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**Government of Punjab**  
**Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation**  
**O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Punjab,**  
**Forest Complex, Sector-68, S.A.S. Nagar.**  
**(FCA Branch)**

To

Dated 02/07/2021

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

**Sub: - Diversion of 0.5067 ha of forest land in favour of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited for laying of OFC under NOFN Project in Roopnagar Block on Kakot to Majri Ghat Rout & Anandpur Sahib Block on Nakkian to Daulowal Meendwan to Upper Baddal, Massewal to Maura, Lower Baddal to Jhingri Jindwari bus stand to Donal Majher, Samlah to Lakher School and Baruwat to Massewal telephone exchange under Distt. and Forest Division Rupnagar. Punjab (FP/PB/OFC/34396/2018).**

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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 under para 4.2 according 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 "Stage-1 approval "of temporary diversion of 0.5067 ha. of forest land measuring 16890 mtrs. Long 0.30 mtr wide and depth 1.65 mtrs along the road for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited NOFN Project) 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 in-principle approval will not be used 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 dated 28-3-08 in I.A No. 826 in 566..... in W.P.(C) 202 of 1995, the user agency is exempted for paying of the charges under NPV: (a) no felling of trees is involved; and (b) the areas fall outside National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.
5. The Optical Fiber Cable will be laid along the road within the existing right of way and closed 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.
6. This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under relevant local Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable.
7. It is Mandatory for the User Agency not to exceed the permissible trench limit of 16890 meters Length, Width 0.30 meter and Depth 1.65 meters.
8. The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the DFO, Rupnagar for carrying out any maintenance operation.
9. The User Agency shall abide by any other condition (s) that may be imposed

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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 tendered by the User Agency for abiding all the aforesaid conditions.
12. If any other NOC is necessary for the work under any Act/Rules/Guidelines etc. from any other Departments, the user agency should obtain the same on its own before the commencement of laying of Cable.
13. DFO, Rupnagar shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions and CF, Shiwalik Circle will supervise it.

UNDER SECRETARY

Copy to: -

1. Addl. Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Bays No. 24-25, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh
2. Conservator of Forests, Shiwalik Circle, SAS Nagar.
3. Divisional Forest Officer, Rupnagar.
4. M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited PLOT NO 117 Giani Zaal Singh Nagar, Ropar.