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Nagpur, Dt. 22/9/2015

To

Chief Conservator of Forests (T),

Dhule

Sub : The proposal is for diversion of 0.3898 ha reserved forest land for Laying Underground Optical Fibre Cable from Dhule to Malegaon (NH-3). M/s. Bharati Airtel Ltd.

Ref : 1. The Government of India letter No. 11-9/98-FC, Dt. 08/04/2009.
2. The Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-1009/CR-657/F-10, Dt. 04/12/2009.

M/s Bharati Airtel Ltd, 1st floor, Mayun Plaza in front of Kanda Batata Bhavan, Mumbai Agra Road, Dwarka, Nashik has applied for permission regarding laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable from Dhule to Malegaon through reserved forest land in Dhule Forest Division, Dhule, over an area 0.3898 Ha. all along the road within the right of way. The details are as below-

Village	Taluka and Dist.	Sur/ Comptt. No.	Legal status	Area (in Ha.)	Total Area (in Ha.)
Lalling	Dhule	297,330	Reserved Forest	0.225	0.3898
Arvi		329		0.0710	
Purmepada		334,335		0.0938	

Pursuant to the directives issued by the Government of India vide their letter dated 08/04/09 and subsequent directives issued by Government of Maharashtra vide their letter dated 04/12/2009, empowering Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur to grant permission for laying down of underground Optical Fibre Cable within the existing diverted road width, the undersigned grants in-principle approval to lay down Optical Fibre Cable in the reserved forest area subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the land required will remain unchanged.
2. The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 m depth and 1.00 m width.
3. The land under project will be reclaimed by the agency for which the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs. 50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of the Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned, the cost for reclamation will be recovered from the bank guarantee.

4. If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs. 35/- per running mtr. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of 300/- per mtr. and Rs. 750/- per mtr. respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the user agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest /Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
5. For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
6. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
7. No felling of tree is involved in implementation of the project.
8. This order after the receipt of compliance will authorize the User Agency to lay Optical Fiber Cable outside the confines of the Protected Area. Any breach of the condition by the user agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
9. No new forest area beyond the right of way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
10. All the amount received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to the Ad-hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority (CAMPA) in A/c No. SB01025218 of Corporation Bank, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003 and compliance will be reported to this office for record.
11. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Dhule shall report the details of amount recovered from the User Agency towards the cost of compensatory afforestation at prevalent rate and all other cost required as per rules.
12. All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on the User Agency.
13. This sanction is subjected to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the Project.
14. The User Agency will make good the land after use/maintenance.
15. Working permission shall be given as per the directives of Government of India letter dated 07/05/2015 and Government of Maharashtra Circular dated 01/07/2015

After receipt of the compliance report and on the fulfillment of the conditions by the User Agency as above, Government of Maharashtra will issue formal approval and diversion order for laying of Optical Fibre Cable.

Draft Approved by
P.C.C.F. (HoFF) M.S. Nagpur

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22.9.15

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)
Maharashtra State, Nagpur

Handwritten signature and date: 22/9/15

Copy submitted to Secretary (Forests), Revenue and Forests Department Mantralaya Mumbai for information. A copy of proposal is enclosed herewith.

Copy to Director & Joint Secretary, Information Technology, General Administrative Department, Directorate of Information Technology, New Administrative Building 9th Floor, Opp. Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032 for information and necessary action.

Copy to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Dhule for information and necessary action.

Copy to M/s Bharati Airtel Ltd, 1st floor, Mayun Plaza in front of Kanda Batata Bhavan, Mumbai Agra Road, Dwarka, Nashik for information.

Copy to Desk-17 (MPR) for information.