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Date 06th March, 2019

To,

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

Subject: Diversion of 0.71595 ha for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along admitted right of way road from Kakkanalla to Thoropalli (km 0/0 to km 15/910) passing through Mudumalai Tiger Reserve Core area in Nilgiris District under section 2 of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd, Chennai-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters No.8681/FR.10/2017-3 dated 15.02.2018 and online proposal No. FP/TN/Others/17714/2016 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's approval (*Stage-I*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.71595 ha for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along admitted right of way road from Kakkanalla to Thoropalli (km 0/0 to km 15/910) passing through Mudumalai Tiger Reserve Core area in Nilgiris District under section 2 of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd, Chennai for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency;
- (iii) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 0.71595 ha from User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995;

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- (iv) 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. **The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;**
- (v) Funds received from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value and any money received in compliance of the conditions stipulated by the Central Government under this project shall compulsorily be deposited in to the **"State Compensatory Afforestation Fund of Tamil Nadu State" only;**
- (vi) State Forest Department shall carry out mitigation measures and comply with all conditions as prescribed by the NTCA, State Chief Wildlife Warden and condition of the SBWL, if any, at the cost of user agency;
- (vii) **The User Agency shall obtain the clearance from the State Board for wildlife (SBWL) before commencement of the work;**
- (viii) **RoFR certificate in prescribed format by this Ministry shall be furnished along with compliance report;**
- (ix) 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;
- (x) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xi) Felling of trees shall not be carried out by the User Agency;
- (xii) Work shall be taken up during day time only. No work shall be carried out during night time;
- (xiii) The cable line shall be laid at least one meter below the ground level and the forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same. The maximum size of the trench should not exceed 2.00 mt depth and 0.45 mt width;
- (xiv) Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;

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- (xv) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.71595 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xvi) 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;
- (xvii) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of 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;
- (xviii) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

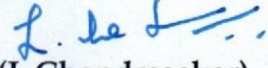
After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of noncompliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

(L.Chandrasekar)
Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, No.1, Jeenis Road, Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. 89, Dr. Radhakrishna Salai, Mylapore, Chennai-600004.
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