

सेवा में,

सामाजिक वानिकी वन प्रभाग,  
सिद्धार्थनगर  
उत्तर प्रदेश।

**विषय:** जनपद सिद्धार्थनगर में राज्य मार्ग संख्या – 75 (बेवा – इटवा – डुमरियागंज मार्ग) के कि.मी. 00.00 से कि.मी. 42.00 एवं राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग सं० – 233 (बस्ती – बांसी मार्ग) के कि.मी. 65.60 से कि.मी. 46.00 तक कुल कि.मी. 61.60 एवं 0.6492 हे० तक सड़क के किनारे मार्गों की बाँयीं पटरी पर ऑप्टिकल फाइबर केबिल बिछाए जाने हेतु अनुमति प्रदान किए जाने के सम्बन्ध में।  
ऑनलाईन प्रस्ताव संख्या : FP/UP/Others/30152/2017 Date 26.03.2018 |

**सन्दर्भ:** आपका पत्रांक संख्या– 2145/2–6, दिनांक, सिद्धार्थनगर, दिसम्बर 4, 2020, पत्रांक संख्या– 526/2–6, दिनांक, 19.08.2020 एवं पत्रांक संख्या– 1035/2–6, दिनांक, 28.09.2020 तथा वन संरक्षक, बस्ती वृत्त, बस्ती का पत्रांक संख्या– 2143/33–1, दिनांक– 13.02.2020।

महोदय,

उपरोक्त सन्दर्भित पत्रों के क्रम में अवगत कराना है कि प्रस्तावक विभाग द्वारा विषयांकित प्रस्ताव में अग्रेतर कार्यवाही सुनिश्चित किये जाने हेतु वन संरक्षक, बस्ती वृत्त, बस्ती द्वारा संयुक्त स्थलीय निरीक्षण प्रमाण पत्र पर अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि, कृते रिलायन्स जियो इन्फोकॉम लि० के हस्ताक्षर न होने की लगाई गयी आपत्ति का निराकरण, प्रस्तावक विभाग के अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि द्वारा दिनांक– 14.12.2020 को आपके कार्यालय में स्वयं से उपस्थित होकर कर दिया गया है।

तथा भारत सरकार पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्रालय के नवीनतम शासनादेश सं० – एफ०सी०–11/165/2019–एफ.सी. दिनांक, 27.07.2020 (प्रति संलग्न) के क्रम में अवगत कराना है कि – ***“CA may not be levied in case of laying of underground Optical Fiber Cables (OFC), telephone lines, drinking water supply pipelines, electricity cables, CNG/PNG and Slurry pipelines within the RoW of existing roads (trench size not more than two meter in depth and one meter in width) not falling in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries without felling of trees.”*** क्षतिपूर्क वृक्षारोपण वचनबद्धता प्रस्ताव के साथ पहले से ही संलग्न है एवं उपरोक्त नवीनतम शासनादेश की प्रति पत्र के साथ संलग्न कर दी गयी है।

अतः आप से निवेदन है कि अग्रेतर कार्यवाही करने की कृपा करें।

संलग्न:- उपरोक्तानुसार।

भवदीय,  
कृते रिलायन्स जियो इन्फोकॉम लिमिटेड  
पंकज खरे (प्रबन्धक)  
रिलायन्स जियो इन्फोकॉम लिमिटेड  
अधिकृत हस्ताक्षरकर्ता  
लखनऊ

Government of India  
Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change  
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**Dated: 27th July, 2020**

To,  
The Principal Secretary (Forests)  
All States/UTs

**Sub: Clarification regarding guidelines for diversion of forest land for non-forest purpose as per the general approval, under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for laying of underground CNG/PNG and Slurry pipelines-reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the representation received from the Government of Punjab through Regional Office Chandigarh vide letter no. 1-2Misc/2019-ROC dated 08.01.2020 on the above mentioned subject and to inform that the matter was considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) in its meeting held on 23.04.2020.

2. FAC observed that as per existing guidelines dated 28.03.2019, condition mentioned in Para 4.1 (f) is also applicable on the proposals mentioned in Para 4.2. It further observed that laying of underground CNG/PNG and Slurry pipelines in RoW of the existing road is an activity being taken up in forest area which is already under non forest use.

3. After thorough deliberation on the issue, FAC recommended that CA may not be levied in case of laying of underground Optical Fiber Cables (OFC), telephone lines, drinking water supply pipelines, electricity cables, CNG/PNG and Slurry pipelines within the RoW of existing roads (trench size not more than two meter in depth and one meter in width) not falling in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries without felling of trees.

**4. In view of the above, Para 4.2 of the Comprehensive Guidelines issued on 28.03.2019 may be read as:**

***Laying of Underground Optical Fiber Cables (OFC), telephone lines, drinking water supply pipelines, electricity cables, CNG/PNG and Slurry pipelines.*** General approval is accorded for taking up these projects within RoW of existing roads (trench size not more than two meter in depth and one meter in width) not falling in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries' without felling of trees. Approval, in addition to general conditions mentioned above under para 4.1 (***except condition "f"***), subject to the following specific conditions:

- a. *No tree felling is involved for the proposed work*
- b. *After completion of the project the area under RoW should be reclaimed suitably.*
- c. *UA agrees to make good of any loss to Forest/Environment.*

- d. *The UA will seek permission from the local FD for carrying out any maintenance.*
- e. *In case, the proposed area falls in the RoW of the road passing through National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, General Approval is subject to prior permissions from the State Board for Wildlife.*
- f. *In case of project involve tree felling, ten trees for each tree marked for removal shall be planted at the cost of user agency in consultation with the local forest department.*

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Your faithfully,

(Sandeep Sharma)

Asst. inspector General of Forests

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1. The PCCF (HoFF), Department of Forest, All States/UTs.
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