

52 PUC alongside is a request letter dated 11.5.2017 received from Divisional Engineer (SCP), Eastern Telecom Project, BSNL, Port Blair regarding issue of entry permission for laying of 24F OFC cable along NH-223 road sides in the Jarawa Forest.

53 It has been intimated that the BSNL is planning to lay 24F OFC cable from Port Blair-Rangat-Mayabunder-Diglipur. As such, 24F OFC cable is required to be laid between Jirkatang to Baratang by them which is falling under restricted Jarawa Reserve Area, so that stable reliable transmission media connectivity, better telecommunication services like Mobile, WLL, Broadband, Landline, Leased circuits, Satellite can be provided to the Govt offices and costumers of North & Middle Andaman District. The required time period for completion, manpower deployment etc has been given by them is as under: -

- 1) Work will be started from 22.5.2017
- 2) Work planned for completion period : 04 Months (120 days)
- 3) Work operation timings: 8:00AM to 5:00 PM (120 days)
- 4) No. of machines : 6 Nos (JCBs/HDD Machines)
- 5) No of workers: 40 Nos.
- 6) No. of vehicles for transportation: 2 Nos. (Bolero Vans) alongwith drivers
- 7) Motor Bikes: 2 Nos.
- 8) Supervisory staff from BSNL: 2 Nos.
- 9) Supervisory vehicle from BSNL: 1 No. alongwith Driver

54 It is submitted that as per Section 7 of the PAT, 1956, the Dy Commissioner is the competent authority to grant necessary permission to enter in the reserved area. Since the requirement is received from the Govt agency and it is for the larger public interest, therefore, it will be appropriate to grant them permission to carry out the work of laying of 24F OFC cable along NH-223 road sides in the Jarawa reserve Area on the following conditions:

- 1) Laying work of 24FOFC cable should be carried out under the overall supervision of Executive Secretary, AAJVS