


PART-IV

(to be filled by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

17	Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance of otherwise of the proposal with remarks, (While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be critically commented upon)	specific recommendation of the principal chief conservator of forests (Hoff) Maharashtra state Nagpur is enclosed herewith on page No. 13A to 13C.
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Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
And Nodal officer
Maharashtra State, Nagpur
2/12/2016


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Sub : Forest land-Buldana

Diversion of 0.3375 ha forest land for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable alongwith SH 13 from route section Km. from 26.00 to 47.00 Km. Rajur, Mohagaon & Buldana.

No. : Desk-17/NC/I/L.D- 11646 /16-17
Nagpur - 440 001, Dated : 03/12/2016

To,

The Secretary (Forests),
Revenue and Forests Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-32

M/s. Reliance JIO Infocomm Ltd., Pune, Maharashtra has submitted the proposal for diversion of 0.3375 ha forest land for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable alongwith SH 13 from route from 26.00 to 47.00 Km. Rajur, Mohagaon & Buldana. The location of project area is as given below: -

Sr. No.	Name of the Village	Forest Land Required							
		Survey No.		Compt. No.	Legal Status of Land	Length (mtr.)	Width (mtr.)	Area on Sq. mtr.)	Area in Ha.
		Old	New						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Buldana	63	63	520	RF	640	0.45	288.00	0.0288
2	Mohegoan	40	40	328	RF	1749.74	0.45	787.38	0.078
3	Mohegoan	39	39	328	RF	1142.31	0.45	514.04	0.0514
4	Rajur	57	103	491	RF	100.00	0.45	45.00	0.0045
5	Rajur	138	135	491	RF	325.00	0.45	146.25	0.0146
6	Rajur	138	--	491	RF	120.00	0.45	54.00	0.0054
7	Rajur	138	136	491	RF	230.00	0.45	103.50	0.0104
8	Rajur	133	137	491	RF	540.00	0.45	243.00	0.0243
9	Rajur	131	139	328	RF	140.00	0.45	63.00	0.0063
10	Rajur	65	140	328	RF	2513.34	0.45	1131.00	0.1131
Grand Total					RF	7500.39	0.45	3375.18	0.3375

2.00 Following documents as prescribed in Government Circular, Revenue and Forest Department No.FLD-1081/2041/(A)/F-3, dated 20/03/1982 and according to Government of India's instructions issued from time to time are enclosed in two copies.

- (1) Prescribed form dated 10/01/2003.
- (2) Certificate regarding minimum demand of forest land for the project,
- (3) Area Statement,
- (4) Index map in suitable scale,
- (5) The Deputy Conservator of forest Buldana Division, Buldana has certified that the proposed project is beyond 10 km of the boundary of the Protected area.
- (6) There is no cutting and felling of trees involved in the project the certificated given by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Buldana Division, Buldana.
- (7) The Optical Fiber underground Cable Line passing through S.H-13 from route section Km. 26/00 to 47/00 Rajur, Shiwar in Motala Taluka Dist. Buldana alongwith Right of Way.
- (8) The user agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation of the forest land proposed for diversion.

3.00 The Government of India has accorded general approval under section -2 of forest (Conservation) Act 1980 vide letter no. F.No.11-9/98-FC, dt.7/09/2015 for the underground laying of optical fibre cables, telephone lines, drinking water supply pipelines, CNG/PNG pipelines within the existing right of way of roads and petroleum pipelines. The proposed Optical Fiber underground Cable Line is passing through S.H-13 from route section Km. 26/00 to 47/00 Rajur, Shiwar in Motala Taluka Dist. Buldana alongwith Right of Way.

In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under section - 2 (ii) subject to the following conditions:-

- i) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- ii) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 1.00 m depth & 0.45 m width. With cable line under the PVC Pipeline.
- iii) The land under project will be reclaimed by the user agency for which the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs. 50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned, the cost for reclamation will be recovered from the bank guarantee.
- iv) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running mtr. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs. 300/- per mtr. and Rs.750/- per mtr. respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the user agency that it has

agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.

- v) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- vi) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- vii) No felling of trees shall done during the implementation of project.
- viii) The user agency will be authorized to lay the Optical Fiber Cable outside the confines of the protected area after compliance of this order. Any breach of the conditions by the user agency will be treated as violation of the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- ix) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- x) All the amount received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to the Adhoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority (CAMPA) in A/c No. SB01025218 of Corporation Bank, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 03 and compliance will be reported to this office.
- xi) The compensatory afforestation will be raised on 1.00 ha. of suitable degraded forest land at the cost of project authority.
- xii) The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Amravati shall report the details of amount recovered from the Project Authority towards the cost of compensatory afforestation at prevalent rate and all other cost required as per rules in due course of time.
- xiii) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on the User Agency.
- xiv) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the Project and SH-13.
- xv) The User Agency will make good the land after use/maintenance

It is, therefore, requested that in view of the general approval accorded by Government of India vide letter dt.7/9/2015 for the underground laying of optical fibre cables, telephone lines, drinking water supply pipelines, CNG/PNG pipelines within the existing right of way of roads and petroleum pipelines, the Government of Maharashtra may kindly be moved for diverting 0.3375 ha forest land for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable alongwith SH 13 from route from 26.00 to 47.00 Km.Rajur, Mohagaon & Buldana, under section 2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act-1980.

Encl. :- Proposal 3 copies


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& Nodal Officer,
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Copy to Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Amravati for information.
Copy to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Buldana Division, Buldhana for information.
Copy to M/s. Reliance JIO Infocomm Ltd., Pune, Maharashtra for information.

Proposal for diversion of 0.3375 ha. Reserved Forest Land for laying of underground optical fiber cable alongwith SH-13 from route section from km. 26.00 to 47.00 km. Rajur, Mohgaon, Buldana Dist. Buldana.

Specific Recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State (Head of Forest Force) with regards to acceptance or otherwise of the proposal supported by reasons.

- 1) M/s. Reliance JIO, Infocomm Ltd., 2nd Floor, Westend Building, Opp. MacDonald, Pune-411007 has initiated proposed for diversion of 0.3375 ha. Reserved Forest land under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act-1980 for laying of underground optical fiber cable line along with Right of Way SH-13 from route section km. from 26.00 to 47.00 km. Rajur, Mohgaon, Buldana Dist. Buldana the location of the project is given as under-

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The project for underground OFC line from route section Km. from 26.00 to 47.00 km. Rajur, Mohgaon, Buldana Dist. Buldana has been initiated by M/s. Reliance JIO, Infocomm Ltd., the project is pursuant to the directives issued by the Government of India vide their letter No. 10-31/2011-CS-III, dt.23/06/2011.


- 2) The density of 0.1 forest belonging to Eco-value class III, consisting of Tropical Dry Deciduous forest
- 3) The Deputy Conservator of forest Buldana Division, Buldana has certified that the alternate alignment is not possible other than the the forest land for the proposed area is the barest minimum.
- 3) There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as certified by The Deputy Conservator of forest Buldana Division, Buldana.
- 4) The Deputy Conservator of forest Buldana Division, Buldana has certified that the project proposed in the area does not affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 5) The Deputy Conservator of forest Buldana Division, Buldana has certified that the area involved does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.

- 6) The Deputy Conservator of forest Buldana Division, Buldana has certified that the proposed project is beyond 10 km of the boundary of the Protected area.
- 7) Site Inspection Report by the Deputy Conservator of forest Buldana Division, Buldana. Indicating his observation is enclosed on page no.30
- 8) The user agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation of the forest land proposed for diversion.
- 9) The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed for diversion.
- 10) The user agency has given an undertaking for laying of Optical Fiber Cable line of underground work and alongwith road side along SH-13 from route section Km. 26/00 to 47/00 Rajur Shiwar in Motala Taluka District Buldana SH-13, section where part of our cable ducts are being laid in forest areas along the Right of Way and will take care to ensure that no unlawful act takes place during execution of work.
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