

No.RW-MD/TN/OFC/Per/NH 49/2002
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS
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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 Km 136/000 to Km 153/400 (RHS) and across NH at from Km 152/900 (Rameshwaram - Dhanushkodi road) of NH 49 (New NH 87) in the State of Tamil Nadu - Regarding.

The proposal is regarding permission for laying of underground Optical fiber cable M/s Bharti Airtel Limited, Chennai, Optical fiber cable along the NH from Km 136/000 to Km 153/400 (RHS) and across NH at from Km 152/900 (Rameshwaram - Dhanushkodi road) of NH 49 (New NH 87) in the State of Tamil Nadu was submitted to this office by the SE, NH Tirunelveli vide letter No. 0168/2019/JDO dated 31.01.2019 (received on 05.02.2019) has submitted the proposal to this office in accordance with Ministry's latest guidelines dated 22.11.2016.

2. The alignment proposed by M/s Bharti Airtel Limited, Chennai, Optical fiber cable along the NH from Km 136/000 to Km 153/400 (RHS) and across NH at from Km 152/900 (Rameshwaram - Dhanushkodi road) of NH 49 (New NH 87) i.e. in a length of 17.400 Km as detailed under:

Stretch in Km	Length (Km)	ROW (m)	Dist. of Prop. Optical fiber cable from Centre of NH (m)
RHS - size of pipe - 80 mm dia Duct Pipe			
136/000 to Km 153/400	16.840	Varies 24.00 - 54.00	Varies 8.50 - 26.50
Across Km 152/900 - size of pipe - Encasing Pipe 100mm & 80 mm dia Duct Pipe			

3. The right of way from Varies 24- 54m in the aforesaid stretch. The carriageway width of aforesaid stretch is 10m. M/s Bharti Airtel Limited, Chennai has proposed to lay the Optical fiber cable at the edge of the ROW for a length of 17.400 Km. However, out of the entire length of 17.400 Km in 2.300Km 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, M/s Bharti Airtel Limited, Chennai has given undertaking that the OFC is proposed to lay by **Trench Technology** to extent possible for distance less than 15m from the center line of the carriageway and proposed to lay by **Trenchless method** across the NH at Km 152/900 at a depth of 1.36m from the bottom of the road.

4. M/s Bharti Airtel Limited, Chennai has furnished an undertaking to the effect that M/s Bharti Airtel Limited, 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 Bharti Airtel Limited, 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.

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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
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C-1-A, Rajaji Bhavan, Besant Nagar,
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Encl: As Above.

Yours faithfully,


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Copy to:

1. The NIC, New Delhi - for uploading in the Ministry's website.
2. SE, NH Tirunelveli - for information


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