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RECOMMENDATION REPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSAL FOR DIVERSION OF 0.764
Ha. FOREST LAND UNDER THE JURISDICATION OF KURSEONG FOREST DIVISION FOR ROLLOUT OF
BROAD BAND SERVICES IN FAVOUR OF JIO INFOCOMM LTD.

Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd. has proposed the land diversion proposal over 0.764 Ha. three different blocks of three different beats of Sevoke Range under Kurseong Division , viz. Setikhola Block of Kalijhora Beat, Kandung Block of Latpanchar Beat and Birrik Block of Birrik Beat. It is a bare minimum for the purpose Rollout of 4G Broadband Services ,through forest with no alternative site nearby.

The proposal for land diversion of 0.764 Ha. of forest area is recommended for acceptance, for the expansion of communication facilities from strategic point of view, in the public interest.

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Chief Conservator of Forests~ Hill Circle, West Bengal 14. whether site ,where the forest land involved is located has been inspected by concerned conservator of Forests. (Yes/No). If Yes, the date of inspection & the observations made in the form of inspection note to be enclosed.

Yes, on 11.08.2022. The area of 0.0.764 Ha. falls within Setikhola Block of Kalijhora Beat, Kandung Block of Latpanchar Beat and Birrik Block of Birrik Beat under Sevoke Range of Kurseong Division. There is no issue of felling of trees for the proposed site and it does not fall under any designated wildlife habitat. It is the barest minimum for the purpose. The proposed area if diverted for the purpose mentioned ,would cause minimum interference to the wildlife habitat and movement of wildlife.

15. Whether the concerned Conservator of Forests agree with the information given in Part –B and the recommendation of Deputy Conservator of Forests.

Yes.

16. Specific recommendation of the concerned Conservator of Forests for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with detailed reasons.

Diversion proposal over 0.764 Ha. in Setikhola Block of Kalijhora Beat, Kandung Block of Latpanchar Beat and Birrik Block of Birrik Beat within the jurisdiction of Sevoke Range under Kurseong Forest Division ,for the purpose of Rollout of 4G Broadband Services by the user agency, Reliance Jio Broadband Services ,is hereby recommended.

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