

FORM – I

(for linear projects)

**Government of West Bengal**

Office of the District Collector Jalpaiguri

[Rule 6(3)(e) of Forest (Conservation) Rules 2003 as amended up to date]



No. 582 PO-DWJ/BCW

dated 18/04/2022

**TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN**

In compliance of the Rule 6(3)(e) of the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 [as amended vide the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules 2014; Forest (Conservation) second Amendment Rules 2014; and Forest (Conservation) Amendment Rules 2016] it is certified that 0.46 hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. for linear projects i.e. Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) involving the diversion of 0.46 hectares forest under Chalsa range of Jalpaiguri division in this Jalpaiguri district.

Further, on the basis of the certificates of the Divisional Forest Officer, Jalpaiguri Division, Vide No. 1670, dt. 16/09/2021 & No. 1737, dt. 28/09/2021 and the Block Development Officer, Nagrakata, it is certified that the proposed area does not involve recognized rights of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-Agricultural Communities.

 18/4/22

**District Magistrate  
Jalpaiguri**

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(For linear project)

Government of West Bengal  
Office of the District Collector, Kalimpong.

No. 015/NOC/FRA/KPG/2023-24

Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

- Ref: 1. Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), Government of India's letter No.H-9/98-FC (pt) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009.  
2. Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) letter bearing F.No 11-9/98FC(pt) dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013.  
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11.9.2019 under the chairmanship of CEO, NITI Aayog (NE States Division)

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: NOC for Laying of OFC cables by Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), Government of India's letter No. 11-9/98FC(pt) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidence for having initiated and completed the process of the settlement of right under the Schedule Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006 ('FRA' for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purpose, read with MoEF letters dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear project of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd for Laying of OFC cables along the RoW of Existing Jaldhaka to Kumani via Khunia more under Kumai GP (0.09 ha), Gorubathan Development Block.

It is further certified that:

- a) As per the enquiry reports submitted by Block Development Officer, Gorubathan vide Memo no 3889/GBN dated 22.11.2023 (copy enclosed) the proposed land to be diverted does not fall under any Forest Villages or newly converted Revenue Village (copies of joint field enquiry reports are enclosed.)
- b) The proposals do not involve recognized rights of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre-Agricultural communities.
- c) The proposed projects will cater to the requirement of larger interest of the public.

'No Objection Certificate' is hereby issued in favour of Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd for Laying of OFC cables on the aforesaid site.

Encl: As stated.

District Magistrate  
Kalimpong.