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दिनांक/Date: 8th August, 2025

सेवामें/To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Tamil Nadu,
Environment, Climate Change & Forests Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009.

विषय/Subject: "FP/TN/OFC/117896/2020-Diversion of 0.165 ha of forest land for laying underground OFC along Arimalam Rayavaram road stretch along sengirai forest area in favour of JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PRIVATE LIMITED." -Final Orders Issued - Reg.

महोदय/ Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.6119/FR.10/2023-2 dated 19.09.2024 and online proposal No. FP/TN/OFC/117896/2020, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance Section 2(1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above-mentioned project. The project was accorded In-Principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter 4-TNB130/2024-CHN/1675 dated 23.10.2024. The State Government vide letter No. 6119/FR.10/2023-6 dated 21.07.2025 and letter No. 6119/FR.10/2023-4 dated 30.04.2025 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the "In-Principle" approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's "Final approval (Stage-II)" under Section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for the proposal of diversion of 0.165 ha of forest land for laying underground OFC along Arimalam Rayavaram road stretch along

Sengirai Forest area in favour of Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) The State Forest Department shall raise plantations of 100 seedlings over an extent of **1 ha of DFL area identified in Compt. No. 545/1 of Sevilimalai RF of Thirumayam Range Pudukkottai Division including maintenance for a period of 10 years**, from an amount of Rs. 1,58,573/-, which was already realized from the User Agency;
- (iii) Approved CA Scheme and CA area shall not be changed without the prior approval of Govt. of India. The work of CA shall start within two years of issue of final order of diversion as per provision Rule 14(2) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.
- (iv) **The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 mtr depths, 5.5 km length and 0.30 mtr width. The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same;**
- (v) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (vi) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (vii) Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- (viii) 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.
- (ix) **No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency;**
- (x) 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;

- (xi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.165 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xii) 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;
- (xiii) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer(Central) of the 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;
- (xiv) Violation of any of the above conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980 and action would be taken as per Rules and Guidelines issued under the Adhiniyam;

आपकाविश्वासी/Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
KARTHIKEYAN KARUPPIAH
Date: 08-08-2025

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सहायकवनमहानिरीक्षक (केन्द्रीय)/

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

प्रतिलिपि/Copy to: -

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai - 32.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai - 32.
3. IGF, ROHQ, MoEF&CC, New Delhi -110003 for information please.
4. Jio Digital Fiber Private Limited, No. 89 Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai-04 (jiotn.scorow@ril.com)
5. Guard file.

Sd/-

(के.कार्तिकेयन/K.Karthikeyan)

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