No.RW-MD/TN/OFC/Per/NH 7/2002

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

Chief Engineer cum Regional Office,

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Date: 12.11.2018

Invitation of public comments

Subject: Permission Proposal for laying underground BSNL Optical fiber cable along the NH from Km 35/630 - Km 35/830 (LHS) (Madurai- Kanyakumari section) of NH 7 in the State of Tamil Nadu - Regarding.

The proposal is regarding permission for laying of Optical fiber cable Assistant General Manager, O/o PGM, BSNL, Madurai, Optical fiber cable along the NH from Km 35/630- Km 35/830 (LHS) (Madurai- Kanyakumari section) of NH 7 in the State of Tamil Nadu was submitted to this office by the DGM cum PD, NHAI, Madurai vide letter No.NHAI/MDU/NH-7/BSNL/2018/4305 dated 08.10.2018 has submitted the proposal to this office in accordance with Ministry's latest guidelines dated 22.11.2016.

2. The alignment proposed by Assistant General Manager, O/o PGM, BSNL, Madurai, Optical fiber cable along the NH from Km 35/630- Km 35/830 (LHS) (Madurai- Kanyakumari section) of NH 7 i.e. in a length of 200m as detailed under:

Stretch in Km	Length (Km)	ROW (m)	Dist. of Prop. Optical fiber cable from Centre of NH (m)
LHS - size of pipe - 40 m	m dia PLB Pi	ре	
Km 35/630- Km 35/830	0.200	70.00	34.00
Across - Size of pipe :-	Km 35/6+30 -	40mm PLB Pipe	

- 3. The right of way is 70m in the aforesaid stretch. The carriageway width of each side aforesaid stretch is 9m. Assistant General Manager, O/o PGM, BSNL, Madurai has proposed to lay the Optical fiber cable at the edge of the ROW for a length of 200m. The entire length of 200m the Optical fiber cable is proposed to be laid at a distance less than 15m which is not in conformity with Ministry's guidelines vide letter No.NHIII/P/66/76 dated 19.11.1976. Further, Assistant General Manager, O/o PGM, BSNL, Madurai has mentioned that the OFC is proposed to lay by using *Trench Technology* for distance is greater than 15m from the center line of the carriageway and proposed to lay by HDD method across the NH at Km 35/6+30 at a depth of 1.65m from the bottom of the road.
- 4. Assistant General Manager, O/o PGM, BSNL, Madurai has furnished an undertaking to the effect that Assistant General Manager, O/o PGM, BSNL, Madurai will remove the laid OFC line in future if required by NH wing of State Highways Department/MoRTH Govt. of India at any time for expansion of the NH at their own cost without claiming any compensation from NH wing of Tamil Nadu/MoRTH Govt. of India and any right on the NH land. Further, mentioned that Assistant General Manager, O/o PGM, BSNL, Madurai will also restore the surfaces to its original condition soon after removal of the OFC lines. Also, certified that the proposed Optical fiber cable work will not affect the design, stability, traffic safety and future improvement of the proposed stretch.

5. As per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter No.RW/NH-33044/29/2015/S&R(R) dated 22.11.2016 the relaxation application submitted by the applicant will be made available for public comments and the comments will be invited within 30 days from the day of uploading.

In view of the above, comments of the public on the above proposal requiring relaxation from distance criteria is invited to the below mentioned address:

The Chief Engineer cum Regional Officer Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, C-1-A, Rajaji Bhavan, Besant Nagar, Chennai- 600 090

Encl: As Above.

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Yours faithfully,

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2. The CE, NH Chennai - for information

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