

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

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Punjab, Forest Complex, Sector-68,
S.A.S. Nagar.

No. FCA/1980/189/2019/ 3646-50 Dated: 24/12/19

FP/PB/OFC/40320/2019

Sub: - Diversion of 15.8643 ha. of forest land for for laying of Optical Fiber Cable in around Village Dasuya, Mukerian & Talwara Block of Total length 352543 mtr. Of Forest Division Dasuya and Distt Hoshiarpur (Bharat Net Project Phase-2 of Bharat Broadband Network Ltd (BBNL) for providing Broadband Connectivity to Panchayat (A Part of Digital India)

Ref: - Your office U.O. No.201 dated 27-9-19

Government of India has accorded general approval under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 vide letter No. 11-9/98-FC dated 08-04-2009 dated 02.02.2015 in the cases of laying of underground Telephone Lines, Optical Fiber Cable/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 "Approval" is hereby conveyed temporary diversion of **15.8643 ha** of forest land for digging of trenches measuring 352543 mtrs. long and 0.040 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 to be diverted a in-principle approval will not be used for any other purpose.
3. No tree will be felled by the user agency.
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 Dasuya at Garhshankar 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 is 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. CF, North Circle Hoshiarpur /DFO, Dasuya shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions.

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Department of Forests and Wildlife
Preservation.