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**Government of Punjab**  
**Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation**  
**O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Punjab,**  
**Forest Complex, Sector-68, S.A.S. Nagar.**  
**(FCA Branch)**

To

Dated.19/10/2022

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),  
Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.

**Sub: -            Diversion of 0.8046 ha of forest land permission for laying Optical fibre cable along the (1) Bathinda Cantt. Gate Bibiwala road to Gobindpura L/s 6500Mtr. (2) Central Jail road L/s 1000 Mtr (3) Deon Minor road R/s 500 mtr (4) Bathinda-Amritsar road KM 265/700 to 275/380 L/s (Total length 17680 Mtr Width 0.45 Mtrs, Depth 1.65 Mtrs) Bathinda to Nathewala (Link ID 2.3.09) for Army Project ASCON PH-IV falling under Under Forest Division Bathinda, Punjab FP/PB/OFC/154686/2022/**

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Government of India has accorded general approval under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 vide letter No. F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 in under para 4.2 according in the cases of laying of Underground Telephone Lines, Optical Fiber Cable/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 "Stage-I approval"of temporary diversion of 0.8046 ha. of forest land measuring 17680 mtrs. Long, 0.45 mtrs and width 1.65 mtrs Depth along the road for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (ITI Limited., ITI Bhawan, Doorvaninagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka) is hereby conveyed subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
2. 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
3. The forest land to be diverted as per Stage-I approval will not be used for any other purpose.
4. No tree will be felled by the User Agency.
5. As per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28-3-08 in I.A No. 826 in

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566..... in W.P.(C) 202 of 1995, the user agency is exempted for paying of the charges under NPV: (a) no felling of trees is involved; and (b) the areas fall outside National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.

6. User Agency has given Bank Guarantee of Rs. 4,42,000/- to Divisional Forest Officer Bathinda.
7. The Optical Fiber Cable will be laid along the road within the existing right of way and closed 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.
8. This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under relevant local Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable.
9. The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the DFO, Bathinda for carrying out any maintenance operation.
10. 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.
11. The State Forest Department may revoke/suspend this approval, if any of the above conditions is not satisfactorily fulfilled by the User Agency.
12. An undertaking is tendered by the User Agency for abiding all the aforesaid conditions.
13. If any other NOC is necessary for the work under any Act/Rules/Guidelines etc. from any other Departments, the user agency should obtain the same on its own before the commencement of laying of Cable.
14. DFO, Bathinda shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions and CF, Ferozepur Circle will supervise it.

Manjit Kaur

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2. Conservator of Forests, Ferozepur Circle.
3. Divisional Forest Officer, Bathinda.
4. M/s ITI Limited., ITI Bhawan, Doorvaninagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka .

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