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Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forest  
Banaskantha Forest Division, Palanpur

No. FCA/T-17/c1 **77-82** /2019-20

Date: **7** /6/2019

To,  
Reliance Jio Limited  
Reliance Mart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Thaltej, Ahmadabad

- Sub:** Diversion of 0.09 Forest land for laying Underground laying Optical Fiber Cable at. Panthawada, taluka- Dantiwada, district.-Banaskantha in favour of Banaskantha District of Gujarat.
- Ref.** 1. Government of Gujarat Forest & Environment Department letter no.  
(1) FCA/1015/1013/15/SF-83F(1) Dt. 04/02/2016.  
(2) JMN/1016/1970/15/SF-38/F, Dt. 15/09/2016  
2. Additional Principle Chief Conservator of Forests, Land Gujarat State, Gandhinagar letter no  
(1) FCA/29/A/1062-1135, Dt. 10/03/2016  
(2) FCA/29/A/95-168, Dt. 13/05/2016  
3. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Ahmedabad letter no.  
RJIL/GUJ/R.Forest / Banaskantha/ NLD 7B/23, Date: 24/9/2018

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No. NLD 7B/23, Dated 24/9/2018 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Government under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 as per following

Sr. No	Particular	Length X Width (Meter)		Area(Sq Meter)
1	Laying Underground Optical Fiber Cable at. Panthawada, taluka- Dantiwada, district.-Banaskantha (km. 2.00) area 0.09 ha.	2000	0.45	900
<b>Total-</b>				<b>0.09 ha.</b>

Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department, Gandhinagar vide its circular Mentioned under Reference has delegated powers under "General Approval" to the concerned Division forest officer to grant approval under Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 for laying of Underground optical fiber cable, Telephone lines, drinking water, electric lines, CNG/PNG Pipeline and Petroleum Pipeline along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of trench is not more Than 2 Meter depth and 1 Meter width subject to certain conditions.

AND whereas, the user agency, while applying and through the documents Submitted has Confirmed that its FCA proposal, falls along the roads within existing Right of way not falling in National Park & Wildlife Sanctuaries, without felling of trees, where the maximum Size of the trench is not more than 2 Meter depth and 1 Meter width and hence fulfils all the above Specified conditions and eligibility as laid down in circular mentioned at ref (1) and falls under the category of proposal eligible for "General Approval"

AND whereas having verified on the site that above facts are correct and fulfils the above Specific conditions of "General Approval" the following order is issued.



In view of the above the undersigned is pleased to convey its "in-principle" approval for diversion of 0.09 ha. of Optical Fiber Cable subject to the following conditions:

Condition :-

1. The permissions is granted only for use of the forest land for the propose specified in the proposal. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The cost of NPV, Registration Fees, Processing Fees etc. as per Demand Note attached herewith shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority.
3. The user agencies shall generate challan through OSFMWC portal before making payment for Stage-II Clearance process. All the fund shall be deposited through OSMFMC portal by the user agency.
4. In future if any amount regarding Net Present Value (NPV) or Compensatory Afforestation (CA) is required, the user agency is bounded to pay in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forest.
5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.
6. The user agency will have to obtain permission from the undersigned for carrying out any maintenance works in future
7. The user agency will have to make good the forest land after use / maintenance works. No tree shall be cut.
8. The user agency will be liable to make good any loss to Forests/ Environment caused due to the use of the said land by the user agency.
9. The user agency will seek permission from the Road & Building Department /Science and Technology Dept. Sachivalaya Gandhinagar, if required so.
10. The line will be laid underground in a trench of the depth 2 Meter & width 1 Meter in between rows of road side plantation.
11. The user agency shall submit the detail regarding compliance of MoEF's guidelines dated 03.08.2009 & 05.02.2013 with regard to the scheduled Tribe & Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act.,-2006.
12. The additional conditions under chapter- 5 of Forest Conservation Act., 1980 shall be applicable to this proposal as the Government of Gujarat's Resolutions No. FCA-1013/11-10/11 /SF-24/F, Dated 12.06.2015. The user agency shall comply additional condition as per the aforementioned resolution.
13. Any other condition, which the Nodal Officer (FCA )/ the State Government may stipulate from time to time.

After receipt of compliance report on the fulfilment of conditions no. (2),(3),(5)&(12) mentioned above, from you, order of formal approval will be issued by this Department.

Yours Faithfully,



(Dr. G.S. Singh, IFS)  
Deputy Conservator of Forest  
Banaskantha-Palanpur

Copy submitted to:

- (1) The Additional Chief secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Gujarat State Gandhinagar
- (2) Additional Principle Chief Conservator of Forests, Land Gujarat State, Gandhinagar
- (3) Conservator of Forests , Gandhinagar Wildlife Circle, Gandhinagar.
- (4) Copy forwarded to Assistant Conservator of Forests, Palanpur.
- (5) Copy forwarded to Range forest officer Dantiwada for information and necessary action.