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Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests
Botad Division, Botad

No. : C/LAND/T.6/279/83/2021-22

Date: 02.11.2021

To,
RailTel Corporation of India Ltd.
B1/1, BSNL Staff Quarter Calony,
Nr. Brahman Society, Lathi Road, Lathi Road,
Amreli.

Sub.: Permission of forest authorities for laying optical Cable in Bhavnagara District under NOFN project between From Dhola to Umralla (Total Length is 6540 mtrs, 0.2943 Ha.)

Proposal No:- FP/GJ/OFC/147330/2021

- Ref.: 1. Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department Letter No. FCA/1015/1013 /15/SF-83F (I), Dt. 04/02/2016.
2. Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department Letter No. FCA/1015/1013/15/SF-83/F, Dt. 03/05/2016.
3. Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department Letter No. JMN/1016/1970/15/SF-38/F (1), Dt. 15/09/2016.
4. RailTel Corporation of India Ltd. Letter No: RCIL/NOFN/BVP/Forest/31, Date. 12/10/2021.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No: RCIL/NOFN/BVP/Forest/31, Date. 12/10/2021 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 as per following:

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<u>Ru. no</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Length (mt.)</u>	<u>Width (mt.)</u>	<u>Area in Hectare</u>
1	Umaral to Dhola Road	6540	0.45	0.2943
	TOTAL AREA REQUIRED			0.2943 Hect. (Approx.)

Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department, Gandhinagar vide its circular mentioned under Reference has delegated powers under "General Approval" to the concerned divisional forests officer to grant approval under forest (Conservation) act. 1980 for laying of underground optical fiber cables, telephone lines, drinking water, electric lines, CNG/PNG pipeline and Petroleum pipeline along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Parks and Wildlife sanctuaries, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of the trench is not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter 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 and Wildlife sanctuaries without felling of trees, where the maximum size of the trench is not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width and hence fulfils all the above specified conditions and eligibility, as laid down in circular mentioned at 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 fulfils 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 **0.2943 Ha.** Of Protected Forest Land in Bhavnagar District subject to the following conditions:

1. The permission is granted only for 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 Agencies 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) of Compensatory Afforestation (CA) is required the user agency is bounded to pay in favor 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 caused due to the use of the said land by the user agency.
 9. The user agency will seek permission from the Road & Building Department / Science & Technology Dept. Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar if required so.
 10. The line will be laid underground in a trench of depth of 1.65 meters and width of 0.65cm in between rows of road side plantation.
 11. The User Agency shall submit the details regarding compliance of MoEF's guideline dated 03.08.2009 and 05.02.2013 with regard to the Scheduled Tribe & Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006.
 12. The additional conditions under chapter-5 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 shall be applicable to this proposal as the Government of Gujarat's Resolution No.FCA-1013/11-10/11/SF-24/F Dated 12.06.2015. The user agency shall comply additional condition as per the aforementioned resolution.
 13. Any other condition which the Nodal Officer (FCA) / the State Government may stipulate from time to time.
- After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of condition no. (2) (3) (5)(11) & (12) mentioned above from you, order of formal approval will be issued by this Department.

Yours Faithfully

(Dr. Sandep Kumar)
Deputy Conservator of Forests
Social Forestry Division
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Copy Submitted to:

1. The Addl. Secretary, Forests & Environment Department, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar
2. Additional Principle Chief Conservator of Forests land, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.
3. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Circle, Rajkot.
4. Range Forest Officer, Umarala