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Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forest
Social Forestry Division, Banaskantha-Palanpur

No. C/FCA/T-9/17-29/2019-20

Date: 29/04/2019

To,

Vodafone Idea limited,
Vodafone house ,Building A,
Corporet Road,Prahladnagar,
off S.G.Haghighy, Ahmadabad-380015.

Sub: Diversion of 3.7755 ha. Protected forest land for laying Underground Optical Fiber Cable at (1) Along NH-68 from 324/000 kms to 332/200 kms (RHS) total length 8/200 km & (2) Along NH-68 from 344/400-kms to 398/500 (RHS) Total length 54/100 km (3) Along MDR from Jamda to Bhrol length 11/500 kms (4) Along MDR from Bhrol to Dhima length 7/600 kms (5) Along old NH-15 from Dhima to Dhima length 2/500 kms i.e. Total length 83/900 Kms i.e. 3.7755 ha. in favour of vodafone idea limited,Ahmedabad in taluka of Vav,Tharad and Bhabhar in Banaskantha district of Gujarat.

Ref. 1. Government of Gujarat Forest & Environment Department letter no. FCA/1015/1013/15/SF-83F (1) Dt. 04/02/2016.
2. Vodafone Idea Limited,Ahmedabad letter Date: 08/04/2019
3. Pri.C.C.F Gujarat State, Gandhinagar letter No.JMN/29-A/B/1690-1760/16-17 Dtd: 20/05/2016

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter Date: 08/04/2019 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 (ha)
1	(1) Along NH-68 from 324/000 kms to 332/200 kms (RHS) total length 8/200 km & (2) Along NH-68 from 344/400-kms to 398/500 (RHS) Total length 54/100 km (3) Along MDR from Jamda to Bhrol length 11/500 kms (4) Along MDR,from Bhrol to Dhima length 7/600 kms (5) Along old NH-15 from Dhima to Dhima length 2/500 kms	83,900	0.45	3.7755
Total-				3.7755 ha.

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 line, CNG/PNG Pipeline and Petroleum Pipeline along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of trench is not more Than 2 Mtr depth and 1 Mtr 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 Sanctuary ,without felling of trees ,where the maximum Size of trench is not more than 2 Mtr depth and 1 Mtr width and hence fulfills 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 fulfill 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 **3.7755 ha.** of Protected Forest subject to the following conditions:

1. The permissions is granted only for the 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 agency shall generate challan through OSFMWC 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 for compensatory afforestation 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 propose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.
6. The user agency will have to obtain permission from the under signed 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 forest / environment cause due to use of the said land by the user agency.
9. The user agency will seek permission from Road & Building Department /Science and Technology Department. Sachivalay Gandhinagar, if required so.
10. The line will be laid underground in a trench of the depth 2 Mtr & width 1 Mtr 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 schedule tribes & other forest dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act.,-2006.
12. The additional condition 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 aforementioned resolutions.
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 fulfillment of conditions no. (2),(3),(5) & (12) mentioned above, from you, order of formal approval will be issued by this Department.

Yours Faithfully,


(K.T. Parmar)

Deputy Conservator of Forest
Social Forestry Division
Banaskantha-Palanpur

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Copy submitted to:

- (1) The Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Gujarat State Gandhinagar
- (2) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Land Gujarat State, Gandhinagar
- (3) Conservator of Forests , Circle Office Mehsana
- (4) Assistant Conservator of Forests ,Social Forestry Division ,Banaskantha-Palanpur.
- (5) Copy forwarded to Range forest officer Vav,Tharad and Bhabhar for information and necessary action.