FIELD INSPECTION NOTE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, NIZAMABAD ON 27.11.2015 IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED DIVERSION OF RESERVE FOREST LAND FOR PROVIDING BROAD BAND WIRELESS ACCESS (BWA) & DATA SERVICE IN THE TELANGANA STATE BY M/s RELIANCE JIO INFOCOMM LIMITED, 204, LAKE SHORE TOWERS, RAJ BHAVAN ROAD, SOMAJIGUDA, HYDERABAD

As per the request made by M/s Reliance Jio infocomm Ltd., Somajiguda, Hyderabad, Lr. No. RJIL/OFC/OFC/ROW/Intercity/TS/Hyd/Forest/NLD-P4/001, dt. 09.06.2015, I along with the Forest Range Officer, Banswada and other staff members have inspected the proposed forest land for trenching and laying of optical fiber cable & plantation of route indicators work at Hajipur & Maqdumpur Reserve Forests on 7.11.2015. The Reserve Forest lands proposed to be diverted for the above work is falling inside the Reserve Forests of Hajipur & Maqdumpur in Compartment Nos.274 & 275 Nasrullabad Section of Hajipur R.F. and 291,293 & 284 of Rampur Section of Maqdumpur R.F of Banswada Range of Nizamabad Division.

The proposed line passes through the Reserve Forests of Hajipur & Maqdumpur in Compartment Nos.274 & 275 Nasrullabad Section of Hajipur R.F. and 291,293 & 284 of Rampur Section of Maqdumpur R.F of Banswada Range of Nizamabad Forest Division.

The proposed alignment of the line is passing through across the Reserve Forest land from one end to the other end and is running parallel to the existing tar road. The total length of the proposed optical fiber trench line passing through the Reserve Forest (in 2 different stretches put together) is Meters (7715.59 mts length x 0.40mts width) and with a width of 0.40 mtrs. The entire length and the width of the proposed land for diversion which is proposed to be falling in Reserve Forest areas are passing through Compt.Nos 274,275,284,291 and 293. The area proposed to be diverted is 7715.95 Meters length x 0.40 = 0.31 Ha as per the survey carried out.

The proposed forest area to be diverted and its surroundings are of Open Degraded dry deciduous forest. The species present are mostly and predominantly of Tectona grandis (Teak) and its associates along with coppice shoots of Danthi (Dodonia viscosa), Neem (Azadarichta indica), Cassia fistula (Rela), Pala kodisa (Wrightia tinctoria), Pariki (Zizyphus xylopyrus), Moduga (Butea frondosa), Satin (Chloroxylon swielenia), Soppera (Albezzia), Ippa (Madhuca indica), Chennangi (Lagerstroemia parviflora) etc.,

The wild life present in the surrounding forest areas as informed by the local staff are pea fowl, monkeys, fox, wolves, wild boar, deer, rabbit, sloth bear etc.

The proposed Line from Varni to Nasrullabad Villages is in no way causing damage to either flora or fauna of the areas nearby as it is proposed to be going through open areas along the road trough the Reserve Forest and abutting the existing road.

As the proposed line is passing through the open areas in the Reserve Forest at present there is no need for felling of any tree growth, hence the enumeration of trees for felling is nil as reported by the Forest Range Officer, Banswada.

Hence the permission for trenching and laying of optical fiber cable & Plantation of route indicators work through Reserve Forests Hajipur & Maqdumpur are recommended with the following conditions.

- 1. The Legal status of the Reserve Forest land proposed to be diverted does not change.
- 2. No felling of trees and no cutting of branches is allowed.
- 3. It is the responsibility of the User Agency to refill the trenches properly and fully so that it will not be hindrance for wild animals movements.
- 4. User Agency to put up two permanent boards (totally 8 boards) at the entrance and exit points of the RF about the status of the Land.
- 5. The maintenance works including cutting of branches of any sort if taken up in future should be done with prior intimation and permission of the Divisional Forest Officer, Nizamabad.

Bivisional forest officer National Division

28/11/2015