


PART - II
(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)
State Serial No. of Proposal: (FP/GJ/Others/148939/2021)

7.	Location of the Project/Scheme	Proposal for laying of OFC 4G/5G for Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd. Kutch dist. (Village: Maniyaro, Ber nani, Karmata).
(i)	State/Union Territory	Gujarat State
(ii)	District	Kutch
(iii)	Forest Division	Kutch West Forest Division. Bhuj
(iv)	Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha)	0.10935 ha.
(v)	Legal Status of Forest	RF (Sec.- 20) & UF
(vi)	Density of vegetation	0.00
(vii)	Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation/hydel projects enumeration at FRI...1, FRI...2 meter also to be enclosed).	Attached here with as per Anne. -No.16
(viii)	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion	Attached here with as per Anne. -No.04
(ix)	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	Within Forest area.
(x)	Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, tiger reserve, elephant corridor, etc. (If so, the details of the area and comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed).	No
(xi)	Whether any rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna found in the area -- if so details thereof.	No
(xii)	Whether any protected archaeological / heritage site / defence establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from Competent Authority, if required.	No
8.	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col.2 of part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project. If no, recommended area item wise with details of alternatives examined.	Yes
9.	Whether any work in violation of the act has been carried out (Yes/No). If yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progress?	No
10.	Details of compensatory afforestation scheme	
(i)	Details of non forest area / degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of	N / A


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	patches, size of each patch.	
(ii)	Map showing non-forest / degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.	N / A
(iii)	Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.	N / A
(iv)	Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.	N / A
(v)	Certificate from Competent Authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view. (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests).	N / A
11.	Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col.7 (xi,xii), 8 and 9 above.	Attached here with as per Anne. -No.17
12.	Division / District Profile:	Covering an area of 45,652 km ² , it is the largest district of India. The population of Kutch is 21 Lacs, literacy rate is 59.79%
(i)	Geographical area of the district	45,652 km ²
(ii)	Forest area of the division	2186.0292 km ²
(iii)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases.	249.753625 ha. No. of cases – 20
(iv)	Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/division since 1980 on. a) forest land including penal compensatory afforestation b) Non – forest land	(a) 860.48 Ha. (b) 18721.87 Ha.
(v)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (date) 2021-22 on a) Forest land b) Non-forest land	(a) 745.10 Ha. (b) 18721.87 Ha.
13.	Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons	Recommended diversion 0.10935 ha. Forest area. - As per detailed note on project (Anne.-4). - Under the project of Jio Digital Fibre Pvt.Ltd. OFC system will fulfil the needs of Telecommunication circuits and Wireless Broadband Services and other Data for the Government, Industries, Defence and Society.

Date:- 24/05/2022
Place:- Bhuj


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No. C/JMN/T-11/2022-23/119-122

Date: 24/05/2022

To,
Manager,
Jio Digital Fiber Pvt. Ltd.
101 Saffron, Nr. Centre Point,
Panchvati 5 Rasta, Ambawadi,
Ahmedabad, pin-380006, Gujarat.

Sub:- Diversion of 0.10935 ha Reserved Forest and Unclass Forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cables is passing through Village : Maniyaro, Ta. Lakhat and Village: Ber nani & Karamta, Ta. Abdasa, District- Kutch in favour of Jio Digital Fiber Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
(Proposal No: FP/G/Others/148939/2021)

- Ref:-** 1. Government of Gujarat Forest & Environment Department letter No. FCA/1015/1013/15/SF-83F (1), Dt.- 04.02.2016
2. Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest letter No.: FCA/29/A/1062-1135/2015-16, Dt.10/03/2016.
3. Jio Digital Fiber Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad letter No.: JDFPT/Guj/Forest/Kutch-Bhuj/NLD8A/11, Dt.-01/11/2021.

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No.: JDFPT/Guj/Forest/Kutch-Bhuj/NLD-8A/11, Dt.-01/11/2021 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 (m)	Width (m)	Area (ha)	Remarks
	District	Taluka	Village	Survey No.				
1	Kutch	Lakhat	Maniyaro	5/Pt.	927	0.45	0.041715	Depth of pit is 1.65 mtr.
2	Kutch	Abdasa	Ber Nani	48/Pt.	63	0.45	0.002835	
3	Kutch	Abdasa	Karamta	29/Pt.	1440	0.45	0.064800	
Total					2430		0.109350	

Government of Gujarat Forest & Environment Department Gandhinagar vide its circular mentioned under reference has delegates power 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 Park and Wildlife Sanctuary, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of trench is not more than 2.00 mtr depth and 1.00 mtr 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 Parks & Wildlife Sanctuaries, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of trench is not more than 2.00 mtr depth and 1.00mtr width and hence fulfills all the above specified conditions and eligibility, as laid down in circular mentioned as 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 fulfills 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 0.10935 ha of Reserved Forest & Unclass Forest land subject to the following conditions:-

1. This permission is granted only for the use of the forest land for the purpose 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 Agency shall generate challan through OSMFWC portal before making payment for Stage-II clearance process. All the fund shall be deposited through OSMFWC 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 work. No tree shall be cut.
8. The user agency will be liable to make good any loss to Forests/ Environment cause due to use of the said land by the user agency.
9. The user agency will seek permission from Road & Building Department /Science & Technology Department Sachivalay Gandhinagar, if required so.
10. The line will be laid underground in a trench of the depth of 1.65 mtr & width of 0.45 mtr in between rows of road side plantation.
11. The User Agency shall submit the details regarding compliance of MoEF's guidelines dated 03.08.2009 and 05.02.2013 with regard to the Schedule Tribes & Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act.-2006.
12. The additional condition 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 resolutions.
13. Any other condition, with the Nodal Officer (FCA)/ the State Government may stipulate from time to time.

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

Yours faithfully



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Dy. Conservator of Forests
Kutch West Division, Bhuj

Copy submitted to :-

1. The Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Land, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.
3. Chief Conservator of Forest, Kutch Forest Circle, Bhuj-Kutch.