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To

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(Online Proposal No: FP/GJ/Others/144639/2021)

Sub: Final (Stage-II) approval of Central Government under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for proposed diversion of 0.30996 ha Reserved Forest and Section-4 land for laying optical fibre cable along the route from Ambaji to Hadad passing from Balaram- Ambaji Sanctuary of Village- Chikla, Ranpur, Tarangda, Ganapipli and Machkoda on SH in Banaskantha District in favour of Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Ahmedabad (FP/GJ/Others/144639/2021)- reg.

Sir,

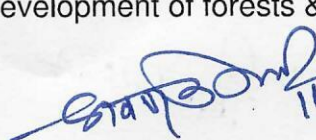
This refers to letter No. FCA-1021/1-09/21/SF-268/F dated 30.06.2022 of the State Govt. of Gujarat on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change under section-2 of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980**. After due consideration of the proposal of the State Government, the 'In-Principle/Stage-I' approval of the Central Government for the diversion of the said forest land was accorded vide this office letter No. FC-6/GJB-50/2022-GNR dated 11.08.2022 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The Government of Gujarat vide their letter No. FED/0281/06/2023 dated 01.07.2023 have furnished compliance report in respect of the relevant conditions stipulated in the In-principle approval for grant of final approval.

In this connection, on the basis of the compliance report under reference and confirmation of receipt of compensatory levies from National Authority of CAMPA vide online e.portal transaction dated 01.09.2022, the **Final/Stage-II approval** of the Central Government under Section-2 of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** is hereby accorded for diversion of 0.30996 ha Reserved Forest and Section-4 land for laying optical fibre cable along the route from Ambaji to Hadad passing from Balaram- Ambaji Sanctuary of Village- Chikla, Ranpur, Tarangda, Ganapipli and Machkoda on SH in Banaskantha District in favour of Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Ahmedabad subject to the following general and standard conditions:

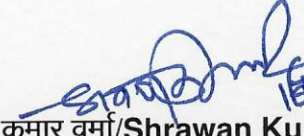
1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 1.00 ha de-graded forest land at Survey No. 452/pt at Village- Malana, Taluka- Palanpur, District- Banaskantha of Gujarat at the cost of the user

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- agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local native species shall be planted and mono-culture of any species, especially non-native species should be avoided.
3. No tree felling shall be involved in the implementation of this project.
 4. The State Government should ensure submission of FRA certificate in proper format along with all the enclosures i.e. proceedings of DLC, SDLC & Gram Sabha Resolution by the User Agency before issuing the orders for diversion by the State Government.
 5. The KML files of diverted area is to be uploaded on the e.Green Watch Portal before issuing the orders for diversion by the State Government.
 6. All the conditions stipulated by the, CWLW, Govt. of Gujarat vide letter No. WLP/32/B/8927-33/2017-18 dated 09.01.2018 shall be strictly followed by the User Agency under strict supervision of State Forest Department.
 7. The optical fibre cable shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after laying down of OFC the ground will be leveled.
 8. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
 9. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
 10. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
 11. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
 12. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
 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. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
 15. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
 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, Gandhinagar by the end of March every year.
 17. The User Agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
 18. All the conditions of Stage-I approval shall be strictly complied.
 19. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.
 20. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

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As has been mentioned at Para-2 of this final approval, this approval for diversion of forest land is subject to the fulfillment of stipulated conditions mentioned in this approval letter. Therefore, in the event of non-compliance of any of the conditions laid out in this approval letter, the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may withdraw the said approval for the diversion of the forest land and stop the non-forest activity being carried out in the forest land besides initiating the legal action as per provisions of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980**.


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Copy to:

1. The Inspector General of Forests (Central), ROHQ Division, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Indira paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi- 110003.
2. The APCCF & Nodal Officer, Aranya Bhawan, Sector- 10A, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
3. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Forest Division. Banaskantha- Palanpur, Gujarat.
4. Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd., C/o Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd., "Reliance Mart", 2nd Floor, Opp. Drive-in-Cinema, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
5. Guard File.