

Sub :-Permission for laying Optical Fiber Cable on NH-51 from Bhavnagar to Talaja Total lenght 47/000 KMS i.e. 2.115 hca. in Bhavnagar district for vodafone Idea limited Ahmedabad in Protected Forest.

**PART-II**

**( To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest )**

**State serial No. of proposal .—**

<b>7</b>	Location of the project / Scheme :	
(i)	State/Union Territory	Gujarat State
(ii)	District	Bhavnagar
(iii)	Forest Division	Botad Social forestry Division
(iv)	Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha ).	Sub :-Permission for laying Optical Fiber Cable on NH-51 from Bhavnagar to Talaja Total lenght 47/000 KMS i.e. 2.115 hca. in Bhavnagar district for vodafone Idea limited Ahmedabad in Protected Forest.
(v)	Legal/status of forest	Protected Forest land
(vi)	Density of vegetation	< 0.01
(vii)	Species wise (scientific names) and diameter class wise enumeration of tress ( to be enclosed in case of irrigation/hydel project enumeration at FRL FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed)	Attached Annexure-16
(viii)	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion.	Area is not Vulnerable to erosion.
(ix)	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest.	The Proposed Site for diversion is Protected forest area.
(x)	Whether forms part of National Park wildlife sanctuary biosphere reserve tiger, reserve elephant, corridor etc. (If so the details of the area and comment of the Chief Wild life Warden to be annexed)	No.
(xi)	Whether any rare/endangered/ unique pecies of flora and fauna found in the area if so details thereof.	Nil
(xii)	Whether any protected archaeological/heritage site/defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area If so the details thereof with NOC from competent authority if required.	NO
<b>8</b>	Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the user agency in col-2 of part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project If no recommended area item wise with details of alternative examined.	Yes
<b>9</b>	Whether any work in violation of the Act Has been carried out (Yes/No) If yes details Of the same including period of work done Action taken on erring officials Whether Work in violation is still in progress	No




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<b>10</b>	Details of compensatory afforestation scheme:	
(i)	Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified by compensatory afforestation its distance from adjoining forest Number of patches, size of each patch.	Attached Annexure-18
(ii)	Map showing non-forest/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest	Attached Annexure-18
(iii)	Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted implementing agency time schedule cost structure etc.	Attached Annexure-19
(iv)	Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.	Attached Annexure-19
(v)	Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for compensatory afforestation and from management point of view (To be signed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest).	Attached Annexure-21
<b>11</b>	Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed especially highlighting facts asked in col-7 (xi,xii) 8 and 9 above	Attached Annexure-17
<b>12</b>	<b>Division / District profile :</b>	<b>Botad Social forestry Division</b>
(i)	Geographical area of the district.	Botad District-2564 sq km. Bhavnagar District-7258 sq km.
(ii)	Forest area of the district.	Botad District-276.7 km Length of area Bhavngar District-819.80 km Length of area
(iii)	Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases.	Case -- Area 18 38.865 Ha.
(iv)	Total company afforestation stipulated in the district/division since 1980 on (a) forest land including penal compensatory afforestation (b) non-forest land.	(A) 13.4 (B) 00.00 Total 13.4
(v)	Progress of compensatory afforestation as on till date	
	(a) Protected Forest land ha.	13.4
	(b) Non-forest land ha.	0.00
	Total ha.	13.4
<b>13</b>	Specific recommendations of the Dy.C.F for Acceptance of the proposal with reasons	User Agency Shall use 2.115 ha. Protected Forest Land Which is minimum PF Land. hence recommended to Accept this Proposal .

Place :Botad

Date : /07/2019

  
 (Smt. Raj Sandeep)  
 Dy.Conservator of Forests  
 Social Forestry Division  
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**FORMAT- I**  
**Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests**  
**Botad Division, Botad**

No. : C/LAND/T.6/4522-25/2019-20

Date: 01.07.2019

To,  
Vodafone Idea Ltd.  
Vodafone House, Building A,  
Corporate Road, Off S.G.Highway,  
Prahladnagar,  
Ahmedabad.

Sub.: Permission for laying Optical Fiber Cable on NH-51 from Bhavnagar to Talaja Total ,length 47/000 KMS i.e. 2.115 hca. in Bhavnagar district for Vodafone Idea limited Ahmedabad in Protected Forest.

- Ref.: 1. Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department Letter No. FCA/1015/1013 /15/SF-83F (I), Dt. 04/02/2016.  
2. Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department Letter No. FCA/1015/1013/15/SF-83/F, Dt. 03/05/2016.  
3. Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department Letter No. JMN/1016/1970/15/SF-38/F (1), Dt. 15/09/2016.  
4. Vodafone Idea Ltd. Letter Date. 01/05/2019

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter Date. 01/05/2019 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 as per following:

**Botad**

<u>Ru. no</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Length (mt.)</u>	<u>Width (mt.)</u>	<u>Area in Hectare</u>
1	(NH - 51) From Bhavnagar to Talaja	47000	0.45	2.115
	<b>TOTAL AREA REQUIRED</b>			<b>2.115 Hect. (Approx.)</b>

Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department, Gandhinagar vide its circular mentioned under Reference has delegated powers under "General Approval" to the concerned divisional forests officer to grant approval under forest (Conservation) act. 1980 for laying of underground optical fiber cables, telephone lines, drinking water, electric lines, CNG/PNG pipeline and Petroleum pipeline along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Parks and Wildlife sanctuaries, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of the trench is not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width subject to certain conditions.

AND whereas the user agency while applying and through the documents submitted has confirmed that its FCA proposal falls along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Parks and Wildlife sanctuaries without felling of trees, where the maximum size of the trench is not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width and hence fulfils all the above specified conditions and eligibility, as laid down in circular mentioned at ref (1) and falls under the category of proposal eligible for "general approval".

AND whereas having verified on the site that above facts are correct and fulfils the above specific conditions of "general approval" the following order is issued.



In view of the above the undersigned is pleased to convey its "in principle" approval for diversion of **2.115 Ha.** Of Protected Forest Land in Bhavnagar District subject to the following conditions:

1. The permission is granted only for use of the forest land for the purpose specified in the proposal. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
  2. The cost of NPV Registration Fees, Processing Fees etc. as per Demand Note attached herewith shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority.
  3. The User Agencies shall generate challan through OSMFWC portal before making payment for Stage-II Clearance process. All the fund shall be deposited through OSMFWC portal by the User Agency.
  4. In future if any amount regarding Net present Value (NPV) of Compensatory Afforestation (CA) is required the user agency is bounded to pay in favor of Deputy Conservator of Forest.
  5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.
  6. The user agency will have to obtain permission from the undersigned for carrying out any maintenance works in future.
  7. The user agency will have to make good the forest land after use / maintenance work. No tree shall be cut.
  8. The user agency will be liable to make good any loss to Forests / Environment caused due to the use of the said land by the user agency.
  9. The user agency will seek permission from the Road & Building Department / Science & Technology Dept. Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar if required so.
  10. The line will be laid underground in a trench of depth of 1.65 meters and width of 0.65cm in between rows of road side plantation.
  11. The User Agency shall submit the details regarding compliance of MoEF's guideline dated 03.08.2009 and 05.02.2013 with regard to the Scheduled Tribe & Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006.
  12. The additional conditions under chapter-5 of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 shall be applicable to this proposal as the Government of Gujarat's Resolution No.FCA-1013/11-10/11/SF-24/F Dated 12.06.2015. The user agency shall comply additional condition as per the aforementioned resolution.
  13. Any other condition which the Nodal Officer (FCA) / the State Government may stipulate from time to time.
- After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of condition no. (2) (3) (5) & (12) mentioned above from you, order of formal approval will be issued by this Department.

Yours Faithfully

(Smt. Raj Sandep)  
Deputy Conservator of Forests  
Social Forestry Division  
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**Copy Submitted to:**

1. The Principle Secretary, Forests & Environment Department, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar
2. Additional Principle Chief Conservator of Forests land, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.
3. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Circle, Rajkot.





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## Memorandum:-

Government of India has given vide his Environment & Forest & Ministry Letter No. 6-GJB-97/2012-BHO/1093 dtd. 02.06.2014 refer above at (1) "In Principle" approval for Diversion of 2.115 Ha. Protected Forest land for of parallel/crossing in favour of Vodafone Idea Ltd. in Bhavanagr Dist. in Gujarat.

Vodafone Idea Ltd., Ahmedabad as reported that it has deposited an amount of Rs. 10,100/- (Rupees Ten thousand One hundred only) towards the cost of Registration fees, Processing fees is deposited in the account of 8782 Forest remittance(Deposit Head) on dtd. 15.07.2019.

The undersigned is please to convey the formal approval of the Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 subject to following conditions.

- 1) The permission granted only for use of the forest land for the purpose specified in the proposal. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.



- 3) The user Agency will have to obtain permission from this office for carrying out any maintenance works in future.
- 4) The user Agency will have to make good the forest land after use / maintenance work. **No tree shall be cut.**
- 5) The User Agency will be liable to make good any loss to Forests / Environment caused due to the use of the said land by the user agency.
- 6) The User Agency will seek permission from the Roads & Buildings Department / Science and Technology Department. Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- 7) The Gas pipeline will be laid underground in a trench depth of 2 mtr. and width of 0.90 mtr. in between rows of road side plantation.
- 8) Any other condition which the Nodal Officer (FCA) may stipulate from time to time.

(Smt. Raj Sandeep)

Deputy Conservator of Forests  
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- 2) Additional Principle Chief Secretary, Conservator of Forests land, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.
- 3) Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Circle, Rajkot.
- 4) Range Forest officer, Social Forestry Range, Bhavnagar, Talaja & Ghogha.