

# Office of the Divisional forest officer

## Forest division Gwalior (M.P.)

### Site inspection Note

I, Brijendra Srivastava, have been working as deputy conservator of forest and posted as divisional forest officer, forest division Gwalior.

Manager Jio digital fiber Pvt. Ltd. Bhopal Wide letter dated 28.08.2021 have submitted demand letter for 'Diversion of forest land for non-forestry use' under forest (conservation) act, 1980 for Jio Digital fiber pvt. ltd. OFC 4G project Gwalior-Ghatigaon in district Gwalior as detailed below-

| S.No.        | District | Division | Range           | compt. no.             | Forest area proposed for diversion in hect. | Legal Status     |
|--------------|----------|----------|-----------------|------------------------|---|------------------|
| 1            | Gwalior  | Gwalior  | Gwalior         | 21, 23, 45, 46, 17, 16 | 0.475                                       | Reserved forest  |
| 2            | Gwalior  | Gwalior  | Ghatigaon North | P-229, P-231           | 0.15  | Protected forest |
| <b>Total</b> |          |          |                 |                        | <b>0.625</b>                                |                  |

I have inspected the above site on **dated 07-04-22** for mentioning facts as submitted by the user agency, Manager Jio digital fiber Pvt. Ltd. Bhopal and for concluding departments recommendation in proposed diversion of forest land as mentioned above, for non-forestry purpose under forest (conservation) act. 1980.

I am submitting my site inspection report on prescribed format as below-

| Si. No. | Particular  | Inspection Report By CCF/DFO (T)   |
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| 1       | Extent is hectares.   | 0.625 hectares.  |
| 2       | Location (lat-long) of the forest land proposed for diversion.  | KML file has been uploaded in part-1 of the said application.  |
| 3       | Legal status of the forest land (Protected forest, reserved forests, revenue forest lands or any other forest land)   | Reserved/Protected Forest land   |
| 4       | Demarcation of the area with temporary claims etc.  | Yes  |
| 5       | Any signs of encroachment.  | No   |
| 6       | Any activity already taken up within the forest land or adjoining non-forest land as part of the proposed project by the user agency. Details of action taken against the user Agency in case of violation of the FC Act. and guidelines there under. | Nil  |
| 7       | Status of vegetation. Site quality, species composition etc.  | The proposed area for diversion is in ROW.   |
| 8       | Importance of area from wildlife point of view. Status of wildlife (density and abundance of important species, bird life reptiles, butterflies and other scheduled animals, any endangered wildlife). Any latest census of wildlife in this area.    | Yes, wildlife activity exists in this forest land proposed for diversion. Generally Nilgai, Jackal, hare, Chinkara are found in this area. |
| 9       | Endemism of flora/fauna or any other unique ecosystem in the area.  | No   |
| 10      | Current land use. Is this area managed as per prescriptions in the Working plan and, if not, why?   | M. Kalidurai Working Plan, Working circle FFDWC and RWC.   |
| 11      | Importance of the area from historical or religious point of view.  | No   |
| 12      | Any dependent persons/families on this land.  | No   |
| 13      | Any displacement of persons proposed.   | No   |
| 14      | Is there any Rehabilitation and Resettlement plan for the persons to be affected? Is there any dissenting voice among the persons proposed to be displaced?   | No   |
| 15      | Compensatory afforestation proposed is on forest land or  | NA.  |

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|    | non-forest land. Location of this area, suitability of the area for CA. If in the degraded forest land then what is the current Working Plan prescription for the area? Distance of the non-forest land for CA from the nearest forest area. Number of patches in case the area should be more than to kms. |  |
| 16 | Proposed area should not be part of any protected area. Also distance from the boundary of the nearest protected area should be more than 10 kms.   | Proposed area is at the boundary of Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary Ghatigaon.  |
| 17 | Dependence of tribals in the area. Whether the rights of the tribals have been recognized in this area.   | NA   |
| 18 | Utility of the project, including the people living in close vicinity of the project.   | This project will provide high speed internet and communication connectivity in Gram Panchayats to rural areas.                                |
| 19 | In case of renewal whether all the conditions stipulated in the earlier sanction order have been complied with.   | NA   |
| 20 | Alternatives examined by the user agency in case of non-site specific projects.   | No   |
| 21 | A certificate by the user agency that the forest land requested for diversion for non-forestry purpose is bare minimum.   | Yes  |
| 22 | Any scope of saving tree growth while ensuring that the purpose for which the forest land is being diverted is also not adversely affected.   | NA   |
| 23 | Any other issue of significance.  | None.  |
| 24 | Specific recommendations of the DFO with reasons for approval of the project.   | Project is recommended because this project will provide high speed internet and communication connectivity in Gram Panchayats to rural areas. |

Place: Gwalior

Date : 07-04-2022

  
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