SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS AND FIELD DIRECTOR

The project proposal seeking permission for diversion of forest land to an extent of 0.03 Ha. for erection of telecommunication tower in Drook Reserved Forest in Coonoor Range of Nilgiris Forest Division under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 by the User Agency namely M/s. Jio Digital Fiber Limited, Chennai.

- I inspected the area on 05.09.2022 and found that the proposed area of 0.03 Ha. for erection of telecommunication tower Drook Reserved Forest in Coonoor Range.
- 2) There is no need to fell any trees for this project and it will not affect the flora and fauna of the area. Hence there is no negative impact on Forest and Wildlife.
- The proposed area for diversion does not have any archeological and heritage related monuments.
 - 4) There is no Tribal Right affected by this project.
- 5) Flagship species like tiger is available in these Reserved Forests. Hence appropriate human - wildlife conflict mitigation plan is to be implemented at the cost of user agency.
- 6) This project in Drook Reserved Forest has minimum effects on environment. Hence I recommend that an area of 0.03 Ha. of Forest land in the Drook Reserved Forests of Coonoor Range of Nilgiris Forest Division may be diverted for erection of telecommunication tower.

Hence the proposal is hereby recommended considering the communication facilities subject to usual terms and conditions of the Competent Authority and site specific conditions if any imposed by the District Forest Officer, Nilgiris Division.

Conservator of Forests and Field Director,

Mudumalai Tiger Reserve,

Udhagamandalam.