

PART - IV

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

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

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

This is a Proposal for diversion of 0.58 hectares of Forest Land under Jalpaiguri and Kalimpong Forest Division in favour of the Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. for laying of Optical Fibre Cable from Jaldhaka Bridge to Kumani along Chapramari Railway Station-Kumani More Road and the barest minimum forest land is diverted for this project.

The proposal has been recommended by the Divisional Forest Officer, Jalpaiguri and Divisional Forest Officer, Kalimpong Forest Division & the Chief Conservator of Forests, Hill Circle and Chief Conservator of Forests Northern Circle, West Bengal.

Divisional Forest Officer, Jalpaiguri in item 8 under Part-II has stated that proposed area for diversion is located within Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of Chapramari Wildlife Sanctuary. However, he has opined that the project will not have any significant impact as it is underground Optical Fiber Cable (OFC).

Guidelines for ESZ promote use of underground cabling. Moreover, there is no tree felling involved in either Kalimpong Division or in Jalpaiguri Division.

Hence, the proposal for diversion of 0.58 ha forest land for 30 years is recommended.

Date: 23/11/2021

Place: Aranya Bhawan, Kolkata

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Adl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation Act, 1980

PART - V

(To be filled in by the Secretary In-Charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

18. Recommendation of the State Government:

(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part-B or Part-C or Part-D above should be specifically commented upon)

Date:

Place:

Signature
Name & Designation
(Official Seal)