Office of the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri-5

Endorsement on Wildlife Warden, Hosur C.No.7944/2017/D1 Dated:- 04-01-2021 and District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri C.No.5731/2018/D Dated. 12-07-2021.

Endt.No. 2311/2020/D

Dated: 02 -12-2021

Submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Chennai with reference to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref.No.TS3/70055/2020 Dated:- 16-12-2020.

The User Agency has furnished the under takings for the payment of cost of Compensatory Afforestation / Penal Compensatory Afforestation / Maintenance of Plantation / Protection of Plantation / Net present value / Additional Amount of Net present value / Lease rent etc. However payment of Net present value and Additional Amount of Net present value are exempted as per the instruction in force for laying of Optical Fiber Cable without tree felling.

- 2) Under the circumstances reported by the Wildlife Warden, Hosur and District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri I recommend that permission may kindly be granted to M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai to lay underground optical fiber cable for improving communication networking 4G facility along the Dharmapuri to Anchetty road of Hogenakkal stretch in Dharmapuri District and Krishnagiri District which is passing through Pennagaram RF, Woddapatty RF in Dharmapuri Forest Division and Biligundulu RF, Woddapatty RF in Wildlife Division, Hosur over an extent of 0.760 Ha subject to the following,
  - Afforestation is insisted as per rule, (vii) (b) of the act. Also in this project no felling of trees are involved. More over the proposed are for diversion not fall within the protected area. However the District Forest Officer has proposed the Compensatory Afforestation scheme for raising Compensatory Afforestation over the extent of 1.520 Ha in the Degraded Forest Land of Dharmapuri Division to the tune of Rs.49.235 lakhs. In this connection I would like to bring it to the kind notice of the Principal Chief

Conservator of Forests that there has been no specific instructions for raising Compensatory Afforestation in the Hand book communicated by the Government of India in Letter F.No.5-2/2017-FC Dated: 28-03-2019 for the diversion of forest land upto 1.00 ha for the linear projects. Therefore the applicability of Compensatory Afforestation scheme for this project may be decided at Principal Chief Conservator of Forests level.

- (ii) The user agency will get prior permission of the Forest Department for carrying out any maintenance work.
- (iii) The User Agency should ensure that the channels dug for underground laying are duly filled up and compacted so that possible soil erosion can be avoided.

(iv) The total forest area to be utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.760 Ha to a length of 25.30 Km.

Yours faithfully,

Encl. As stated above.

Conservator of Forests(FAC)

Dharmapuri Circle,

Dharmapuri.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri and Wildlife Warden, Hosur for information and necessary action.

## PART - III

(To be filled by the concerned Conservator of Forests)

14. Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Conservator of Forests (Yes/No.) the date of inspection and observation made in the form of inspection notes be enclosed.

Yes.

Inspected on 02-11-2021.

Field Inspection report is enclosed.

15.Whether the concerned Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part–B and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.

Yes, I agree.

16. Specific recommendation of the concerned Conservator of Forest's / Chief Conservator of Forest's / Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest's for acceptance of otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.

There is no alternative source and route for this project and therefore the diversion of forest area is unavoidable.

The area of forest land 0.760 Ha is actually required instead of 0.792 Ha proposed. This project does not involve any felling of trees. The project required for improving communication networking 4G facility. The whole project of laying of OFC is pollution free project.

In as much as the trench is restore to original position / land scape the question of damages or otherwise by the wild animal does not arise.

This project does not involve any tree felling no planting of trees is

requested as Compensatory Afforestation.

Under circumstances, the I recommend this proposal seeking diversion of forest land (0.760 Ha) for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along Dharmapuri to Anchetty road of Hogenakkal stretch partially in Dharmapuri Forest division (0.445 Ha) and in Hosur Forest Division (0.315 Ha) in Pennagaram RF and Woddapatty RF (Part) of Dharmapuri Forest Division and Biligundulu RF and Woddapatty RF (Part) of Hosur Division respectively.

Signature

Name

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Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri.

Ref.No.2311/2020/D Dated: 02-11-2021.

To

The District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division, Dharmapuri.

The Wildlife Warden, Wildlife Division, Hosur.