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To,

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment & Forests Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

Subject: Diversion of 0.71595 ha for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along admitted right of way road from Kakkanalla to Thorapalli (km 0/0 to km 15/910) passing through Mudumalai Tiger Reserve Core area in Nilgiris District under section 2 of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd, Chennai-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No No.8681/FR.10/2017-3 dated 15.02.2018 and online proposal No. FP/TN/Others/17714/2016 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 06.03.2019. The State Government vide letter No. 8681FR.10/2017-11 dated 29.08.2019 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's approval (*Stage-II*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.71595 ha of forest area for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along admitted right of way road from Kakkanalla to Thorapalli (km 0/0 to km 15/910) passing through Mudumalai Tiger Reserve Core area in Nilgiris District under section 2 of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd, Chennai, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency;

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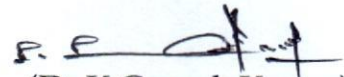
- (iii) State Forest Department shall carry out mitigation measures and comply with all conditions as prescribed by the NTCA, State Chief Wildlife Warden and conditions of the SBWL from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- (iv) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (v) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (vi) Felling of trees shall not be carried out by the User Agency;
- (vii) Work shall be taken up during day time only. No work shall be carried out during night time;
- (viii) The cable line shall be laid at least one meter below the ground level and the forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same. The maximum size of the trench should not exceed 2.00 mt depth and 0.45 mt width;
- (ix) Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- (x) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.71595** ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xi) User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- (xii) Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG (Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;

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- (xiii) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by the DDG (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. 89, Dr. Radhakrishna Salai, Mylapore, Chennai-600004.
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