PART-IV

(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest department)

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance of otherwise of the proposal with remarks.

(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

Proposal No:- FP/AS/OFC/73279/2020

As per the Site Inspection Report of Conservator of Forests, Northern Assam Circle, Tezpur, the forest diversion proposal submitted by the Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd. is proposed for diversion of 0.092 hectares of forest land for laying of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) in Bhomoraguri Reserved Forest under Sonitpur West Division, Tezpu. The prosed area was already diverted for construction of four lanning of NH-37 (A) by NHIDCL and animals like monkeys, snakes, birds, Vermin etc. are found in the proposed area. No Archaeological/Heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monuments located in the proposed area. The density of the forest cover over the identified area is 6.0% and the area proposed for diversion of laying Optical Fiber Cable is unavoidable and barest minimum. The proposed area falls within the Eco Sensitive Zone of (6th Addition) Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve and Movement of Elephant is there within the proposed area.

Considering the importance of laying Optical Fibre Cable for better connectivity with North Bank of river Brahmaputra to the South Bank via Optical Fibre Cable for fast and proper internet and Mobile connectivity the proposal is hereby recommended

Date:- 7/10/2021

Place: - Guwahati

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