No.RW-MD/TN/OFC/Per/NH 7/2002-4 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS

Chief Engineer cum Regional Office,

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Date: 27.02.2019

Invitation of public comments

Subject: Permission Proposal for laying underground Optical fiber cable along the NH from crossing at Km 66/400 - (Madurai-Kanyakumari section) of NH 7 in the State of Tamil Nadu-Regarding.

The proposal is regarding permission for laying of Optical fiber cable M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai, Optical fiber cable along the NH from crossing at Km 66/400 - (Madurai-Kanyakumari section) of NH 7 in the State of Tamil Nadu was submitted to this office by the DGM-PD, NHAI, Madurai vide letter No.NHAI/MDU/NH-7/OFC/2018/5532 dated 24.12.2018 (received on 02.01.2019)has submitted the proposal to this office in accordance with Ministry's latest guidelines dated 22.11.2016.

4. The alignment proposed by M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai, Optical fiber cable along the NH from crossing at Km 66/400 - (Madurai-Kanyakumari section) of NH 7as detailed under:

Across -Size of pipe: - Km 66/400 - 150mm RCC casing pipe - 40mm PLB Pipe

- 5. The right of way is 60m in the aforesaid stretch. The carriageway width of each side aforesaid stretch is 8.75m. M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai has proposed to lay the Optical fiber cable at the edge of the ROW for a length. However, in the entire length of the Optical fiber cable is proposed to be laid at a distance greater than 15m which is in conformity with Ministry's guidelines vide letter No.NHIII/P/66/76 dated19.11.1976. Further, M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai has mentioned that the OFC is proposed to lay by using *Trench* method for distance is greater than 15m from the center line of the carriageway and proposed to lay by *Trenchless* method across the NH at Km 66/400at a depth of 1.65m from the bottom of the road.
- 5. M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai has furnished an undertaking to the effect that M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai 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 M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai 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.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to:

1. The NIC, New Delhi - for uploading in the Ministry's website.

5. DGM-PD, NHAI, Madurai - for information

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