

Sub : Diversion of 0.426 ha of forest land in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the Theppakkadu, Masinagudi and Moyar Road section in the Nilgiris District in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai - Stage I in principle approval from MOEF – Regarding

Ref : 1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai Ref.No.F.No.4-TNB095/2022-CHN dated: 31.10.2022.

2. This Office even Ref No Dated : 17.01.2023.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Ref No TS3/48990/2018, Dated : 24.03.2023.

In continuation of the letter 2nd cited above, Attention of the User Agency is invited to the reference 3rd cited (Copy enclosed). As per the instruction issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoD) revised demand is hereby raised for the payment of Net Present Value as below.

Condition No III - Net Present Value

| | | |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Area of diversion | : | 0.426 Ha |
| Density of Forest area | : | 0.30 |
| Eco – class of Forest area | : | Eco class – 3 |
| Unit rate of NPV | : | 9,57,780 per Ha |

Net present value to be paid Rs.9, 57,780 x 0.426 Ha = Rs. 4,08,014

Applying, 5 times for Wildlife Sanctuary area i.e 5 x 4,08,014 = Re. 20,40,071

Therefore, the User Agency is requested to make online payment for the above amount of Rs. 20,40,071 towards realization of Net Present Value.

The User Agency shall submit the compliance report fulfillment of conditions imposed in the stage – I clearance for taking further action.

Encl: As stated above.

Sd/- P. Arunkumar
Deputy Director,
Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Masinagudi Division.

To

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

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai.

Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Udhagamandalam.

Copy to the Forest Range Officer, Masinagudi.

True Copy / By Order.

P. Arunkumar
10/4/23
Superintendent.

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From

Subrat Mohapatra, I.F.S.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
Forest Head Quarters Building, Guindy-
Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai-32.

To

M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
No. 89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai,
Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004

C. No. TS3/48990/2018, Dated: 24.03.2023

Sir,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Masinagudi Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.426 ha of forest land in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve Sanctuary area for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the Theppakkadu, Masinagudi and Moyar Road section in the Nilgiris District in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai - Stage-I approval accorded - Form for verification of fund details uploaded in web portal - Regarding.

- Ref: 1 Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai - 4 Proposal No. FP/TN/Others/ 24406/2017.
- 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the Deputy Director, Masinagudi Division, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve on 24.09.2019 and EDS replies
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Udagamandalam on 14.10.2019 and EDS replies.
- 4 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests ref No. TS3/48990/2018, dated 11.12.2020, 02.02.2021 and 18.03.2022.
- 5 Government letter No. 17592/FR.10/2020-6, dated 10.10.2022
- 6 Government of India letter F. No. 4-TNB095/2022-CHIN/1145, dated 31.10.2022
- 7 Deputy Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Masinagudi Division, Masinagudi Ref. No. 685/2022/D, dated 17.01.2023
- 8 Form for verifying fund details submitted by the user agency on 02.03.2023

I invite your attention to the references cited.

1) On the forest area diversion proposal furnished by M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, No. 89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 4 and proposal forwarded by the Deputy Director, Masinagudi Division, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve for diversion of 0.426 ha of forest land in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the Theppakkadu, Masinagudi and Moyar Road

section in the Nilgiris District, Stage I approval of Government of India has been accorded vide reference 6th cited above.

2) In the reference 8th cited above, Form for verifying funds details has been submitted by the user agency in the web portal along with a copy of demand letter issued by the Deputy Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Masinagudi Division, Masinagudi in Ref. No. 685/2022/D, dated 17.01.2023

Details of amounts furnished for verification is as follows.

| Sl. No. | Description | Amount in Rs. |
|---------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Net Present Value | 30,60,105 |
| 2 | Others | NIL |
| | Total | 30,60,105 |

i) In the Government of India letter 6th cited above, in the Stage-I approval, condition has been imposed for the realization of amount towards Net Present Value of forest land of 0.426 ha as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008 in IA No. 826 in 566 with related IA's in WP D No. 202/1995 and Ministry's guidelines No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol.I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.202 and 22.03.2022.

ii) In the Deputy Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Masinagudi reference cited, an amount of Rs. 30,60,105/- has been informed to the user agency towards Net Present Value of forest area.

iii) As per the details uploaded under Part-II of Form-A, the proposed forest area of 0.426 ha comes under Mudumalai Tiger Reserve Sanctuary area and density of forest area is 0.30 and Eco-class of forest area is Eco-Class-III.

As per the above particulars, Net Present Value of forest area in the case of sanctuaries @ five times @ Rs. 9,57,780/- per ha has to be collected.

ie., $9,57,780 \times 0.426 \times 5$ (times) = Rs. 20,40,071/-

iv) However, the Deputy Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Masinagudi has informed Rs. 30,60,105/- towards Net Present Value.

v) Hence the amount mentioned in the verification of fund details in parivesh web portal is rejected and the user agency is requested to obtain fresh demand from the Deputy Director, MTR, Masinagudi Division and upload the verification of fund details freshly for further action.

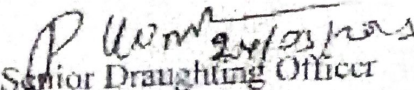
Sd/- V. Karunapriya,
for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

Copy to the Deputy Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Masinagudi Division, Masinagudi.

The Deputy Director is requested to issue fresh demand to the user agency indicating the working amount for the amount claimed to the user agency with reference to the Eco-class and density recorded in Part-II of Form-A by adopting the orders issued by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Copy to the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Udagamandalam for necessary follow up action.

/True copy/ By order/


Senior Draughting Officer