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**Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forest**  
**Social Forestry Division Banaskantha**

No. C/FCA/T-8/2477/16-17

Date: 26/05/2016

To,

**Reliance Jio Limited**

Reliance Mart, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,

Thaltej, Ahmadabad

**Sub: Proposal for Grant of Permission for laying Optical Fiber Cable along the routes mentioned hereunder (Protected Forest Area)**

Ref. 1. Government of Gujarat Forest & Environment Department letter no. FCA/1015/101/15/SF-83F (1) Dt. 04.02.2016  
2. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited letter no. RJIL/GUJ/P. Forest /Banaskantha/ NLD 4/1 Date : 03/11/2015  
3. Pri.C.C.F Gujarat State, Gandhinagar letter No. JMN/29-A/B/1690-1760/16-17 Dtd. 20/05/2019

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter no. RJIL/GUJ/P. Forest /Banaskantha/ NLD 4/1

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 (M)	Width (M)	Area (SQ MTR)
1	State Highway	16000	0.45	0.72
2	State Highway/National Highway-27	26400	0.45	1.188
3	National Highway-27	60000	0.45	2.7
4	Narional Highway-27	19000	0.45	0.855
	TOTAL	121400	0.45	5.463



Government of Gujarat Forest & Environment Department Gandhinagar vide its circular mentioned under reference has delegates power 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 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 & eligibility as laid down in circular mentioned as 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 **5.463 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 OSFMWC 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 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. Another condition with 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**

  
(B. L. Desai)  
Dy. Conservator of Forest  
Social Forestry Division,  
B. K. PALANPUR  
Social Forestry Division Banaskantha

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 Mehsana

COPY to:- ACF Extension Division, Palanpur.

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on going work and report accordingly.