No.CE-RO/Chennai/MoRTH/12017/NH-49Extn/PER/2019-20 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS Chief Enginer cum Regional Officer,

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Dated: 10.06.2020

Invitation of public comments

Subject:-Permission Proposal for laying underground Optical fiber cable along from Km 99/000 to 119/000 (LHS) on Madurai-Cochin road of NH-49Extn (New NH-85) in the State of Tamil Nadu-Reg.

The proposal is regarding permission for laying of Optical fiber cable M/s Reliance Jio Info Comm Ltd., Chennai the National Highways from Km 99/000 to 119/000 (LHS) on Madurai-Cochin road of NH-49Extn (New NH-85) in the State of Tamil Nadu was submitted to this office by the SE, NH, Madurai vide letter No.587/2019/JDO dated 19.03.2020 (received on 01.06.2020) 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 Reliance Jio Info Comm Ltd., Chennai from Km 99/000 to 119/000 (LHS) on Madurai-Cochin road of NH-49Extn (New NH-85) i.e. in a length 20,000m 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 40mm PLB Pipe & 20mm OFC Cable			
99/000 to 119/000	20.000	Varies 10.00 to 13.00	Varies 5.50 to 7.00

- 3. The right of way 10m to 13m in the aforesaid stretch. The carriageway width of aforesaid stretch is 10.00m. M/s Reliance Jio Info Comm Ltd., Chennai has proposed to lay the Optical fiber cable at the edge of the ROW for a length of 20000m. However, out of the aforesaid length, in 20000m 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 Reliance Jio Info Comm Ltd., Chennai has mentioned that the OFC line are less than 15metre from the centre line of the road the underground Optical cable is proposed to lay by using *Trenchless Method*.
- 4. The applicant M/s Reliance Jio Info Comm Ltd., Chennai has furnished an undertaking to the effect that M/s Reliance Jio Info Comm 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 Info Comm 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 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 from distance criteria is invited to the below mentioned address:

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

Yours Sincerely,

Encl: As Above.

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

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