservation goals that aim to reduce human-wildlife conflict and secure larger contiguous areas for wildlife.
3. **Limited Necessity:** The proposed tower at Hemmadga, already recommended for approval, provides partial coverage to Degaon. Given the ongoing relocation efforts and the limited population in the area, the need for a tower at Degaon and associated infrastructure is not justified.

In light of these considerations, the proposal for the laying of Optical Fiber Cable between Hemmadga and Degaon is **not recommended**. Approving this project would be detrimental to the long-term conservation goals of the Kali Tiger Conservation Unit and could jeopardize ongoing efforts to preserve the ecological integrity of the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary.



Deputy Conservator of Forests

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No.D1/Land/FC/BSNLCommPost-444666/2024-25

Dated:27-11-2024.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife),
Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross,
Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub : Erection 4G Mobile Towers under the 4G Saturation Project of
Universal Services Obligations Fund (USOF) under Dept. of
Telecommunication, Govt. of India at Gavali Village, Tal-
Khanapur, Dist:Belgaum.

Proposal No.WL/KA/CommPost/444666/2023

Ref: Letter No: PGM/Genl.Corr/2023-24/18, dated:13-03-2024 of Dy.
General Manager, O/o. G.M. Telecom, BSNL, Belagavi.

With reference to the above subject, we are in receipt of proposal by Dy. General
Manager, O/o. G.M. Telecom, BSNL, Belagavi for Erection 4G Mobile Towers under the
4G Saturation Project of Universal Services Obligations Fund (USOF) under Dept. of
Telecommunication, Govt. of India at Gavali Village, Tal:Khanapur, Dist:Belgaum through
Parivesh-2 portal vide Proposal No. **WL/KA/CommPost/444666/2023**.

The proposed location has been inspected by the undersigned on 13th November,
2024, the proposal has been processed online, the Site Inspection Report and
Recommendation has been submitted online through Parviesh-2 portal.

Please find enclosed the Site Inspection Report and Recommendation for your kind
perusal and needful action.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Belagavi Division, Belagavi.

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation)
and Nodal Officer (FCA) Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru for kind
perusal and necessary action.

Copy submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle, Belagavi for
kind perusal and necessary action.

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Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Belagavi Division, Belagavi.

Site Inspection Report

Construction of 4G Tower at Gavali Village within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/444666/2023

Date of Inspection: 13th November 2024

Location: Gavali Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

The 4G tower is proposed to be erected on non-forest land within Gavali village limits. Gavali village has 61 houses and a total population of 275. The construction of tower is proposed at Gavali Forest Sy. No. 70. There is a tower that has already been constructed in the year 2010 in violation of FC Act.

Ecological Significance

Gavali is situated within the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, a critical habitat that forms part of the larger Kali Tiger Conservation Unit. Bhimgad serves as a crucial corridor linking the Kali and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves, making it vital for tiger conservation. The sanctuary is home to diverse flora and fauna, and any disruption to its ecological integrity could have far-reaching consequences for wildlife, particularly tigers.

Recommendation

The 4G Tower at Gavali which has already been constructed in violation of the FC Act and requires the laying of OFC over a length of about 15 Kilometres through Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary for it to become operational. This would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed habitat for survival. In light of these considerations, the present proposal for the construction of 4G Tower at Gavali is **not recommended**.



Deputy Conservator of Forests

Belagavi Division, Belagavi

Recommendation

Construction of 4G Tower at Gavali Village within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/444666/2023

Date of Inspection: 13th November 2024

Location: Gavali Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

1. **Impact on Tiger Habitat:** The establishment of 4G Tower in Gavali would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.
2. **Counterproductive to Relocation Efforts:** The proposed developments may undermine the ongoing voluntary relocation efforts by making the area more accessible and potentially more attractive for outsiders to settle in the hamlet. This is counter to the conservation goals that aim to reduce human-wildlife conflict and secure larger contiguous areas for wildlife.

The 4G Tower at Gavali which has already been constructed in violation of the FC Act (in the year 2010) and requires the laying of OFC over a length of about 15 Kilometres through Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary for it to become operational. This would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed habitat for survival. In light of these considerations, the present proposal for the construction of 4G Tower at Gavali is **not recommended**.



Deputy Conservator of Forests
Belagavi Division, Belagavi

Impact of the Proposal

Construction of 4G Tower at Gavali Village within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/444666/2023

Date of Inspection: 13th November 2024

Location: Gavali Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

Gavali is situated within the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, a critical habitat that forms part of the larger Kali Tiger Conservation Unit. Bhimgad serves as a crucial corridor linking the Kali and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves, making it vital for tiger conservation. The sanctuary is home to diverse flora and fauna, and any disruption to its ecological integrity could have far-reaching consequences for wildlife, particularly tigers.

The establishment of 4G Tower in Gavali would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.



Deputy Conservator of Forests

Belagavi Division, Belagavi

Site Inspection Report

Construction of a 4G Tower at Mendil Village in Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/Others/443208/2023

Date of Inspection: 23rd October 2024

Location: Mendil Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

The 4G tower at Mendil is proposed to be erected on Forest land within Mendil village limits. Mendil is a moderately populated village with 37 houses and a total population of 233. Mendil is an enclosure within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, a critical habitat that forms part of the larger Kali Tiger Conservation Unit. Bhimgad serves as a crucial corridor linking the Kali and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves, making it vital for tiger conservation. The sanctuary is home to diverse flora and fauna, and any disruption to its ecological integrity could have far-reaching consequences for wildlife.

The access route to Mendil passes through Bhimgad WLS. For the function of Mendil Tower, it requires an OFC connectivity that must be laid along the route that connects Mendil and Pali.

Recommendation

The construction of 4G Tower (and laying of OFC which is mandatory requirement for the tower to become operational) in Mendil would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed habitat for survival. In light of these considerations, the proposal for the construction of 4G Tower at Mendil is **not recommended**.


Deputy Conservator of Forests
Belagavi Division, Belagavi

Recommendation

Construction of a 4G Tower at Mendil Village in Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/Others/443208/2023

Date of Inspection: 23rd October 2024

Location: Mendil Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

1. **Impact on Tiger Habitat:** The construction of 4G Tower in Mendil would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.
2. **Counterproductive to Relocation Efforts:** The proposed developments may undermine the ongoing voluntary relocation efforts by making the area more accessible and potentially more attractive for outsiders to settle in the hamlet. This is counter to the conservation goals that aim to reduce human-wildlife conflict and secure larger contiguous areas for wildlife.

In light of these considerations, the proposal for the construction of 4G Tower at Mendil is **not recommended**. Approving this project would be detrimental to the long-term conservation goals of the Kali Tiger Conservation Unit and could jeopardize ongoing efforts to preserve the ecological integrity of the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary.


Deputy Conservator of Forests
Belagavi Division, Belagavi

Impact of the Proposal

Construction of a 4G Tower at Mendil Village in Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/Others/443208/2023

Date of Inspection: 23rd October 2024

Location: Mendil Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

Mendil is situated within the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, a critical habitat that forms part of the larger Kali Tiger Conservation Unit. Bhimgad serves as a crucial corridor linking the Kali and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves, making it vital for tiger conservation. The sanctuary is home to diverse flora and fauna, and any disruption to its ecological integrity could have far-reaching consequences for wildlife, particularly tigers.

The construction of 4G Tower in Mendil would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.



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email - dcfbgm@gmail.com

No.D1/Land/FC/BSNLCommpost-469209/2024-25 | 3069

Dated:25-11-2024.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (wildlife)
Wild Life, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross,
Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub : Erection 4G Mobile Towers under the 4G Saturation Project of
Universal Services Obligations Fund (USOF) under Dept. of
Telecommunication, Govt. of India at Pastoli Village, Tal-
Khanapur, Dist:Belgaum.

Proposal No.WL/KA/Commpost/469209/2024

Ref: Letter No: BSNL/BGM/MS/4G project/23-24/33, dated:20-04-
2024 of Dy. General Manager, O/o. G.M. Telecom, BSNL,
Belagavi.

With reference to the above subject, we are in receipt of proposal by Dy. General
Manager, O/o. G.M. Telecom, BSNL, Belagavi for Erection 4G Mobile Towers under the
4G Saturation Project of Universal Services Obligations Fund (USOF) under Dept. of
Telecommunication, Govt. of India at Pastoli Village, Tal:Khanapur, Dist:Belgaum through
Parivesh-2 portal vide Proposal No. **WL/KA/Commpost/469209/2024**.

The proposed location has been inspected by the undersigned on 13th November,
2024, the proposal has been processed online, the Site Inspection Report and
Recommendation has been submitted online through Parviesh-2 portal.

Please find enclosed the Site Inspection Report and Recommendation for your kind
perusal and needful action.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Belagavi Division, Belagavi.

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. (Forest Conservation)
and Nodal Officer (FCA) Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru for kind
perusal and necessary action.

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Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Belagavi Division, Belagavi.

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Site Inspection Report

Construction of a 4G Tower at Pastoli Village in Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

BSNL 4G Saturation Project Under Govt of India USOF at Pastoli village in Khanapur.

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/469209/2024

Date of Inspection: 13th November 2024

Location: Pastoli Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

The 4G tower at Pastoli is proposed to be erected on Forest land within Pastoli village limits. Pastoli is a moderately populated village with 23 houses and a total population of 130. Pastoli is an enclosure within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary. Bhimgad serves as a crucial corridor linking the Kali and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves, making it vital for tiger conservation. The sanctuary is home to diverse flora and fauna, and any disruption to its ecological integrity could have far-reaching consequences for wildlife.

The access route to Pastoli passes through Bhimgad WLS. For Pastoli Tower to become operational, it requires an OFC connectivity that must be laid along the only route that connects Kongala, Pastoli and Gavali. In Gavali, there is a violation noticed where a 4G tower has been erected in Forest Land without taking necessary approval under the FCA.

Status of Land

The status of land proposed for construction of tower in Pastoli shown as Non Forest Land is Forest Sy. No. 27 which is part of the Reserved Forest forming Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary as per records of Forest Department. The proposal must be revised to incorporate the requirement of Forest land for the purpose of the project.

Recommendation

The construction of 4G Tower (and laying of OFC which is a mandatory requirement for the operability of the tower) in Pastoli would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed habitat for survival. In light of these considerations, the proposal for the construction of 4G Tower at Pastoli is **not recommended**.



Deputy Conservator of Forests

Belagavi Division, Belagavi

Impact of the Proposal

Construction of a 4G Tower at Pastoli Village in Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

BSNL 4G Saturation Project Under Govt of India USOF at Pastoli village in Khanapur.

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/469209/2024

Date of Inspection: 13th November 2024

Location: Pastoli Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

Pastoli is an enclosure within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary. Bhimgad serves as a crucial corridor linking the Kali and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves, making it vital for tiger conservation. The sanctuary is home to diverse flora and fauna, and any disruption to its ecological integrity could have far-reaching consequences for wildlife.

The access route to Pastoli passes through Bhimgad WLS. For Pastoli Tower to become operational, it requires an OFC connectivity that must be laid along the only route that connects Kongala, Pastoli and Gavali. In Gavali, there is a violation noticed where a 4G tower has been erected in Forest Land without taking necessary approval under the FCA.



Deputy Conservator of Forests

Belagavi Division, Belagavi

Recommendation

Construction of a 4G Tower at Pastoli Village in Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary
BSNL 4G Saturation Project Under Govt of India USOF at Pastoli village in Khanapur.

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/469209/2024

Date of Inspection: 13th November 2024

Location: Pastoli Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

1. **Impact on Tiger Habitat:** The construction of 4G Tower in Pastoli would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.
2. **Counterproductive to Relocation Efforts:** The proposed developments may undermine the ongoing voluntary relocation efforts by making the area more accessible and potentially more attractive for outsiders to settle in the hamlet. This is counter to the conservation goals that aim to reduce human-wildlife conflict and secure larger contiguous areas for wildlife.
3. **Status of Land:** The status of land proposed for construction of tower in Pastoli shown as Non Forest Land is Forest Sy. No. 27 which is part of the Reserved Forest forming Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary as per records of Forest Department. The proposal must be revised to incorporate the requirement of Forest land for the purpose of the project.

In light of these considerations, the proposal for the construction of 4G Tower at Pastoli is **not recommended**. Approving this project would be detrimental to the long-term conservation goals of the Kali Tiger Conservation Unit and could jeopardize ongoing efforts to preserve the ecological integrity of the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary.


Deputy Conservator of Forests
Belagavi Division, Belagavi



No.D1/Land/FC/BSNLCommpost-446021/2024-25/3068

Dated:25-11-2024.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (wildlife)
(Wild Life), Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross,
Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub: Erection 4G Mobile Towers under the 4G Saturation Project of
Universal Services Obligations Fund (USOF) under Dept. of
Telecommunication, Govt. of India at Kongala Village, Tal-
Khanapur, Dist:Belgaum.

Proposal No.WL/KA/Commpost/446021/2023

Ref: Letter No: BSNL/BGM/MS/4G project/23-24/29, dated:19-03-
2024 of Assistant General Manager, O/o. G.M. Telecom, BSNL,
Belagavi.

With reference to the above subject, we are in receipt of proposal by Assistant
General Manager, Mobile Services (O & I), BSNL, Belagavi for Erection 4G Mobile Towers
under the 4G Saturation Project of Universal Services Obligations Fund (USOF) under
Dept. of Telecommunication, Govt. of India at Kongala Village, Tal:Khanapur, Dist:Belgaum
through Parivesh-2 portal vide Proposal No. **WL/KA/Others/446021/2023**.

The proposed location has been inspected by the undersigned on 13th November,
2024, the proposal has been processed online, the Site Inspection Report and
Recommendation has been submitted online through Parviesh-2 portal.

Please find enclosed the Site Inspection Report and Recommendation for your kind
perusal and needful action.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Belagavi Division, Belagavi.

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation)
and Nodal Officer (FCA) Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru for kind
perusal and necessary action.

Copy submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle, Belagavi for
kind perusal and necessary action.

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Site Inspection Report

Construction of a 4G Tower at Kongala Village in Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/446021/2023

Date of Inspection: 13th November 2024

Location: Kongala Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District


Project Proponent: BSNL

The 4G tower at Kongala is proposed to be erected on Forest land within Kongala village limits. Kongala is a moderately populated village with 50 houses and a total population of 264. Kongala is situated within the eco sensitive zone of Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, a critical habitat that forms part of the larger Kali Tiger Conservation Unit. Bhimgad serves as a crucial corridor linking the Kali and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves, making it vital for tiger conservation. The sanctuary is home to diverse flora and fauna, and any disruption to its ecological integrity could have far-reaching consequences for wildlife.

The main access route to Kongala passes through Bhimgad WLS. For the function of Kongala Tower, it requires an OFC connectivity that must be laid along the only route that connects Kongala, Pastoli and Gavali. In Gavali, there is a violation noticed where a 4G tower has been erected in Forest Land without taking necessary approval under the FCA.

Recommendation

The construction of 4G Tower (and laying of OFC which is mandatory requirement) in Kongala would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed habitat for survival. In light of these considerations, the proposal for the construction of 4G Tower at Kongala is **not recommended**.


Deputy Conservator of Forests
Belagavi Division, Belagavi

Impact of the Proposal

Construction of a 4G Tower at Kongala Village in Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/446021/2023

Date of Inspection: 13th November 2024

Location: Kongala Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

Kongala is situated within the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, a critical habitat that forms part of the larger Kali Tiger Conservation Unit. Bhimgad serves as a crucial corridor linking the Kali and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves, making it vital for tiger conservation. The sanctuary is home to diverse flora and fauna, and any disruption to its ecological integrity could have far-reaching consequences for wildlife, particularly tigers.

The construction of 4G Tower in Kongala would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.



Deputy Conservator of Forests

Belagavi Division, Belagavi

Recommendation

Construction of a 4G Tower at Kongala Village in Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary
Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/446021/2023

Date of Inspection: 13th November 2024

Location: Kongala Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

1. **Impact on Tiger Habitat:** The construction of 4G Tower in Kongala would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.
2. **Counterproductive to Relocation Efforts:** The proposed developments may undermine the ongoing voluntary relocation efforts by making the area more accessible and potentially more attractive for outsiders to settle in the hamlet. This is counter to the conservation goals that aim to reduce human-wildlife conflict and secure larger contiguous areas for wildlife.

In light of these considerations, the proposal for the construction of 4G Tower at Kongala is **not recommended**. Approving this project would be detrimental to the long-term conservation goals of the Kali Tiger Conservation Unit and could jeopardize ongoing efforts to preserve the ecological integrity of the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary.



Deputy Conservator of Forests
Belagavi Division, Belagavi



No.D1/Land/FC/BSNLCommpost-470419/2024-25

Dated:19-11-2024.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Wild Life, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross,
Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub : Erection 4G Mobile Towers under the 4G Saturation Project of
Universal Services Obligations Fund (USOF) under Dept. of
Telecommunication, Govt. of India at Non Forest Sy. No.92 of
Amagaon Village, Tal-Khanapur, Dist:Belgaum.
Proposal No.WL/KA/Commpost/470419/2024

Ref: Letter No: BSNL/BGM/MS/4G project/23-24/34, dated:24-04-
2024 of Dy. General Manager, O/o. G.M. Telecom, BSNL,
Belagavi.

With reference to the above subject, we are in receipt of proposal by Dy. General
Manager, O/o. G.M. Telecom, BSNL, Belagavi for Erection 4G Mobile Towers under the
4G Saturation Project of Universal Services Obligations Fund (USOF) under Dept. of
Telecommunication, Govt. of India at Amagaon Village, Tal:Khanapur, Dist:Belgaum
through Parivesh-2 portal vide Proposal No.**WL/KA/ Commpost/470419/2024**.

The proposed location has been inspected by the undersigned on 28th September,
2024, the proposal has been processed online, the Site Inspection Report and
Recommendation has been submitted online through Parviesh-2 portal.

Please find enclosed the Site Inspection Report and Recommendation for your kind
perusal and needful action.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Belagavi Division, Belagavi.

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation)
and Nodal Officer (FCA) Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru for kind
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Copy submitted to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Belagavi Circle, Belagavi for
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Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Belagavi Division, Belagavi.

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Recommendation

Proposed Erection of a 4G Tower at Amagaon Village within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/470419/2024

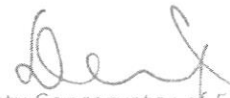
Date of Inspection: 28th September 2024

Location: Amagaon Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

1. **Impact on Tiger Habitat:** The construction of 4G Tower in Amagaon would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.
2. **Counterproductive to Relocation Efforts:** The proposed developments may undermine the ongoing voluntary relocation efforts by making the area more accessible and potentially more attractive for outsiders to settle in the hamlet. This is counter to the conservation goals that aim to reduce human-wildlife conflict and secure larger contiguous areas for wildlife.
3. **Limited Necessity:** Amagaon presently has a limited connectivity through JIO, which does not provide sufficient coverage. Bhimgad WLS administration is working on improving the connectivity of Amagaon by installing mobile signal booster to the hamlet. Enhanced communication will benefit residents, support agricultural activities, and improve emergency response capabilities. Further the proposed 4G tower at Gavase near Chikle by BSNL will provide the necessary mobile connectivity to Amagaon. Since the proposed tower at Gavase, provides coverage to Amagaon, the need for a tower at Amagaon and associated infrastructure is not justified.

In light of these considerations, the proposal for the construction of 4G Tower at Amagaon is **not recommended**. Approving this project would be detrimental to the long-term conservation goals of the Kali Tiger Conservation Unit and could jeopardize ongoing efforts to preserve the ecological integrity of the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary.



Deputy Conservator of Forests

Belagavi Division, Belagavi

Impact of the Proposal

Construction of a 4G Tower at Amagaon Village within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/470419/2024

Date of Inspection: 28th September 2024


Location: Amagaon Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

Amagaon is situated within the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, a critical habitat that forms part of the larger Kali Tiger Conservation Unit. Bhimgad serves as a crucial corridor linking the Kali and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves, making it vital for tiger conservation. The sanctuary is home to diverse flora and fauna, and any disruption to its ecological integrity could have far-reaching consequences for wildlife, particularly tigers.

The construction of 4G Tower in Amagaon would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.

The status of land proposed for construction of tower in Forest Sy. No. 7, is Reserved Forest as per records of Forest Department. The proposal must be revised to incorporate the requirement of Forest land for the purpose of the project.



Deputy Conservator of Forests

Belagavi Division, Belagavi

Site Inspection Report

Proposed Erection of a 4G Tower at Amagaon Village within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/470419/2024

Date of Inspection: 28th September 2024

Location: Amagaon Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

The 4G tower is proposed to be erected on non-forest land within Amagaon village limits. Amagaon is a moderately populated village with 96 houses, 98 families, and a total population of 451. The village encompasses approximately 300 acres of agricultural land and is situated nearly 10 kilometres away from the nearest habitation at Chikle.

Status of Land

The status of land proposed for construction of tower in Forest Sy. No. 7, is Reserved Forest as per records of Forest Department. The proposal must be revised to incorporate the requirement of Forest land for the purpose of the project.

Ecological Significance

Amagaon is situated within the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, a critical habitat that forms part of the larger Kali Tiger Conservation Unit. Bhimgad serves as a crucial corridor linking the Kali and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves, making it vital for tiger conservation. The sanctuary is home to diverse flora and fauna, and any disruption to its ecological integrity could have far-reaching consequences for wildlife, particularly tigers.

Connectivity

Amagaon presently has a limited connectivity through JIO, which does not provide sufficient coverage. Bhimgad WLS administration is working on improving the connectivity of Amagaon by installing mobile signal booster to the hamlet. Enhanced communication will benefit residents, support agricultural activities, and improve emergency response capabilities. Further the proposed 4G tower at Gavase near Chikle by BSNL will provide the necessary mobile connectivity to Amagaon. Since the proposed tower at Gavase, provides coverage to Amagaon, the need for a tower at Amagaon and associated infrastructure is not justified.



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No. D1/Land/FC/ BSNL/CommPost-444186/2023-24/2024-25

Dated: 18-09-2024.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Wild Life, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross,
Malleshwaram, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub: Erection of 4G Mobile Tower under the 4G Saturation Project of Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF) under Dept. of Telecommunications, Govt. of India at Non Forest Sy. No.03, Jamagaon Village, Tal-Khanapur, Dist:Belagavi.

Proposal No.WL/KA/CommPost/444186 /2023


Ref: Letter No.BSNL/BGM/4G project/2023-24, 35, dated:30-04-2024 of Assistant General Manager, Mobile Services (O & I) BSNL, Belagavi.


With reference to the above subject, we are in receipt of proposal by Deputy General Manager BSNL for Erection of 4G Mobile Tower under the 4G saturation project of Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF) under Dept. of Telecommunications, Government of India at Non Forest land sy. No. 03, Jamagaon Village, Khanapur Taluka, Belagavi District through Parivesh-2 portal vide Proposal No.WL/KA/CommPost/444186/2023.

The proposed location has been inspected by the undersigned on 6th August, 2024, the proposal has been processed online, the Site Inspection Report and Part-3 has been submitted online through Parviesh-2 portal.

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Site Inspection Report

Proposed Erection of a 4G Tower at Jamagaon Village within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/444186/2023

Date of Inspection: 6th August 2024

Location: Jamagaon Village, Belagavi District

Applicant: BSNL

Overview

Jamagaon village is located approximately 5 kilometers from Abanali, accessible only by a road maintained by the forest department. This road traverses a pristine forest patch characterized by semi-evergreen and evergreen vegetation and is unpaved. The hamlet of Jamagaon consists of around 58 households with a population of approximately 372 individuals.

BSNL has proposed the erection of a 4G tower at Jamagaon, equipped with receiver and transmitter equipments, power generator and other necessary infrastructure. Additionally, there is a proposal to lay an optical fiber cable (OFC) along the road connecting Abanali to Jamagaon, intended to link with the tower. It was noted during discussions with BSNL officials that while the signal from the existing tower at Abanali may cover certain areas around Jamagaon, it would not provide full coverage for the entire hamlet.

Ecological Significance

Jamagaon is situated within the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, a critical habitat that forms part of the larger Kali Tiger Conservation Unit. Bhimgad serves as a crucial corridor linking the Kali and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves, making it vital for tiger conservation. The sanctuary is home to diverse flora and fauna, and any disruption to its ecological integrity could have far-reaching consequences for wildlife, particularly tigers.

Voluntary Village Relocation Efforts

Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary currently extends over 13 villages, including Jamagaon. A significant number of families residing in these villages have expressed their willingness to relocate under the Government of India's voluntary village relocation program. The forest department and district administration have identified priority sites, including Jamagaon, for this relocation process, which is crucial for the long-term conservation of the area.

Assessment

- 1. Impact on Tiger Habitat:** The erection of a 4G tower and the laying of an OFC cable in this area would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.
- 2. Counterproductive to Relocation Efforts:** The proposed developments may undermine the ongoing voluntary relocation efforts by making the area more

accessible and potentially more attractive for outsiders to settle in the hamlet. This is counter to the conservation goals that aim to reduce human-wildlife conflict and secure larger contiguous areas for wildlife.

3. **Limited Necessity:** The proposed tower at Abanali may provide partial coverage to Jamagaon. Given the ongoing relocation efforts and the limited population in the area, the need for a tower at Jamagaon and associated infrastructure is not justified.



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Impact of the Proposal

Proposed Erection of a 4G Tower at Jamagaon Village within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/444186/2023

Date of Inspection: 6th August 2024

Location: Jamagaon Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

1. The erection of a 4G tower and the laying of an OFC cable in this area would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.
2. The proposed developments may undermine the ongoing voluntary relocation efforts by making the area more accessible and potentially more attractive for outsiders to settle in the hamlet. This is counter to the conservation goals that aim to reduce human-wildlife conflict and secure larger contiguous areas for wildlife.


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No. D1/Land/FC/ BSNL/CommPost-469148/2023-24/2024-25

Dated: 18-09-2024.

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Wild Life, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross,
Malleswaram, Bengaluru.

Sir,

Sub: Erection of 4G Mobile Tower under the 4G Saturation
Project of Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF) under
Dept. of Telecommunications, Govt. of India at Malki Sy.
No.10/A of Abanali Village, Tal-Khanapur, Dist:Belagavi.
Proposal No.WL/KA/CommPost/469148/2023


Ref: Letter No.BSNL/BGM/4G project/23-24, 32, dated:20-04-2024 of
Dyputy General Manager, O/o. G.M.Telecom, BSNL, Belagavi.

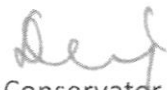
With reference to the above subject, we are in receipt of proposal by Deputy General Manager, BSNL for Erection of 4G Mobile Tower under the 4G saturation project of Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF) under Dept. of Telecommunications, Government of India at Non Forest land sy. No. 10/A, Abanali Village, Khanapur Taluka, Belagavi District through Parivesh-2 portal vide Proposal No.WL/KA/CommPost/469148/2023.

The proposed location has been inspected by the undersigned on 6th August, 2024, the proposal has been processed online, the Site Inspection Report and Part-3 has been submitted online through Parviesh-2 portal.

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Yours faithfully,


Date: 18-9-2024


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Site Inspection Report

Proposed Erection of a 4G Tower at Abanali Village within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/469148/2024

Date of Inspection: 6th August 2024

Location: Abanali Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

The proposed 4G tower is to be erected on non-forest land within Abanali village limits. Abanali is a moderately populated village with 69 houses, 81 families, and a total population of 365. The village encompasses approximately 100 hectares of agricultural land and is situated near the state highway connecting Khanapur to Anmod.

Connectivity

The nearest existing mobile tower is located at Shirol, which does not provide sufficient coverage for Abanali and surrounding villages. The erection of the proposed 4G tower will significantly improve mobile connectivity for Abanali as well as nearby villages like Jamgaon. Enhanced communication will benefit residents, support agricultural activities, and improve emergency response capabilities.

Conservation Considerations

The proposed tower location, being on non-forest land, ensures minimal disturbance to the surrounding forest environment. The enhanced connectivity could indirectly support conservation efforts by improving communication system of forest department and facilitating more efficient management of Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary.

Impacts

The installation of the 4G tower is expected to have minimal direct effects on wildlife due to the non-intrusive nature of the tower and existing mitigation measures, such as road closure during night hours.

Recommendation

The proposal aligns with the 4G Saturation Project of the Government of India, which aims to improve digital connectivity in underserved rural areas. The proposed 4G tower at Abanali will provide critical communication infrastructure that will benefit local residents, improve connectivity across multiple villages, and support the conservation and management activities of the Bhimgad Wildlife Range. No significant negative impacts on wildlife are expected, and the long-term benefits for both community development and conservation efforts are considerable. Therefore, the project is recommended for approval.


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Impact of the Proposal

Proposed Erection of a 4G Tower at Abanali Village within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary


Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/469148/2024

Date of Inspection: 6th August 2024

Location: Abanali Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

The proposed 4G tower is to be erected on non-forest land within Abanali village limits. The installation of the 4G tower is expected to have minimal direct effects on wildlife due to the non-intrusive nature of the tower and existing mitigation measures, such as road closure during night hours. Given the positioning of the tower outside critical habitat areas, no significant adverse impact on local wildlife is anticipated.


Deputy Conservator of Forests
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Recommendation

Proposed Erection of a 4G Tower at Abanali Village within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/469148/2024

Date of Inspection: 6th August 2024

Location: Abanali Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

The proposal aligns with the 4G Saturation Project of the Government of India, which aims to improve digital connectivity in underserved rural areas. The proposed 4G tower at Abanali will provide critical communication infrastructure that will benefit local residents, improve connectivity across multiple villages, and support the conservation and management activities of the Bhimgad Wildlife Range. No significant negative impacts on wildlife are expected, and the long-term benefits for both community development and conservation efforts are considerable. Therefore, the project is recommended for approval.



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No. D1/Land/FC/ BSNL/CommPost-444009/2023-24/2024-25

Dated: 18-09-2024.

To,

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Wild Life, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross,
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Sir,

Sub: Erection of 4G Mobile Tower under the 4G Saturation Project of Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF) under Dept. of Telecommunications, Govt. of India at Non Forest No. Lingacha Devastan NS 82, Property No.23/1 Hemadaga Village Tal-Khanapur, Dist:Belagavi.

Proposal No.WL/KA/CommPost/444009 /2023

Ref: Letter No. BSNL/BGM/MS/4G Project/22-23, dated: 09-10-2023 of Dy. General Manager, O/o. G.M. Telecom, BSNL, Belagavi.

With reference to the above subject, we are in receipt of proposal by Deputy General Manager BSNL for Erection of 4G Mobile Tower under the 4G saturation project of Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF) under Dept. of Telecommunications, Government of India at Non Forest land sy. No. Lingacha Devastan NS 82, Property No.23/1 Hemadaga Village, Khanapur Taluka, Belagavi District through Parivesh-2 portal vide Proposal No.WL/KA/CommPost/444103/2023.

The proposed location has been inspected by the undersigned on 6th August, 2024, the proposal has been processed online, the Site Inspection Report and Part-3 has been submitted online through Parviesh-2 portal.

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of the Bhimgad Wildlife Range. No significant negative impacts on wildlife are expected, and the long-term benefits for both community development and conservation efforts are considerable. Therefore, the project is recommended for approval.


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Site Inspection Report

Proposed Erection of a 4G Tower at Hemmadaga Village within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/444009/2023

Date of Inspection: 6th August 2024

Location: Hemmadga Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

The proposed 4G tower is to be erected on non-forest land within Hemmadga village limits. Hemmadga is a moderately populated village with 93 houses, 124 families, and a total population of 478. The village encompasses approximately 181 hectares of agricultural land and is situated near the state highway connecting Khanapur to Anmod. The road through Hemmadga is closed during night hours, restricting vehicular movement to minimize disturbance to wildlife in the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary.

Connectivity

The nearest existing mobile tower is located at Shirol, which does not provide sufficient coverage for Hemmadga and surrounding villages. The erection of the proposed 4G tower will significantly improve mobile connectivity for Hemmadga as well as nearby villages, including Pali, Mendil, and Degaon. Enhanced communication will benefit local residents, support agricultural activities, and improve emergency response capabilities. The tower will also directly benefit the office of the Bhimgad Wildlife Range located in Hemmadga, facilitating better communication for forest staff involved in wildlife monitoring and management.

Conservation Considerations

Hemmadga is not identified as a priority site for relocation, primarily because it is situated close to a Major District Road. The proposed tower location, being on non-forest land, ensures minimal disturbance to the surrounding forest environment. The enhanced connectivity could indirectly support conservation efforts by improving communication system of forest department and facilitating more efficient management of the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary.

Impacts

The installation of the 4G tower is expected to have minimal direct effects on wildlife due to the non-intrusive nature of the tower and existing mitigation measures, such as road closure during night hours. Given the positioning of the tower outside critical habitat areas, no significant adverse impact on local wildlife is anticipated.

Recommendation

The proposal aligns with the 4G Saturation Project of the Government of India, which aims to improve digital connectivity in underserved rural areas. The proposed 4G tower at Hemmadga will provide critical communication infrastructure that will benefit local residents, improve connectivity across multiple villages, and support the conservation and management activities

Recommendation

Proposed Erection of a 4G Tower at Hemmadaga Village within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/444009/2023

Date of Inspection: 6th August 2024

Location: Hemmadga Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

The proposal aligns with the 4G Saturation Project of the Government of India, which aims to improve digital connectivity in underserved rural areas. The proposed 4G tower at Hemmadaga will provide critical communication infrastructure that will benefit local residents, improve connectivity across multiple villages, and support the conservation and management activities of the Bhimgad Wildlife Range. No significant negative impacts on wildlife are expected, and the long-term benefits for both community development and conservation efforts are considerable. Therefore, the project is recommended for approval.


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Impact of the Proposal

Proposed Erection of a 4G Tower at Hemmadaga Village within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

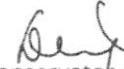
Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/444009/2023

Date of Inspection: 6th August 2024

Location: Hemmadga Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District

Project Proponent: BSNL

The proposed 4G tower is to be erected on non-forest land within Hemmadga village limits. The installation of the 4G tower is expected to have minimal direct effects on wildlife due to the non-intrusive nature of the tower and existing mitigation measures, such as road closure during night hours. Given the positioning of the tower outside critical habitat areas, no significant adverse impact on local wildlife is anticipated.



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Dated: 18-09-2024.

To,

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Sir,

Sub: Erection of 4G Mobile Tower under the 4G saturation project of Universal Services Obligation Fund (USOF) under Dept. of Telecommunications, Government of India at Non Forest land sy. No. 12, Degaon Village, Khanapur Taluka, Belagavi District.
Proposal No.WL/KA/CommPost/444103/2023.

Ref: Letter No.BSNL/BGM/4G project/2023-24, 36, dated:03-05-2024 of Assistant General Manager, Mobile Services (O & I), BSNL, Belagavi.

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Site Inspection Report

Proposed Erection of a 4G Tower at Degaon Village within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/444103/2023

Date of Inspection: 6th August 2024

Location: Degaon Village, Belagavi District

Applicant: BSNL

Overview

Degaon village is located approximately 6 kilometers from Hemmadga, accessible only by a road maintained by the forest department. This road traverses a pristine forest patch characterized by semi-evergreen and evergreen vegetation and is unpaved. The hamlet of Degaon consists of around 20 households with a population of approximately 100 individuals.

BSNL has proposed the erection of a 4G tower at Degaon, equipped with receiver and transmitter equipments, power generator and other necessary infrastructure. Additionally, there is a proposal to lay an optical fiber cable (OFC) along the road connecting Hemmadga to Degaon, intended to link with the tower. It was noted during discussions with BSNL officials that while the signal from the existing tower at Hemmadga would cover certain areas of Degaon, it would not provide full coverage for the entire hamlet.

Ecological Significance

Degaon is situated within the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, a critical habitat that forms part of the larger Kali Tiger Conservation Unit. Bhimgad serves as a crucial corridor linking the Kali and Sahyadri Tiger Reserves, making it vital for tiger conservation. The sanctuary is home to diverse flora and fauna, and any disruption to its ecological integrity could have far-reaching consequences for wildlife, particularly tigers.

Voluntary Village Relocation Efforts

Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary currently extends over 13 villages, including Degaon. A significant number of families residing in these villages have expressed their willingness to relocate under the Government of India's voluntary village relocation program. The forest department and district administration have identified priority sites, including Degaon, for this relocation process, which is crucial for the long-term conservation of the area.

Assessment

- 1. Impact on Tiger Habitat:** The erection of a 4G tower and the laying of an OFC cable in this area would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.
- 2. Counterproductive to Relocation Efforts:** The proposed developments may undermine the ongoing voluntary relocation efforts by making the area more

accessible and potentially more attractive for outsiders to settle in the hamlet. This is counter to the conservation goals that aim to reduce human-wildlife conflict and secure larger contiguous areas for wildlife.

3. **Limited Necessity:** The proposed tower at Hemmadga provides partial coverage to Degaon. Given the ongoing relocation efforts and the limited population in the area, the need for a tower at Degaon and associated infrastructure is not justified.



Deputy Conservator of Forests

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Recommendation

Proposed Erection of a 4G Tower at Degaon Village within Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary

Proposal No. WL/KA/CommPost/444103/2023

1. **Impact on Tiger Habitat:** The erection of a 4G tower and the laying of an OFC cable in this area would introduce new infrastructure into a sensitive ecological zone. This could lead to habitat fragmentation, increased human activity, and potential disturbances to wildlife, particularly tigers, which rely on undisturbed corridors for movement.
2. **Counterproductive to Relocation Efforts:** The proposed developments may undermine the ongoing voluntary relocation efforts by making the area more accessible and potentially more attractive for outsiders to settle in the hamlet. This is counter to the conservation goals that aim to reduce human-wildlife conflict and secure larger contiguous areas for wildlife.
3. **Limited Necessity:** The proposed tower at Hemmadga provides partial coverage to Degaon. Given the ongoing relocation efforts and the limited population in the area, the need for a tower at Degaon and associated infrastructure is not justified.

In light of these considerations, the proposal for the erection of a 4G tower at Degaon is **not recommended**. Approving this project would be detrimental to the long-term conservation goals of the Kali Tiger Conservation Unit and could jeopardize ongoing efforts to preserve the ecological integrity of the Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary.


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