

# JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PRIVATE LIMITED

CIN: U64200GJ2018PTC105652

No.89, Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai 600 004.

From

T.T. Balsamy,  
District Forest Officer,  
State Coordinate Officer,  
Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,  
No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai,  
Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force),  
Guindy-Velachery Road,  
Near Kannigapuram Checkpost,  
Chennai – 600 032

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Dharmapuri Circle /  
Diversion of 0.792 ha. of Forest land (0.445 ha. in Dharmapuri  
Forest Division and 0.315 ha. in Hosur Forest Division) for  
laying underground Optical Fibre Cable along Dharmapuri  
Anchetty road of Hogenekkal stretch in Dharmapuri and  
Krishnagiri District – Demand letter received from District Forest  
Officers – Request challan for consolidated amount for CA and  
NPV - Reg.

- Ref: 1) Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Chennai Online Proposal  
No.FP/TN/Others/33602/2018 dt.12.05.2018.  
2) Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and  
Climate Change, Chennai Lr.No. F.No.4-TNB098/2022-  
CHN/1259 dated 24.11.2022.  
3) District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Forest Division,  
Dharmapuri C.No.5731/2018/D dt.20.01.2023.  
4) Wildlife Warden, Hosur Forest Division, Hosur C.No.  
7944/2017/D, dt.10.04.2023.

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With reference to the above subject, I submit the details as follows:

The Government of India has conveyed Stage-I approval with  
conditions and instructed to send compliance for issuing final approval for division  
of forest land for laying of underground OFC along the road side of Dharmapuri –  
Anchetty route of Hogenakkal stretch passing thorough Pennagaram RF and  
Woddapatty RF in Dharmapuri Forest Division and Woddapatty RF and Biligunduu  
R.F. in Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary area in Hosur Forest Division.

In this regard, District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri has instructed to  
pay the Compensatory Afforestation scheme amount for the degraded forest area at  
Masakkal RF in Pennagaram Range of Dharmapuri Forest Division to a cost of  
**Rs.32,75,500/-** for proposed diversion of forest land to an extent of 0.445 ha. vide  
reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited (enclosed).

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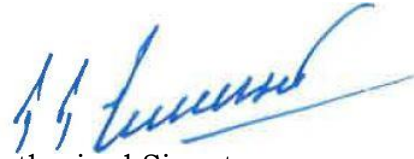
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The Wildlife Warden, Hosur Forest Division has also instructed to deposit an amount of **Rs.19,35,030/-** directly to the CAMPA account for proposed diversion of forest land in Woddapatti and Biligundulu R.Fs. in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary to an extent of 0.315 ha (enclosed).

Therefore, we request to issue a consolidated challan for the total amount of **Rs.52,10,530/-** (Rupees fifty two lakhs ten thousand five hundred and thirty only) i.e. Rs.32,75,500/- for CA Scheme in Dharmapuri Forest Division and Rs.19,35,030/- for NPV amount in Hosur Forest Division.

This is for favour of kind information and early orders.

Encl.: As state above.



Authorized Signatory,  
M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited,  
Mylapore, Chennai-4.

**TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From

To

Thiru. K.V.Appala Naidu, IFS.,  
District Forest Officer,  
Dharmapuri Forest Division,  
Dharmapuri – 636 705.

✓ M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,  
No.89, Radhakrishnan Salai,  
Mylapore,  
Chennai - 4.

**C.No. 5731 / 2018 / D, dated. 20-01-2023**

Sir,

Sub : Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.792Ha of Forest land (0.445 Ha in Dharmapuri Forest Division and 0.315 Ha in Hosur Wildlife Division) for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along Dharmapuri to Anchetty road of Hogenakkal stretch in Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri District in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Info COMM Limited, Chennai - Demand letter for Stage-1 Forest Clearance - Regarding.

Ref : 1) The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri C.No. 2311 / 2020 / D dated 18-10-2021.  
2) The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Chennai Lr.No.F.No.4-TNB098 / 2022 - CHN / 1259 dated 24-11-2022.  
3) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force), Chennai C.No. TS3 / 7005 / 2020 dated 28-11-2022.  
4) The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi File No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06-01-2022.

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I wish to invite your kind attention to the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited above, wherein the Government of India has conveyed stage-I approval with conditions and instructed to send compliance report for issuing final approval for diversion of 0.445ha of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) along the road side of Dharmapuri-Anchetty route of Hogenakkal stretch passing through Pennagaram Reserved Forest and Woddapatty Reserved Forest of Hogenakkal Range in Dharmapuri Forest Division.

The laying of OFC cable is 378mtr for Segment I and 3.16kms for Segment II distances away from the boundary of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary which is recently declared on 07.11.2022

In **para 4 of xi** of Government of India letter in the above Ref (4<sup>th</sup>) cited, the **Net Present Value is fully exempted** as there is no felling of trees and the area falls outside National park/Sanctuaries.

Based on the instructions issued by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited above, the Compensatory Afforestation scheme (including maintenance and Chain link fencing) is proposed in the degraded forest area at Masakkal Reserved Forest in Pennagaram Range of Dharmapuri Forest Division to an extent of 1.52ha for the total area proposed for both Dharmapuri & Hosur forest Divisions to a **total cost of Rs.32,75,500/-**

Therefore, the User Agency is requested to pay the cost towards Compensatory Afforestation scheme directly to the **CAPMA account by generating challan in the Ministry's website by NEFT / RTGS** and submit the compliance report along with the following documents / details may be furnished to this office urgently for submitting compliance report to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

Sl. No.	Conditions stipulated by State Government	Demand
(i)	The Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	Will not be changed.
(ii)	The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting of 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the appropriate distance as decided by the District Forest Officer concerned, at the cost of User Agency.	<p>The User Agency shall carry out the demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered for each and every turning point and at an interval of visible distance of <b>200 meters</b> and the responsibility of maintaining demarcation stones for the entire project diversion period lies with User Agency only.</p> <p>The User Agency will give necessary "Undertaking" to erecting demarcation</p>



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		stones and maintenance.
(iii)	As proposed, the state Forest Department shall carryout plantation and its maintenance over 1.52 ha of degraded forest area in Masakkal RF at the cost of the User Agency.	<p>The Compensatory Afforestation scheme (including maintenance and Chain link fencing) is proposed in the degraded forest area at Masakkal Reserved Forest in Pennagaram Range of Dharmapuri Forest Division to an extent of 1.52ha for the total area proposed for both Dharmapuri &amp; Hosur forest Divisions to a <b>total cost of Rs.32,75,500/-</b>.</p> <p>Hence, the User Agency is requested to pay the cost towards Compensatory Afforestation directly to the CAMPA account by generating challan in the Ministry's website by NEFT / RTGS.</p>
(iv)	Full exemption of NPV is allowed in case of laying of underground OFC cable provided no felling of trees is involved and area proposed for diversion is outside of Protected Area as Per the MoEF&CC Guidelines'. But in case an amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon',ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the state Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The Net Present Value is fully exempted as there is no felling of trees and the area falls outside the Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary.
(v)	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA	The User Agency is requested to deposit all the amount directly to the CAPMA account by generating



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	fund only through e-portal. ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> )	challan in the Ministry's website by NEFT / RTGS.
(vi)	The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00meter depth, 25.30km length and 0.30meter width. The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same.	The User Agency will give necessary "Certificate" in this regard.
(vii)	The State Government shall ensure all the necessary clearances for the project under various Acts / Rules / guidelines be obtained before handing over of the forest area to the U.A. for non-forestry purpose.	The User agency shall obtain approval from the competent authority under Wildlife Protection Act 1972 and from the competent authority under relevant act/rules/regulations for the area falling within the <b>default Eco sensitive zone of Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary.</b>
(viii)	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government	The User Agency will give necessary "Certificate" in this regard.
(ix)	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	The User Agency will give necessary "Certificate" in this regard.
(x)	Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the machinery, labourers and staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna.	The User Agency will give necessary "Certificate" in this regard.
(xi)	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the laborer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	The User Agency will give necessary "Certificate" in this regard.

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(xii)	No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency	The User Agency will give necessary "Certificate" in this regard.
(xiii)	The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, development or person without prior approval of the Central Government	The User Agency will give necessary "Certificate" in this regard.
(xiv)	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.445ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.	The User Agency will give necessary "Certificate" in this regard.
(xv)	User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	The User Agency will give necessary "Certificate" in this regard.
(xvi)	Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of the Integrated Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency.	The User Agency will give necessary "Certificate" in this regard.
(xvii)	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions in Ministry's guidelines.	The User Agency will give necessary "Certificate" in this regard.
(xviii)	The Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after	The User Agency will give necessary "Undertaking" to pay additional amount of Net Present



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	revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be changed by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	Value if any suggested by the Forest Department.
(xix)	The User Agency has to pay the cost towards annual lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted for the above project in future for the entire project period.	The User Agency will give necessary "Undertaking" to pay the cost towards annual lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation

Accordingly, the User Agency shall fulfil the above demands and furnish the undertakings / certificates stipulated by the Government for getting final approval.

Yours faithfully

Sd/- K.V.Appala Naidu,  
District Forest Officer,  
Dharmapuri Forest Division,  
Dharmapuri.

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Chennai for kind information.

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23/01/2023  
For Draughting Officer.



**TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From

To

Selvi K. Karthikeyani, IFS.,  
Wildlife Warden,  
Hosur Forest Division,  
Mathigiri, Hosur – 635 110.

M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,  
No.89, Radhakrishnan Salai,  
Mylapore,  
Chennai - 4.

**C.No.7944 / 2017 / D, Dated 10-04-2023.**

Sir,

Sub : Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Hosur Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.315ha of forest land in Woddpatty and Biligundulu Reserved Forests for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) - Online proposal submitted by the User Agency i.e. M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai - Demand letter for Stage-1 Forest Clearance compliance - Regarding.

- Ref : 1) The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division), New Delhi File No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06-01-2022.
- 2) The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Chennai Lr.No.F.No.4-TNB098 / 2022 - CHN / 1259 dated 24-11-2022.
- 3) This Office C.No. 7944/2017/D dated 06-01-2023
- 4) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force), Chennai C.No. TS3 / 7005 / 2020 dated 24-02-2023.

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In the Ref (2) cited above, the Government of India has conveyed stage-I approval with conditions and instructed to send compliance report for issuing final approval for diversion of 0.315ha of forest land in Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary area for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) along the road side of Hogenakkal-Anchetty road passing through Woddpatty and Biligundulu Reserved Forests in Hosur Wildlife Division, Hosur in the Krishnagiri District in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited. Mylapore, Chennai for the period of 20 years subject to conditions.

In continuation of this office letter cited in Ref (3) above, a revised demand was prepared for Net Present Value (NPV), based on the instructions issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force), Chennai in the Ref (4) cited above is as furnished below.



Therefore, the User Agency is requested to deposit the revised Net Present Value and submit the revised compliance report along with the following documents / details may be furnished to this office urgently for submitting compliance report to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

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(i)	The Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	Will not be changed.
(ii)	The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting of 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the appropriate distance as decided by the District Forest Officer concerned, at the cost of User Agency.	<p>The User Agency shall carry out the demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered for each and every turning point and at an interval of visible distance of 200 meters and the responsibility of maintaining demarcation stones for the entire project diversion period lies with User Agency only.</p> <p>The User Agency will give necessary "Undertaking" to erecting demarcation stones and maintenance.</p>
(iii)	As proposed, the state Forest Department shall carryout plantation and its maintenance over 1.52ha of degraded forest area in Masakkal RF at the cost of the User Agency.	<p>The Compensatory Afforestation land proposed in the degraded forest area at Masakkal RF to an extent of 1.52ha is related to District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri.</p> <p>Hence, the User Agency is requested to pay the cost towards Compensatory Afforestation directly to the CAPMA account by generating challan in the Ministry's website by NEFT / RTGS as fixed by the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri.</p>
(iv)	Full exemption of NPV is allowed in case of laying of underground OFC cable provided no felling of trees is involved and area proposed for diversion is outside of Protected Area as Per the MoEF & CC Guidelines'. But in case an amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any,	The User Agency is requested to deposit an amount of <b>Rs.19,35,030.00</b> (Rupees Nineteen lakh thirty five thousand and thirty only) directly to the CAPMA account by generating challan in the Ministry's website by NEFT / RTGS towards the Net Present Value (NPV) of proposed diversion of forest land to an



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	becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the state Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	extent 0.315ha which is within the Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary.
(v)	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal. ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> )	The User Agency is requested to deposit all the amount directly to the CAPMA account by generating challan in the Ministry's website by NEFT / RTGS.
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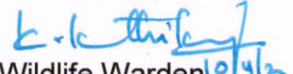
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(xviii)	The Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be changed by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The User Agency will give necessary "Undertaking" to pay additional amount of Net Present Value if any suggested by the Forest Department.
(xix)	The User Agency has to pay the cost towards annual lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation for the forest land to be diverted for the above project in future for the entire project period.	The User Agency will give necessary "Undertaking" to pay the cost towards annual lease rent as fixed by the Forest Department at the time of sanction along with any escalation

Accordingly, the User Agency shall fulfil the above demands and furnish the undertakings / certificates stipulated by the Government for getting final approval.

Yours faithfully

  
Wildlife Warden, 10/04/23  
Hosur Forest Division,  
Hosur.

  
10/04/2023

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