

FORMAT – I (IN-PRINCIPLE APPROVAL)

No.:K/FCA/13/.....-25/2022-23
Office of the Deputy Conservator of
Forest
Social Forestry Division
Sabarkantha-Himmatnagar
M/s Building Block 'B' Second Floor
Date: 04/07/2022

To,
JIO Digital Fiber Private Limited.
101, Saffron, Nr. Centre Point,
Panchvadi 5 Rasta,
Ambawadi, Ahmedabad,
Pin-380006.

Sub :- Proposal for grant of permission for laying Optical Fiber Cable along the routes mentioned hereunder. (Protected Forest Area)
From Himmatnagar ILA Nr. MS 0.520 to way to Nava Village Nr. MS 4.00 (Km. 5.800 Hac. 0.261)

User Agency : JIO Digital Fiber Private Limited.

Ref.: 1. Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department Letter No. FCA/1015/1013/15/SF-83F(1), Dt. 04.02.2016.
2. FP/GJ/Others/150410/2021, Dated.21-12-2021
3. Range Forest Office Ext. Range Himmatnagar Letter No: A/JMN/76, Dt.20/05/2022

Sir,

With respect to your **Proposal No. FP/GJ/Others/150410/2021, Dated.21-12-2021** on the above mentioned subject sought prior approval of the Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, it is bring to your notice that,

Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department, Gandhinagar vide its circular mentioned under reference has delegated powers under "General Approval" to the concerned divisional forest 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.

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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 circular mentioned as ref (1) and falls under the category of proposal eligible for "General Approval"

whereas having verified on the site that above facts are corrected and fulfils the above specific conditions of "General Approval". Hence the following order is issued.

In view of the above, the undersigned is pleased to convey "In-Principle" approval for diversion of **0.261 Hac. for laid down to Optical Fiber line in to from Himmatnagar ILA Nr. MS 0.520 to way to Nava Village Nr. MS 4.00 (Km. 5.800 Hac. 0.261) by JIO Digital Fibre Private Limited Ahmedabad, subject to the following conditions:-**

1. This 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 User Agency will seek permission from the state forest Department under Local Acts/Rules etc., if any
3. Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the user agency.
4. In future if any amount regarding Net Present Value (NPV) or Compensator Afforestation (CA) is required the user agency is bounded to pay in favour 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 1.2 meter and width of 0.5 meter 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.
14. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e - portal.
15. The complete compliance of the FRA , 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector
16. The Optical Fiber Cable shall be laid down 1.2 meter below the ground and after lying down of Optical Fiber Cable the ground will be leveled.
17. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act , 1986 , if applicable.
18. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of competent authority.
19. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
20. Sufficient firewood , preferably the alternate fuel , shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
21. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost , as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
22. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
23. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
24. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies , department or person without prior approval of Govt of India.
25. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act , 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF & CC Guideline F. No.11-42 / 2017 - FC dt. 29/01/2018.
26. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment , Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
27. The additional conditions and Net Present Value (NPV) of such forest land shall be realized except for those categories of activities/projects which have specifically been exempted from the payment of NPV by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
28. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e - portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

If the Compliance Report would not be Uploaded by User Agency, it will be Considered as amount to Violation of FCA act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MOEF & CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC Dt.29/01/2018.

Yours faithfully,



(S.D.Patel)

Deputy Conservator of Forests
Social Forestry Division
Sabarkantha Himatnagar

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