

No. FCA/1980/179/2015/ 5251

Dated: 20-7-15

From Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) &
Nodal Officer (FCA)
Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.

To ✓ Divisional Forest Officer,
Amritsar.

Sub: - **Diversion of 3.253 ha of forest land for access for laying of OFC under NOFN Project of M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in Khadoor Sahib and Bhikhiwind Block.**

Ref: - Your letter No. 2696 dated 25.06.2015.

Government of India has accorded general approval under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 vide letter No. 11-9/98-FC dated 8-04-09 in the cases of laying of Underground Telephone Lines, Optical Fiber Cable and Underground Laying of Drinking Water Supply Pipeline.

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 temporary diversion of **3.253 ha** of forest land for digging of trenches measuring 71500 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 will not be used for any other purpose.
3. No tree will be felled.
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, Amritsar 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 be 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.
13. CF, Bist/DFO, Amritsar shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions.

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Copy to: -

1. DIG (FC), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 110003.
2. Financial Commissioner (Forests) & Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh.
3. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment & Forests Bays No. 24-25, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh.
4. Conservator of Forests, Bist Circle/DFO Amritsar w.r.t DFO, Amritsar's letter No. 2696 dated 25.06.2015 for information and necessary action.
5. Master file.

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