

PART -IV

Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

(Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks)

Sub.:- M/s. Reliance JIO, Infocomm Ltd. Mumbai, submitted the proposal for construction of Optical Fiber Cable line passing within the existing ROW of Shahada to Dhadgaon PWD road (MSH-1) from Km 82/200 to Km 153/900 in different forest areas of Nandurbar Forest Division, Shahada for connecting of Grampanchayat network in Nandurbar District for which 0.975 ha Reserved forest land required under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been proposed by User Agency. The details of the forest land proposed for diversion is as under :-

Sr. No.	Item	Name of the Village	Dist.	Forest Land Required				
				Survey No.	Length Width	Sq. Mt.	Area (in Ha)	Legal Status
1	Constru- ction of Optical Fiber Cable Line	Dara	Nandurbar	525,323	8500x0.30	2550	0.255	Reserved Forest
2		Ghatli		317,331	4000x0.30	1200	0.120	
3		Kakarda		313,314 ,311	9500x0.30	2850	0.285	
4		Mandvi Kh		312,283	4500x0.30	1350	0.135	
5		Mandvi Bu		242,247 ,245	6000x0.30	1800	0.180	
Grand Total							0.975	

Specific recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) MS Nagpur is attached on page no. 9A.

Date : 26/04/2018
Place : Nagpur

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26/04/2018

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(G Sai Prakash)
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur

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27/04/2018

Diversion of 0.975 ha. Reserved forest for construction of Optical Fiber Cable Line laying in ROW of PWD along the road MSH-1 from Km 82/200 to Km 153/900 from Shahada to Dhadgaon for connecting of Grampanchyat network in District Nandurbar.

Specific Recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Maharashtra State (Head of Forest Force) with regards to acceptance or otherwise of the proposal supported by reasons.

- 1) The proposal is for diversion of 0.975 ha. Reserved Forest land under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for construction of Optical Fiber Cable line laying in ROW of PWD along the road MSH-1 from Km 82/200 to Km 153/900 from Shahada to Dhadgaon for connecting of Grampanchyat network in Nandurbar District, PWD road across different forest areas as per details mentioned below. The location of the project is shown as under :-

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The project has been initiated by M/s. Reliance JIO, Infocomm Ltd. Mumbai, for construction of Optical Fiber Cable line laying in ROW of PWD along the road MSH-1 from Km 82/200 to Km 153/900 from Shahada to Dhadgaon for connecting of Grampanchyat network in Nandurbar District. The total route length of the project is 32.50 Km. The aim of the project is to provide the people of under developed area with reliable and high speed media connectivity.

The aforesaid project is pursuant to the directives issued by the Government of India MOEF (FC Division) vide their letter No. 11-9/98-FC dated 13/02/2014 and GOI Ministry of Communications & IT Department of Telecommunications vide their letter No 10-31/2011-CS-III, dt 23/06/2011 Govt of Maharashtra, Public Works Department vide letter No OFC-2017/C R No 429/Road-7 dated 08/11/2017 accorded the permission for the proposed project.

The Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Dhule vide letter No Desl-5/Nodal/C.R./206/2017-18 dated 14/03/2018 alongwith following documents as prescribed in Government Circular, Revenue and Forest Department No.FLD-

1081/2041/(A)/F-3, dated 20/03/1982 as well as per Government of India's instructions issued from time to time the following documents :

- 1) The Deputy Conservator of forest Nandurbar Forest Division, Shahada has certified that no suitable alternate non forest land is available for the proposed project and demand for required forest land is lowest minimum demand for the same.
- 2) The Deputy Conservator of forest Nandurbar Forest Division, Shahada has certified that the work of construction of OFC line along the road Major State Highway-MSH-1 in ROW from Km82/200 to Km 153/900 from Shahada to Dhadgaon for connecting of grampanchayat network is Nandurbar District off taking from Compt No 525 of Dara to Compt No 247 of Mandavi Bk has not been started in forest land and No violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and its guide line have been committed.
- 3) The Deputy Conservator of forest Nandurbar Forest Division, Shahada has certified that the area involved in the project is not included in the area of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve.
- 4) As per Site Inspection Report of The Deputy Conservator of forest Nandurbar Forest Division, Shahada dated 31/01/2018, The arial distance from the nearest boundary of protected Area is 55 Kms.
- 5) The Deputy Conservator of forest Nandurbar Forest Division, Shahada certified that there is no cutting and felling of trees involved in the project.
- 29A | 6) The Deputy Conservator of forest Nandurbar Forest Division, Shahada certified that the area of 2.00 ha degraded forest land of forest Compt No 587 of Dudhkheda beat in Shahada range, Tal-Shahada, Distt-Nandurbar is suitable for compensatory afforestation. The proposed land is contiguous and suitable for afforestation and management purpose.
- 7) The area belongs to Eco-value class -III , Tropical dry deciduous forest, density below 0.4.
- 8) The Deputy Conservator of forest Nandurbar Forest Division, Shahada has submitted the Site Inspection Report dated 31/01/2018 on page No 15.
- 9) The user agency has submitted an undertaking to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation of the forest land proposed for diversion on degraded forest land.
- 10) The User Agency has submitted the No Objection certificate of Gram Sabha , of Vilage Dara, Ghatali, Kakarda, Madavi Kh & Mandavi Bu, Tal-Shahada & Dhadgaon Distt Nandurbar.

- 11) The user agency has given an undertaking that , during laying of Optical Fiber Cable line where part of our cable ducts are being laid in forest areas alongwith Right of Way and will restore the land to original level by proper back filling, after the excavation and duct laying work is completed.
- 12) The User Agency has fulfill the FRA-2006 compliance District Collector Nandurbar Cert dated 06/12/2017)
- 13) The Deputy Conservator of forest Nandurbar Forest Division, Shahada has recommended the proposal.
- 14) Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Dhule has recommended the proposal.

In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under section - 2 (ii) subject to the following conditions.

- i) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- ii) The compensatory afforestation will be raised on 2.00 ha. degraded forest land at forest Compt No 587 of Dudhkheda beat in Shahada range, Tal-Shahada, Distt-Nandurbar at the cost of project authority.
- iii) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 1.00 m depth & 0.45 m width with cable line under the PVC Pipeline.
- iii) The land under project will be reclaimed by the user agency for which the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs. 50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned, the cost for reclamation will be recovered from the bank guarantee.
- iv) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running mtr. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs. 300/- per mtr. and Rs.750/- per mtr. respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the user agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
- v) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- vi) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.

- vii) No felling of trees shall done during the implementation of project.
- viii) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- ix) The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Dhule shall report the details of amount recovered from the Project Authority towards the cost of compensatory afforestation at prevalent rate and all other cost required as per rules in due course of time.
- x) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the Project and Shahada to Dhadgaon PWD road.
- xi) The User Agency will make good the land after use/maintenance.
- xii) All the amount received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to the Ad-hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority (CAMPA) in A/c No. SB01025218 of Corporation Bank, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003 and compliance will be reported to this office for record.
- xiii) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology, GOI in pursuance to their letter dated 23/06/2011 for the Project.
- xiv) The user agency will be authorized to lay the Optical Fiber Cable outside the confines of the protected area after compliance of this order. Any breach of the conditions by the user agency will be treated as violation of the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- xv) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on the User Agency.

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)
Maharashtra State, Nagpur

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Sub.:- Proposal for diversion of 0.975 ha. Reserved forest land in favour M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Ltd, Mumbai for construction of underground Optical Fiber Cable passing within the existing ROW of Shahada to Dhadgaon PWD Road (MSH-1) in Nandurbar Forest Division, Shahada.

No. : Desk-17/NC/II/ID 12598/(30)/ 248 /2018-19
Nagpur – 440 001, Dated: 27/04/2018

To ,

The Secretary (Forests),
Revenue and Forests Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-32

Ref:- CCF(T) Dhule letter No. Desk-5/Nodal/C R No/206/2017-18 dated 14/03/2018.

The M/s. Reliance JIO, Infocomm Ltd. Mumbai, has submitted the proposal for diversion of 0.975 ha. Reserved Forest land for construction of Optical Fiber Cable line passing within the existing ROW of Shahada to Dhadgaon PWD road (MSH-1) from Km 82/200 to Km 153/900 in different forest areas of Nandurbar Forest Division, Shahada as per details mentioned below :-

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- 2) Area Statement
- 3) Index Map in suitable scale.
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Government of India vide letter 07/09/2015 accorded general approval for the underground laying of optical fibre cables, telephone lines, drinking water supply pipelines, CNG/PNG pipelines within the existing right of way of road and petroleum pipelines.

in view of the above It is therefore requested that , the Government of Maharashtra may kindly be moved for diverting diversion of 0.975 ha Reserved forest land in favour of M/s. Reliance JIO, Infocomm Ltd. Mumbai, for construction of Optical Fiber Cable line passing within the existing ROW of Shahada to Dhadgaon PWD road (MSH-1) from Km 82/200 to Km 153/900 in different forest areas of Nandurbar Forest Division, Shahada for connecting of Grampanchayat network in Nandurbar District, under section 2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act ,1980.

Encls : As above

(G Sai Prakash)

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

24/1/18

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