



**Reliance Jio**  
Infocomm Limited

Ref: RJIL/ SCO/ 2021 - OCT-4

Date: 21/10/2021

The Nodal Officer  
Forest Conservation ACT &  
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest  
Aranya Bhavan, Salt Lake City,  
Kolkata

Proposal Ref No: FP/WB/OFC/145633/2021- Proposal of Diversion of 0.345 Ha of forest land in favour of Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd along Hill Cart Road from Sonada to Gidda Pahar

Madam,

Please find our Reply in respect of your query raised on 8 Oct 2021:

- 1) As per MoEF Circular No 11-9/98-Fc(Pt) dt 05.02.2013 project like laying pipeline /optical fiber etc where linear diversion of forest land in several villages are involved are exempted from the requirement of obtaining consent of the concerned Gram Sabha. Further as per clause 6/3(a) and 6 /3(e) of Forest Conservation (Rules ),2003 amended up to August 2017 District Collector /District Magistrate complete the process of recognition and vesting Forest Rights in accordance with the laws with in stipulated time period after receiving complete proposal from Nodal Officer. Thus FRA certificate is pending.
- 2) Alternate sites were examined .As laying of optical fibre is done along the RoW of NH/SH .Thus in this case laying of OFC is proposed at RoW uphill side of Hill Cart road in forest land.

  
  
Authorized Signatory  
(Ashish Dasgupta)  
Deputy Manager