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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana State Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for "diversion of forest land to an extent of **0.6309 ha** in **Achampet forest division** of Nagarkurnool for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing Right of Way District in favour of M/s.Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited (earlier M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited), Hyderabad – **In-principle (Stage.I) approval** accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.144

Dated:12-10-2022

Read the following:-

- 1.Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, Lr.F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dated.28-03-2019 and subsequent amendments issued therein.
- 2.From the PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyderabad, Rc.No.10128/2018/FCA-1, dt:19.02.2020.
- 3.Govt.Memo.No.1289/For.I(1)/2020, dt:16.06.2020.
- 4.From the PCCF(HoFF) & CWLW (FAC), Rc.No.PCCF-WL1/WL07/74/2022, dt:26.07.2022.
- 5.From the PCCF(HoFF) & CWLW (FAC), Rc.No.1274/2014/WL-1, dt:09.08.2022.
- 6.From the PCCF(HoFF) , TS, Hyd, Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/92/2022-FCA Section(10128/2018/FCA-1), Dt:28.08.2022.

ORDER:

In the letter 2nd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Head of Forest Force), Telangana State, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for "diversion of forest land to an extent of **0.6309 ha** in **Achampet forest division** of Nagarkurnool for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing Right of Way District in favour of M/s.Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited (earlier M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited), Hyderabad." The said proposal has been returned vide reference 3rd cited intimating that the same may be resubmitted after approval by the State Board Wildlife for further consideration. In the reference 4th cited, the subject proposal in wildlife format under wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for the further consideration. In the reference 5th cited, the State Board for Wildlife has cleared the proposal under wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and the subject project is mentioned at Agenda B at S.No.2. Accordingly, the proposals are resubmitted by the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad vide reference 6th cited for according the necessary approval.

2. The proposal has been examined with reference to the guidelines issued by the Government of India in the letter 1st read above.

3. Government after careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India in the letter 1st read above, hereby accord **in-principle (Stage.I) approval** for the proposal for diversion of forest land to an extent of **0.6309 ha** in **Achampet forest division** of Nagarkurnool for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing Right of Way District in favour of M/s.Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited (earlier M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited), Hyderabad, subject to compliance of the following conditions:

- i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;

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- ii. **Demarcation of the forest land diverted:** The State Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency and cost for which shall be deposited by the User Agency with the forest department as assessed by the concerned District Forest Officer/ Forest Divisional Officer;
- iii. **Net Present Value:** The NPV shall be realized from the User Agency as per Chapter 3 of the F.No.5-2/2017-FC, Dt.28.03.2019 and amendments issued therein vide F.No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I), Dt.06.01.2022, Dt.19.01.2022 and Dt.22.03.2022, as the area proposed for diversion is falling in Amrabad Tiger Reserve Sanctuary;
- iv. **Compensatory afforestation:** No compensatory afforestation stipulated as the project doesn't involve tree felling, as per the guidelines issued in F.No.FC-11/165/2019-FC, Dt.27.07.2020 issued by the Ministry;
- v. **Wildlife Mitigation Measures:** An amount of ₹12.00 lakhs to be deposited by the User Agency as stipulated in Wildlife clearance by State Board for Wildlife in reference 4th cited and other conditions stipulated therein.
- vi. No tree felling and branch cutting shall be carried out by the User agency;
- vii. User Agency shall fulfill the conditions stipulated in Part II, Part III and Part IV and also covering letters, inspections notes of the proposals;
- viii. The depth of the trench shall not be more than 2 m and width shall not be more than 0.4 m and after laying down of optical fiber cable the ground shall be leveled. The cable line should be laid atleast 1.5 meter below the ground;
- ix. Disturbance should be kept minimum by creating labor camps outside the forest areas and it will be responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the laborers and staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
- x. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
- xi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
- xii. The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at the designated sites and in no case the muck/ debris will be disposed off in the forest area by the User Agency'
- xiii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;

- xiv. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of competent authority;
- xv. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India as well as State Forest Department/ PCCF(HoFF) may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife, shall be complied by the User Agency;
- xvi. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.6309 ha** and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- xvii. The User Agency to make good the land after use/ maintenance;
- xviii. The User Agency to make good any loss to forests / environment;
- xix. The User Agency should take permission for carrying out any maintenance;
- xx. Work should be carried out during day time only;
- xxi. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;
- xxii. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
- xxiii. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC, Guidelines in F.No.11-42/2017-FC, Dt.29.01.2018 and F.No.5-2/2017-FC, Dt.28.03.2019.

4. After receipt of the compliance on the above-mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final (stage-II) approval as per the latest guidelines and amendments issued therein. This in-principle (stage-I) approval shall be valid for a period of two years from the date of issue of this G.O. in the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, the in-principle (stage-I) approval shall automatically stand revoked after two years.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad, is therefore, directed to take further necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.SANTHI KUMARI,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

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