

No.RW-MD/TN/OFC/Per/NH 49/2002  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS  
Chief Engineer cum Regional Office,  
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Date: 30.11.2018

Invitation of public comments

**Subject:** Permission Proposal for laying underground BSNL Optical fiber cable along the NH from Km 170/800 - Km 171/440 (LHS) (Rameshwaram - Dhanushkodi road) of NH 49 in the State of Tamil Nadu - Regarding.

The proposal is regarding permission for laying of Optical fiber cable Officer Commanding, 4N Detachment, Olaikuda Village, Rameswaram, Ramanathapuram District, Optical fiber cable along the NH from Km 170/800 - Km 171/440 (LHS) (Rameshwaram - Dhanushkodi road) of NH 49 in the State of Tamil Nadu was submitted to this office by the SE, NH, Madurai vide letter No. 2516/2018/JDO dated 11.09.2018 has submitted the proposal to this office in accordance with Ministry's latest guidelines dated 22.11.2016.

3. The alignment proposed by Officer Commanding, 4N Detachment, Olaikuda Village, Rameswaram, Ramanathapuram District, Optical fiber cable along the NH from Km 170/800 - Km 171/440 (LHS) (Rameshwaram - Dhanushkodi road) of NH 49 i.e. in a length of 640m 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 mm dia PLB Pipe			
170/800 - 171/440	0.640	Varies 9.30 - 17.80	Varies 4.00 - 6.50

4. The right of way from Varies 9.30 - 17.80m in the aforesaid stretch. The carriageway width of aforesaid stretch is Varies 7.00 - 10.70m. Officer Commanding, 4N Detachment, Olaikuda Village, Rameswaram, Ramanathapuram District has proposed to lay the Optical fiber cable at the edge of the ROW for a length of 640m. However, in the entire length of 640m 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, Officer Commanding, 4N Detachment, Olaikuda Village, Rameswaram, Ramanathapuram District has mentioned that the OFC is proposed to lay by using *HDD method* where the distance is less than 15m from the center line of the carriageway is proposed to lay by HDD method at a depth of 1.65m from the bottom of the road.

5. Officer Commanding, 4N Detachment, Olaikuda Village, Rameswaram, Ramanathapuram District has furnished an undertaking to the effect that Officer Commanding, 4N Detachment, Olaikuda Village, Rameswaram, Ramanathapuram District 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 Officer Commanding, 4N Detachment, Olaikuda Village, Rameswaram, Ramanathapuram District 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.

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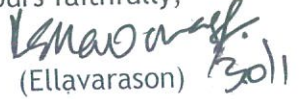
5. As per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letter No.RW/NH-33044/29/2015/S&R(R) dated 22.11.2016 the relaxation application submitted by the applicant will be made available for public comments and the comments will be invited within 30 days from the day of uploading.

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,  
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Encl: As Above.

Yours faithfully,

  
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For Chief Engineer-RO

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