

PART -IV

**(To be filled by Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)**

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

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 0.37866 ha. forest land for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable by M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur along the road in ROW of Kondhali – Sawali kh road in Wardha District under Forest Division Wardha of 0.34963 ha. and 0.02903 ha. Nagpur forest Division in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/OFC/155250/2022).

The details of land proposed for diversion is as under-

Sr. No.	Item	Name of the Village	Tahsil	Compt. No.	Gut No.	Length (Mtr) x Width (mtr)	Area (in Ha)	Legal Status
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2		--		55	--	560 x 0.5	0.028	
3		--		54	--	2048.5 x 0.5	0.102425	
4		Raipur		171/1	14,26,29, 49 & 36	1669.8 x 0.5	0.08349	Protected Forest
5		Kannamwargram		--	164	239.3 x 0.5	0.011965	Zudpi Jungle
6		--		59	--	528.6 x 0.5	0.02643	Reserved Forest
7		Heti		161/2	72	106.7 x 0.5	0.005335	Protected Forest
8		Heti		--	33/1	240 x 0.5	0.012	Zudpi Jungle
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11		Kundi		--	Old-70/1 New-332	66.8 x 0.5	0.00334	
(A) Wardha Forest Division total Area							0.34963	
(B) Nagpur Forest Division								
1	Laying Optical Fiber Cable along the road in ROW of Kondhali-Sawali Kh road	Shirmi	Katol	69	157	199.4 x 0.5	0.00997	Protected Forest
2		Shirmi		69	150	127.76 x 0.5	0.006388	

3	passing through forest area in villages Raipur, Kannamwargram, Heti, Kundi in Tal. Karanja, Dist. Wardha and Shirmi, Borgaon, Tal. Karanja, Dist. Nagpur	Borgaon		--	98	253.64 x 0.5	0.012682	Zudpi Jungle
(B) Nagpur Forest Division total Area							0.02903	
Grand Total (A) + (B)							0.37866	

Specific recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) MS Nagpur is attached.

Naresh Zurmure, 27/9/22

(Naresh Zurmure)
Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer, Nagpur

Date: 27/9/2022
Place: Nagpur

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Specific Recommendation of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Maharashtra State with regards to acceptance or otherwise of the proposal supported by reasons.

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(B) Nagpur Forest Division total Area							0.02903	
Grand Total (A) + (B)							0.37866	

2.00 The project has been initiated by M/s. Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd, Nagpur for seeking approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable line along the road in ROW of Kondhali-Sawali Kh road passing through forest area in villages Raipur, Kannamwargram, Heti, Kundi in Tal. Karanja, Dist. Wardha and Shirmi, Borgaon, Tal. Karanja, Dist. Nagpur in the State of Maharashtra. The User Agency has highlighted that as per the policy of the Government of India, it is planned to lay Optical Fiber Cable for reliable communication from remote place to District/State Headquarters. Basic aim of the project is to provide the people of under developed areas with reliable and high speed media connectivity. Keeping in mind the above, the Project Authority has submitted the proposal for diversion 0.37866 ha forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wardha Forest Division, Wardha and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur Forest Division, Nagpur are enclosed on page no. 8 a to 8 b and C to D.

3.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wardha Forest Division, Wardha and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur Forest Division, Nagpur have certified that:-

- 3.1 no suitable alternate land is available and the forest land required is lowest minimum.
- 3.2 the area belongs to Eco-value class-III and having density is below 0.2 (Open Forest)
- 3.3 there is no cutting and felling of trees involved in this project
- 3.4 the area involved in the project does not form part of any existing National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Nature Reserve etc.
- 3.5 proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance.
- 3.6 there is no violation of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

- 3.7 (i) the proposed area is 6.3 km away from Bor Tiger Reserved and compartment No.53,54 & 55 (Reserved Forest) and Compartment N.171/1 (Protected Forest) are passing through the Bor Buffer boundary of Bor Tiger Reserve and ESZ Area.

The PCCF (Wildlife) vide office note dated 10/8/2022 has offer remarks and informed that wildlife clearance is required. In this context, the user agency has submitted the copy of online part I & II for seeking recommendation of Standing Committee of NBWL/SBWL is enclosed herewith.

- (ii) the proposed area is beyond 10 Km of the boundary of Protected Area, Wildlife Sanctuary and National Park.

- 3.8 the non-forest area covered under the project is not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act 1975 by virtue of application of Section 35 of Indian Forest Act 1927 and are not recognized as deemed reserved forest as well as not included in the area identified as "forest" as per dictionary meaning of forest as intimated to the expert committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996.

4.00 **The User Agency has submitted an undertaking that:-**

- 4.1 to defray the cost of compensatory afforestation.
- 4.2 the project is in ROW alongwith the State Highway, hence settlement of rights in accordance with Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 is not required.
- 4.3 Assistant Chief Engineer, PWD, Division Nagpur vide letter No. Ka-Resha/OFC/11110, dated 15/12/2018 and 11222, dated 19/12/2018 has given permission for Laying Optical Fiber Cable along the Kondhali-Sawali Kh road. Copy enclosed.
- 5.00 The Government of India has conveyed its general approval under the Section-2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide Chapter 4 of comprehensive guidelines issued vide letter No.5-2/2017-FC, dt. 28/3/2019 for 15 activities for diversion not more than 1.00 ha forest land to Government Departments, Government undertakings, Boards, Corporations and various user agencies. 'Electric and telecommunication lines is included in these 15 activities.
- 6.00 As per Government of India guidelines No. File No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I), dated 6/1/2022 mentioned in point No. (xi) laying of underground optical fiber cable- Full exemption is provided for project if -
- a) no felling of trees is involved;
 - b) area falls outside National Park/Sanctuary.

Therefore, there is full exemption of NPV for this project.

- 7.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wardha Forest Division, Wardha and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur Forest Division, Nagpur and Chief Conservator of Forest (T), Nagpur have recommended the proposal for diversion of 0.37866 ha. of forest land.
- 8.00 **In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under the section -2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions: –**
- i) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
 - ii) As per Government of India guidelines No.FC-11/165/2019, FC dt.27/7/2020 the compensatory afforestation may not be levied in case of laying of underground Optical Fiber Cables (OFC). Therefore the cost of compensatory afforestation may not be insist upon the User Agency.
 - iii) NPV:-
 - a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 0.37866 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No.566 in WP (C) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II), dated 18/09/2003 as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC, dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC, dated 05/02/2009, dated 6/1/2022 in this regard.
 - b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
 - iii) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 m depth & 1.0 m width with cable line under the PVC Pipeline.
 - iv) The land under project will be reclaimed by the user agency for which the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs. 50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned, the cost for reclamation will be recovered from the bank guarantee.
 - v) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running mtr. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs. 300/- per mtr. and Rs.750/- per mtr. respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the user agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/

Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future. For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the Forest Department as and when required.

- vi) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- vii) No felling of trees shall done during the implementation of project.
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- ix) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
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- xvi) The User Agency will make good the land after use/maintenance.


(Y. L. P. Rao)

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No. : Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/I.D.-14212/1611 /2021-22
Nagpur – 440 001, Dated 27/09/2022

To,
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3.4 Index map in suitable scale,

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- xvi) The User Agency will make good the land after use/maintenance.

10.00 In view of para no. 9 above, it is requested that the Government of Maharashtra may kindly accord general approval for diversion of forest land 0.37866 in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road in ROW of Kondhali – Sawali kh road in Wardha District under Forest Division Wardha of 0.34963 ha. and 0.02903 ha. Nagpur forest Division in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl. :- Proposal 1 Copy

 27/7/22

(NareshZurmure)

**Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer, Nagpur**

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Nagpur for information.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests (T), Wardha/Nagpur for information.

Copy to the M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. 3rd Floor, FIDVI Tower, Opp. Saraf Chember, Mount Road, Sadar, Nagpur for information