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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bangalore - 560 001.

Subject: Re-diversion of 0.101 ha (revised from 0.0517 hectare) of forest land in Sy.No. 9, 25, 27, 28, 36, Jamakhandi village and Sy.No. 49, Siddapura village, Jamakhandi Taluk, Bagalkot District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable from Yadwadi to Jamakandi Reserve Forest in Bagalkot District in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fiber Private Limited, Bengaluru - reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 88 FLL 2022 (e) dated 19/08/2022 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 5th September, 2022. The State Government vide letter FEE 88 FLL 2022 dated 21/03/2024 (Online received on 11/06/2024) has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's final approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for re-diversion of **0.101 ha.** of forest land in Sy.No. 9, 25, 27, 28, 36, Jamakhandi village and Sy.No. 49, Siddapura village, Jamakhandi Taluk, Bagalkot District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable from Yadwadi to Jamakandi Reserve Forest in Bagalkot District in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fiber Private Limited, Bengaluru, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the re-diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3. Compensatory Afforestation shall be carried out on land identified by the State Forest department i.e. in F. Sy. No.37 of Siddapur Village, Bagalkot District within 2 years from of grant of final approval at the cost of user agency. Planting will be carried out in one block for easy maintenance and monitoring.

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4. The State Government shall upload the KML file of the forest area diverted and CA area (plantation of ten times no. of trees to be felled) on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.
5. The 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 and the same shall be transferred to the designated CAMPA Account.
6. Tree felling shall be restricted to the barest minimum possible and under confirmation from the local forest officials.
7. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
8. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
9. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
10. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than i.e. specified in the project proposal.
11. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.101 ha.
12. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.
13. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
14. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
15. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
16. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru by the end of March every year.
17. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office, Bengaluru may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
18. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
19. The State Govt. shall ensure that the complete compliance of FRA 2006 as per the rule 11 (7) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023.
20. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

Yours faithfully,


(M.K. Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ Division), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (VSESA) /Nodal Officer

(VSESA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.

4. M/s. Jio Digital Fiber Private Limited, No. 51, RMZ Icon, Palace Cross Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru -560 052.
5. Guard file.

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27/6/2014