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F.No. FC-I/MH-133/2018-NGP/ 14831

Date: 11.11.2025

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue and Forest Department,
Hutatma Rajguru Chowk
Madam Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400032.

Sub: Diversion of 0.16 ha Reserved Forest land in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., for laying of Optical Fiber Cable passing within the existing RoW of the Yavatmal-Kita-Kapra-Sawar PWD Road in compt. No. 468, 469, 467, 475 in Yavatmal Forest Division in District Yavatmal in the State of Maharashtra-regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Government of Maharashtra's letter no. FLD-2018/C.R.173/F-10 dated 29.11.2018 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980**. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, **'in-principle'** approval was accorded by the Central Government vide its letter of even number dated 07.01.2019. The Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, vide his letter no. Desk-17/NC/RS-I/1D-12601/800/19-20 dated 07.08.2019 and 29.10.2025 submitted compliance report and requested to grant final approval to the proposal.

After careful consideration of the proposal and compliance report, I am directed to convey the Central Government's **'final approval'** under Section- 2 of the **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** for diversion of **0.16 ha** Reserved Forest land in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., for laying of Optical Fiber Cable passing within the existing RoW of the Yavatmal-Kita-Kapra-Sawar PWD Road in compt. No. 468, 469, 467, 475 in Yavatmal Forest Division in District Yavatmal in the State of Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

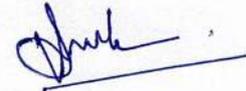
- i. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground by the **State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;**

- iii. The State Forest Department shall undertake plantation of 10 times number of trees to be felled over degraded forest land as compensatory afforestation, in lieu of forest land being diverted from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency. Details like kml, maps etc shall be uploaded in to the e green watch by the DFO concerned for monitoring purpose.
- iv. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;
- v. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;
- vi. The User agency, if required, will undertake comprehensive soil conservation measures at the project cost in consultation with the State Forest Department.
- vii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- viii. The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;
- ix. Stacking of dug out soil shall be undertaken within the RoW proposed and under no circumstances, forest land other than being sought for diversion, shall be used for stacking of soil.
- x. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- xi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- xii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- xiii. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;
- xiv. Felling of trees shall be restricted to 144 trees. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;
- xv. The State Government, Maharashtra/ Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (No. 2 of 2007) before issuing an order for handing over of forest land to the User Agency as per the rules;
- xvi. The State Government from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency, shall create and maintain alternate habitat/home for the avifauna, whose nesting trees are to be cleared in this project. Bird's nests artificially made out of eco-friendly material shall be used in the area, including forest area and human settlements, adjoining the forest area being diverted

- for the project;
- xvii. The User Agency shall submit six monthly self-compliance reports as on 1st January and 1st July of every year to this office as well as to the Nodal Officer of the State;
 - xviii. The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year;
 - xix. Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife;
 - xx. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines and Court/ Tribunal directions for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

This order issues with the approval of Competent Authority, Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,



(Vijay Sahebrao Kanthale)
AIGF (Central)

Copy to:

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iv. User Agency.
- v. Guard file.



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