

## Format –II

### Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forest Banaskantha Forest Division, Palanpur

No. FCA/T-17/C/ 1009-14 /2019-20

Date: 12 /12/2019

To,  
Reliance Jio Limited  
Reliance Mart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Thaltej, Ahmadabad

**Sub:** Diversion of 0.09 Forest land for laying Underground laying Optical Fiber Cable at. Village: Panthawada, Survey No. 540/2, Taluka- Dantiwada, Banaskantha District of Gujarat. (MS-175 to MS-177 on SH-07 Km. 2.00)

**Ref.** 1. Government of Gujarat Forest & Environment Department letter No. FCA/1015/1013/15/SF-83/F(1) Dt. 04/02/2016.  
2. This Office Letter No : FCA/T-17/C/77-82/2019-20, Date: 7/6/2019  
3. (Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited ) Letter No- Date: 15/6/2019.

#### Memorandum:-

This office has given an "In Principle" approval for diversion of 0.09 ha. of forest land for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the routes in Village: Panthawada, Survey No. 540/2, Taluka- Dantiwada, Banaskantha District As per Reference Letter No (2) as above.

The (Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited) has reported that it has deposited an amount of Rs.7400/- towards the cost of Registration and processing Fee in the account of 8782/103 forest remittance on Date: 08.02.2018 The same has been confirmed by challan /bank receipt received vide letter Date: 08.02.2018 of (Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited).

The undersigned is pleased to convey the Formal approval of the Government under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 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 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 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 & Building Department/Science and Technology Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
7. The Optical Fiber Cable line will be laid underground in a trench of depth of 2.00 Mtr and width of 1.00 Mtr in between rows of road side plantation.
8. Any other condition, which the Nodal Officer (FCA) may stipulate from time to time.

(Dr. Anshuman, IFS)

Deputy Conservator of Forests  
Banaskantha Forest Division  
Palanpur

**Copy submitted to:-**

1. Principle Secretary, F&E, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.
2. Additional Principle Chief Conservator of Forest, Land, Gandhinagar, Gujarat State for favor of information.
3. Conservator of Forest, Gandhinagar Wildlife Circle, Gandhinagar.

**Copy forwarded to :-**

1. Assistant Conservator of Forests, Palanpur for information and necessary action.
2. Range Forest Officer Dantiwada for information and necessary action.



**Format -I**

Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forest  
Banaskantha Forest Division, Palanpur

No. FCA/T-17/c1 **77-82** /2019-20

Date: **7** /6/2019

To,  
Reliance Jio Limited  
Reliance Mart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Thaltej, Ahmadabad

- Sub:** Diversion of 0.09 Forest land for laying Underground laying Optical Fiber Cable at. Panthawada, taluka- Dantiwada, district.-Banaskantha in favour of Banaskantha District of Gujarat.
- Ref.** 1. Government of Gujarat Forest & Environment Department letter no.  
(1) FCA/1015/1013/15/SF-83F(1) Dt. 04/02/2016.  
(2) JMN/1016/1970/15/SF-38/F, Dt. 15/09/2016  
2. Additional Principle Chief Conservator of Forests, Land Gujarat State, Gandhinagar letter no  
(1) FCA/29/A/1062-1135, Dt. 10/03/2016  
(2) FCA/29/A/95-168, Dt. 13/05/2016  
3. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Ahmedabad letter no.  
RJIL/GUJ/R.Forest / Banaskantha/ NLD 7B/23, Date: 24/9/2018

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No. NLD 7B/23, Dated 24/9/2018 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Government under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 as per following

Sr. No	Particular	Length X Width (Meter)		Area(Sq Meter)
1	Laying Underground Optical Fiber Cable at. Panthawada, taluka- Dantiwada, district.-Banaskantha (km. 2.00) area 0.09 ha.	2000	0.45	900
<b>Total-</b>				<b>0.09 ha.</b>

Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department, Gandhinagar vide its circular Mentioned under Reference has delegated powers under "General Approval" to the concerned Division forest officer to grant approval under Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 for laying of Underground optical fiber cable, 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 trench is not more Than 2 Meter depth and 1 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 Park & Wildlife Sanctuaries, without felling of trees, where the maximum Size of the trench is not more than 2 Meter depth and 1 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 0.09 ha. of Optical Fiber Cable subject to the following conditions:

Condition :-

1. The permissions is granted only for use of the forest land for the propose 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 OSFMWC portal before making payment for Stage-II Clearance process. All the fund shall be deposited through OSMFVC portal by the user agency.
4. In future if any amount regarding Net Present Value (NPV) or Compensatory Afforestation (CA) is required, the user agency is bounded to pay in favour 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 works. 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 and Technology Dept. Sachivalaya Gandhinagar, if required so.
10. The line will be laid underground in a trench of the depth 2 Meter & width 1 Meter in between rows of road side plantation.
11. The user agency shall submit the detail regarding compliance of MoEF's guidelines dated 03.08.2009 & 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 Resolutions 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 compliance report on the fulfilment of conditions no. (2),(3),(5)&(12) mentioned above, from you, order of formal approval will be issued by this Department.

Yours Faithfully,



(Dr. G.S. Singh, IFS)

Deputy Conservator of Forest  
Banaskantha-Palanpur

Copy submitted to:

- (1) The Additional Chief secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Gujarat State Gandhinagar
- (2) Additional Principle Chief Conservator of Forests, Land Gujarat State, Gandhinagar
- (3) Conservator of Forests , Gandhinagar Wildlife Circle, Gandhinagar.
- (4) Copy forwarded to Assistant Conservator of Forests, Palanpur.
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State serial No of Proposal \_\_\_\_\_

(Banaskantha District, Gujarat State)

**PART – II**

(To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)

7	Location of the Project/scheme		:	
	(i)	State / Union Territory	:	Gujarat
	(ii)	District	:	Banaskantha
	(iii)	Forest Division	:	Banaskantha Forest Division.
	(iv)	Area of forest land proposed for diversion (in ha.)	:	0.09 Ha.
	(v)	Legal status of forest	:	Section– 29
	(vi)	Density of vegetation	:	0.1
	(vii)	Species-wise (scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed. In case of irrigation / hydel projects enumeration at FRI-1, FRI- 2 meter & FRL-4 meter also to be enclosed)	:	No tree will be cut
	(viii)	Brief note on vulnerability of the forest area to erosion	:	The proposed project area is in low rainfall zone. The track is flatter with less fertile soils. The proposed projects will not affect the exorability of the area.
	(ix)	Approximate distance of proposed site for diversion from boundary of forest	:	The proposed area part of 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 comments of the Chief Wildlife Warden to be annexed)	:	No
	(xi)	Whether any rare/endangered /unique species of flora and fauna found in the area if so details thereof	:	<div>Fauna: Nil</div> <div>Flora: Nil</div>

	(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
8		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
9		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
10		Details of compensatory afforestation scheme	: Not applicable
	(i)	Details of non-forest area/degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation, its	: Not applicable
			: Not applicable
	(ii)	Map showing non-forest/ degraded forest area identified for compensatory afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.	: Not applicable
	(iii)	Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, implementing agency, time schedule, cost structure, etc.	: Not applicable
	(iv)	Total financial outlay for compensatory afforestation scheme.	: Not applicable
	(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 Forests)	: Not applicable



11	Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col. 7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above	:	Attached herewith
12	Division / District profile	:	Banaskantha Forest Division, Dist: Banaskantha.
	(i) Geographical area of the district	:	10743.00 sq.km.
	(ii) Forest area of the district	:	1107.21 sq.km.
	(iii) Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases	:	28 cases – 506.6931 ha.
	(iv) Total compensatory afforestation stipulated in the district/division since 1980 on	:	653.9100 ha.
	(a) forest land including penal compensatory afforestation,		139.3618 ha.
	(b) non-forest land		514.5482 ha.
	(v) Progress of compensatory afforestation as on (date) 31-03-19 on	:	
	(a) forest land		116.59 ha.
	(b) non-forest land		346.67 ha.
13	Specific recommendations of the DCF for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.	:	As the proposed project site is an under ground activity and more over no tree cutting is required The project is hereby recommended 0.09 ha. area.

Date : 7 / 6 /2019

Place : Palanpur.

Signature

Name : (Dr. G.S.Singh, IFS)

Official Seal : Dy. Conservator of Forests  
Banaskantha, Palanpur