

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.1570/Section-II/2022/1795524

Dated:08.09.2022

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government
EFS&T Department,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati-522503.

To
The Inspector General of Forests (Central),
Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office,
Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land in compartment No.491 & 488 of Udayagiri East-Appasamudram RF & Venkatampet RF and compartment No.479 of Duttalur RF for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited - Proposal submitted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Reg.

Ref: From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P.,Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/15/2020-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated:21.06.2022.

I enclose herewith a copy of the reference cited along with statutory proforma proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, for diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land in compartment No.491 & 488 of Udayagiri East-Appasamudram RF & Venkatampet RF and compartment No.479 of Duttalur RF for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited.

2. I am to inform that the User Agency i.e., M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited has uploaded the subject proposal in the PARIVESH portal (www.parivesh.nic.in) for prior approval of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal is registered with unique No.FP/AP/OFC/62261/2020, dt.24.11.2020. He has furnished justification stating that the area requested for laying of the Optical Fiber Cable is the bare minimum considering the requirements and considering the safety of the cables so laid. Since the telecommunication cables also carry the communication from the Government offices, Defense & Strategic establishments and from different industrial organizations apart from the public, for the safety and confidentiality of the conversation so made, it is not advisable to lay such important cables on the private land belonging to different parties. The cable alignment will be suitably diverted to avoid any cutting of trees and laid within the road land boundary by excavating a narrow trench of 40 cms width. The strip of trench will be reinstated to its original condition and no structure will be erected on the cable route. He has also furnished RoFR Certificate as required under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Form-II issued by the District Collector, SPSR Nellore and undertakings for payment of NPV, Addl. NPV, CA and tree extraction charges etc.

3. Further, I am to inform that the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore has recommended the proposal in Part-II. In part -III, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur, has agreed with the information furnished by the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore and recommended the proposal for diversion of forest land. In Part-IV, the Nodal Officer (FCA), Andhra Pradesh has recommended the proposal. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh recommends the proposal in Part-V, which is enclosed herewith.

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4. I request you to obtain and communicate the approval of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land in compartment No.491 & 488 of Udayagiri East-Appasamudram RF & Venkatampet RF and compartment No.479 of Duttalur RF for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,


for Special Chief Secretary to Government


Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited.

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PART-V

Proposal for diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land in compartment No.491 & 488 of Udayagiri East-Appasamudram RF & Venkatampet RF and compartment No.479 of Duttalur RF for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited.

18.	Recommendation of the State Government	Recommended
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Signature

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Dr. P.V. CHALAPATHI RAO, I.F.S.,
Special Secretary to Government
Name & Designation
Environment, Forests, Science
and Technology Department
Official Seal
Secretariat, Velagapudi - 522238.

Date: 08-09-2022

Place: AMARAVATI