

Government of Punjab
Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation
O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Punjab,
Forest Complex, Sector-6B, B.A.B. Nagar,
(FCA Branch)

To
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Punjab, Forest Complex, Sector-6B,
B.A.B. Nagar.

No. FCA/1980/54/2019/ _____ Dated: _____

FP/PH/OFC/39237/2019

Subj: - **Diversión of 4,3387 ha. (instead of 4,32306 ha) of forest land for ROW Permission Cable Laying works under National Optical Fiber Network Project (Bharat Net Project Phase-2), of Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) for providing Broadband connectivity to Panchayat (apart of digital India) block Nawanshahar under Forest Division Nawanshahar at Garhshankar, Punjab (Bharat Broadband Network Ltd)**

Ref: - Your letter No. 10012 dated 18.03.2019.

Government of India has accorded general approval under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 vide letter No. 11-0/98 FC dated 08.04.2009 dated 02.02.2015 in the cases of laying of underground Telephone Lines, Optical Fiber Cable/After careful consideration of the proposal submitted, vide your letter under reference general approval of Govt. of India under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for **"In-principle approval"** is hereby conveyed temporary diversion of **4,3387 ha** of forest land for digging of trenches measuring 96068 mtrs. long and 0.45 mtrs wide along the road for laying of Optical Fiber Cable is hereby conveyed subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
2. The forest land to be diverted a in-principle approval will not be used for any other purpose.
3. No tree will be felled by the user agency.
4. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 28-3-08 in I.A No. 826 in 566..... in W.P.(C) 202 of 1995 has fully exempted NPV provided: (a) no felling of trees is involved; and (b) the areas fall outside National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.
5. The Optical Fiber Cable will be laid along the road within the existing right of way and close to the outermost edge of the forest land. The dug out land shall be restored by the User Agency and the same shall be made good immediately after the approved operation.
6. This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under relevant local Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable.
7. The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the DFO, Nawanshahar at Garhshankar for carrying out any maintenance operation.
8. The User Agency shall abide by any other condition (s) that may be imposed by this Department in the interest of afforestation and protection of environment.
9. The State Forest Department may revoke/suspend this approval, if any of the above conditions is not satisfactorily fulfilled by the User Agency.
10. An undertaking is signed by the User Agency for abiding by all the aforesaid conditions.
11. If any other NOC is necessary under any Act/Rules/Guidelines etc. from other Departments, the user agency should obtain the same before the commencement of laying of Cable.
12. The user agency shall provide certificate regarding Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers Recognition of Forest Rights Act, 2006 from the concerned Deputy Commissioner to Divisional Forest Officer before the work started.
13. **Cost of Compensatory Afforestation as per CA scheme may be realized from the user agency.**
14. **After Online receipt of the payment of 2 times Penal Compensatory Afforestation from the user agency, the proposal shall be considered for the final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The use of forest land will not be allowed till final approval is accorded.**
15. CF, Shiwalik Circle /DFO, Nawanshahar at Garhshankar shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions.

Additional Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Forests and Wildlife
Preservation.

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Dated 25-9-19

Copy to: -

1. Director (ROHQ), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh, New Delhi.
2. Addl. Director General (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Bays No. 24-25, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh.
3. Conservator of Forests, Shiwalik Circle
4. DFO Nawanshahar at Garhshankar w.r.t DFO, Nawanshahar at Garhshankar's letter No. 10012 dated 18.03.2019 for information.
5. Bharat Broadband Network Limited Sector-53 Phase-3A BSNL Telephone Exchange Building Mohali, Punjab-160059
6. Master file.



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