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PART – III

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(To be filled by the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests)

14.	Whether site, where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned Chief Conservator of Forests (Yes/No). If yes, the date of inspection and observations made in	No
15.	form of inspection note to be enclosed. Whether the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part-II and the recommendations of Deputy Conservator of Forests.	the Deputy Conservator of Forests,
16.	Specific recommendation of the Chief Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.	The proposal is recommended for approval.
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Date : 5 /5/2016. Place : THANE (MAHARASHTRA) (K. P. Singh)

Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane



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No.Desk-10/FCA/CR-³/16-17/OW-⁹²/16-17, Thane - 400 603, Dated : 5 /05/2016

To, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer Maharashtra State, Nagpur

- **Ref**: 1) The Government of India's letter No.11-9/98-FC, Dt. 08/04/2009.
 - 2) The Government of Maharashtra's letter No. FLD-1009/CR-657/F-10, Dt. 04/12/2009.
 - Deputy Conservator of Forest, Shahapur's letter No.A-20/Land/102, dated 13.04.2016

M/s. Reliance JIO Infocomm Ltd., 3rd floor, Maker Chamber, Nariman Point, Mumbai had applied for permission regarding laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable from route section Kasara bk. To Ghatandevi via Jawhar Fata (along NH-03) through forest land in Shahapur Forest Division, Shahapur, over an area 0.3563 Ha. all alongwith the road within the right of way. The details of area as below:-

Villages	Taluka & Dist.	Legal Status	Area (in Ha.)
Kasara Bk., Kasara Kh., and	Tal. Shahapur	Reserved Forest	0.2101
Vihigaon	Dist. Thane	Protected Forest	0.1462
		Total	0.3563

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Government of India vide it's letter dated 08/04/2009 issued directions regarding right of way and subsequent directives issued by Government of Maharashtra vide their letter dated 04/12/2009, empowering Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur to grant permission for laying down of underground optical Fiber Cable within the existing road width.

Following documents as prescribed in the above Government Circular as well as per Government of India's instructions from time to time, are enclosed in Triplicate.

- 1) Prescribed Form A, Part I to III.
- 2) Certificate regarding minimum demand of Forest land for the project.
- 3) Area Statement.
- 4) Index map.
- 5) The Deputy Conservator of Forest, Shahapur has certified that no alternate alignment is possible and the Forest land required is the barest minimum.
- The area involved does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary Nature Reserve etc.
- There is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 has done as certified by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur.
- 8) The Deputy Conservator of Forest, Shahapur has certified that the proposed area is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 9) The Deputy Conservator of Forest, Shahapur recommended the proposal for approval.
- Site inspection report of Deputy Conservator of Forest, Shahapur is enclosed in the proposal.
- The User Agency has submitted that they will take necessary care during the execution of work.
- 12) The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to restore the land to its original level by proper back filling, after the excavation and duct laying work is completed.
- 13) The User Agency has submitted an undertaking to good the land after use/maintenance.
- 14) No felling of trees is involved in this project.
- 15) The Deputy Conservator of Forest, Shahapur has certified that the proposed Project is within 10 km. from boundary of the Protected Area and also certified that, the said project being an underground Optical Fiber Cable along NH-3 shall not have any adverse effect on the Wildlife within National Park / Sanctuary.

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In view of above, the proposal is recommended for approval of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions :-

- 1) The legal status of the land will remain unchanged.
- 2) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within the existing right of way of the road and within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 m depth and 1.00 m width.
- 3) Compensatory Afforestation will be raised at the cost of the User Agency on 1.00 ha of degraded Forest land made available by the Forest Department.
- 4) The Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- 5) No felling of tree is involved in implementation of the project.
- 6) No new Forest area beyond the right of way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- 7) The User Agency will make good the land after use/maintenance.
- 8) The User Agency shall compensate the private owner of Forest lands, if any in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules and guidelines.

It is therefore, requested to kindly grant in-principle approval to the proposal. The proposal is submitted online vide No.

Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forest, Shahapur for information & necessary action.

Copy to M/s. Reliance JIO Infocomm Ltd. 3rd floor, Markas Chamber, Nariman Point, Mumbai for information.