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Date: 06th May, 2024

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.258 ha of forest land in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary area for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road side of Dharmapuri-Anchetty road passing through Anchetty RF in Hosur Wildlife Division, Hosur in the Krishnagiri District in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Mylapore, Chennai-Reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter Nos.15940/FR.10/2020-3 dated 06.10.2021, 15940/FR.10/2020-6 dated 11.07.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TN/Others/30207/2017 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 by the Central Government vide letter No.4-TNB076/2021-CHN/898 dated 23.08.2023. The State Government vide letter No. 15940/FR.10/2020-9 dated 06.02.2024, which was received through Parivesh portal on 16/04/2024 has 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 Final approval under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the diversion of 0.258 ha of forest land in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road side of Dharmapuri-Anchetty road passing through Anchetty RF in Hosur Wildlife Division, Hosur in the Krishnagiri District in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Mylapore, Chennai, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;

- (ii) Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the appropriate distance as decided by the DFO concerned, at the cost of User Agency;
- (iii) 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 the User Agency;
- (iv) **The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 mtr depth, 8.6 km length and 0.30 mtr width. The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same;**
- (v) **The conditions stipulated by the 72nd Meeting of SC-NBWL dated 25.04.2023 shall be strictly complied with;**
- (vi) **The State Govt./User Agency shall obtain necessary approval under applicable law/rules/orders including procedural/regulatory requirements under Eco Sensitive Zone.**
- (vii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (viii) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (ix) Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- (x) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- (xi) **No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency;**
- (xii) 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;
- (xiii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.258 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

- (xiv) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- (xv) 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;
- (xvi) Any other conditions that the Central Government or 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;
- (xvii) Non compliance of any of these conditions will amounts to violation under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

Yours faithfully,

Signed by Karthikeyan

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Sd/-

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