

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

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C.No.5897/2019/D Date: /06/2023

Sir,

Sub: Forest - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Pudukkottai Forest Division -Proposal for diversion of 0.0069 ha. of forest land in Ammankurichi R.F. for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable along road side from Ammapattito Ammankurichi betweenVaiyampatti to Konnaiyur (MDR 729) in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fibre (P) Ltd., Chennai - Demand for Stage I forest clearance - Reg.

- Ref: 1) The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Lr.No.F.No.4-TNB101/ 2023-CHN/580, dt.11.05.2023.
2) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai C.No. TS4/1044/2021 dt.15.05.2023.
3) This office C.No.5897/2019/D dt.12.06.2023.

I invite your attention to the reference 3rd cited, wherein the Government of India, Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change letter vide reference 1st cited has been communicated to user agency for follow up action.

Further, for the proposal for diversion of 0.0069 ha. of forest land in Ammankurichi R.F. for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road side of Ammapatti to Ammankurichi between Vaiyampatti to Konnaiyur (MDR 729) in Pudukkottai Forest Division, Pudukkottai District in favour of M/s. Jio Digital Fibre (P) Ltd., Chennai subject to the following conditions.

Therefore, the user agency is requested to compliance report along with the documents / details may be furnished to this office for submitting compliance report to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests for getting final approval.

Cond ition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
(i)	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	Will not be changed. The user agency will give necessary Certificate regarding legal status.

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(ii)	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 50 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)	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;	<p>The Net Present Value is fully exempted as there is no felling of trees.</p> <p>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;</p>
(iv)	The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 mtr depth, 228.6mtr length and 0.30 mtr 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.


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(v)	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.
(vi)	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land	The user agency will give necessary "Certificate" in this regard.
(vii)	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.
(viii)	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.
(ix)	No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency	The user agency will give necessary "Certificate" in this regard.
(x)	The forest land proposed for diversions 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.
(xi)	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.0069 ha 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.
(xii)	User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all	The user agency will give necessary "Certificate" in this regard.

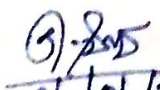
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	Act, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	
(xiii)	Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional officer (Central) of the Integrated Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time 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.
(xiv)	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 "Undertaking" in this regard.

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

Copy: Forest Range Officer,
Ponnamaravathy.

Yours faithfully


District Forest Officer
Pudukkottai


26/06/2023