

**Government of Punjab**  
**Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation**  
**(Forest Branch)**

To

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),  
Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.

No. FCA/1980/81/2018/ 3107

Dated: 27-11-19

**Sub: - Diversion of 2.5947 hectares of forest land for laying of OFC (Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.) on Village Mahal to Anjala via Village Chogawan, Lapoke, Manj kotli Chaka Vazir, total route length 57500 Mtrs. Distt. Amritsar.**

Ref: - Your Office U.O No. 154

Dated: 27-8-19

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Government of India has accorded general approval under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 vide letter No. F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 in the cases of laying of Underground Telephone Lines, Optical Fiber Cable/Underground Laying of Drinking Water Supply Pipeline.

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted vide your letter under reference general approval of Govt. of India under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for "**Final Approval**" of temporary diversion of **2.5947 ha.** of forest land for digging of trenches measuring **57500 mtrs.** Long and **0.45 mtrs** wide along the road for laying of Optical Fiber Cable is hereby conveyed subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
2. The forest land to be diverted as per approval will not be use for any other purpose.
3. No tree will be felled by the user agency.
4. As per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 28-3-08 in I.A No. 826 in 566 in W.P.(C) 202 of 1995 has fully exempted NPV provided: (a) no felling of trees is involved and (b) the areas fall outside National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.
5. User Agency has given Bank Guarantee of Rs. **1437500/-** to DFO, **Amritsar**.
6. The Optical Fiber Cable will be laid along the road within the existing right of way and close to the outermost edge of the forest land. The dug out land shall be restored by the User Agency and the same shall be made good immediately after the approved operation.
7. This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under relevant local Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable.
8. The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the DFO, **Amritsar** for carrying out any maintenance operation.
9. The User Agency shall abide by any other condition (s) that may be imposed by this Department in the interest of afforestation and protection of environment.
10. The State Forest Department may revoke/suspend this approval, if any of the above conditions is not satisfactorily fulfilled by the User Agency.
11. An undertaking is signed by the User Agency for abiding by all the aforesaid conditions.
12. If any other NOC is necessary under any Act/Rules/Guidelines etc. from other Departments, the user agency should obtain the same before the commencement of laying of Cable.
13. CF, **Bist Circle**, Jalandhar/DFO, **Amritsar** shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions.

*Deputy*

*26-11-19*  
Additional Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,  
Department of Forests and Wildlife  
Preservation.

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Copy to: -

1. IGF (FC), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh, New Delhi- 110003.
2. Addl. Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Bays No. 24-25, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh.
3. Conservator of Forests, Bist Circle, Jalandhar/DFO, Amritsar w.r.t DFO, Amritsar's letter No. 684 dated: 10.06.2019.
4. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., C-135, Ind Area Phase-08, Mohali.

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