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Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forest
Social Forestry Division Mehsana

No. FCA/6/B/ 4363-72 /2019-20, Date: 23/9/2019

To,
Gujarat Fiber Grid Network Ltd.
Block No.1, 8th floor, Udyog Bhavan,
Sector-11, Gandhinagar

Sub: Proposal for grant permission for laying Optical Fiber Cable along the routes mentioned hereunder. (Protected forest area). Total km.72.09 / Hac.3.2805

1. From Dist. Limit of Mehsana / Gandhinagar Nr. 'T' Junction to Visnagar on SH-138, 130 via Vijapur, Motipura, Gothva. (Km.31.800/Ha.1.431)
2. From 'T' Junction Vijay path, Visnagar to Visnagar Ganj Bazar on SH-130. (Km.2.500/Hac.0.1125)
3. From 'T' Junction Visnagar-Vadnagar road to Vadnagar Town on SH-56 via Gunja. (Km.12.500/Hac.0.5625)
4. From 'T' Junction on SH-56 Mehsana/Ambaji road to Kheralu Town 'T' Junction via Sulipur and Rasulpur Patiya on SH-56. (Km.12.200/Hac.0.459)
5. From 'T' Junction on SH-10 (Way to Sadikpur) to Valasana Dist. Limit of Mehsana-Sabarkantha on SH-10 via Sipor, Unad. (Km.15.9/Hac.0.7155)
6. From 'T' Junction on SH-127, SH-41 Nr. Radhanpur Chokdi-Mehsana to Dist Limit of Mehsana/Patan Nr. Village Sunok. (Km.30.00/Hac.1.35)

- Ref.: 1. Government of Gujarat Forest & Environment Department letter, no. FCA/1015/101/15/SF-83F (1) Dt. 04.02.2016
2. Government of Gujarat Circular No.FCA/29/A/95-168/2016-17 Dt.: 13/05/2016
3. Government of Gujarat Forest & Environment Department, Gandhinagar Circular No.FCA/1015/1013/15/SF-83/F, Dt.: 03/05/2016
4. Gujarat Fiber Grid Network Ltd's letter no. GFGNL/BharatNet/Mehsana/Forest/CDM/2019-20, DT: 29/07/2019

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter no. GFGNL/BharatNet/Mehsana/Forest/CDM/2019-20 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of Government under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 as per following

Sr. No	Particular	Length (KM)	Area (Ha)
1	From Dist. Limit of Mehsana / Gandhinagar Nr. 'T' Junction to Visnagar on SH-138, 130 via Vijapur, Motipura, Gothva.	31.800	1.431
2	From 'T' Junction Vijay path, Visnagar to Visnagar Ganj Bazar on SH-130.	2.500	0.1125

3	From 'T' Junction Visnagar-Vadnagar road to Vadnagar Town on SH-56 via Gunja.	12.500	0.5625
4	From 'T' Junction on SH-56 Mehsana/Ambaji road to Kheralu Town 'T' Junction via Sulipur and Rasulpur Patiya on SH-56.	12.200	0.459
5	From 'T' Junction on SH-10 (Way to Sadikpur) to Valasana Dist. Limit of Mehsana-Sabarkantha on SH-10 via Sipor, Unad.	15.9	0.7155
6	From 'T' Junction on SH-127, SH-41 Nr. Radhanpur Chokdi-Mehsana to Dist Limit of Mehsana/Patan Nr. Village Sunok.	30.00	1.35
TOTAL		72.09	3.2805

Government of Gujarat Forest & Environment Department Gandhinagar vide its circular Mentioned under reference has delegates power under General Approval to the concerned Division forest officer to grant approval under Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 for laying of Underground optical fiber cable, Telephone lines, drinking water, electric line, CNG/PNG Pipeline along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of trench is not more Than 2 Mtr. depth and 1 Mtr. width subject to certain conditions.

AND whereas, the user agency while applying and through the documents Submitted has Confirmed that its FCA proposal falls along the roads within existing Right of Way, not Falling in National Park & Wildlife Sanctuary without felling of trees where the maximum Size of trench is not more than 2 Mtr depth and 1 Mtr width and hence fulfills all the above Specified conditions & eligibility as laid down in circular mentioned as ref (1) and falls Under the category of proposal eligible for "General Approval"

AND whereas having verified on the site that above facts are correct and fulfill the above Specific conditions of "General Approval" the following order is issued.

In view of the above the undersigned is pleased to convey its "in-principle" approval for Diversion of **3.2805 HA** of Protected Forest subject to the following conditions:

1. The permissions is granted only for the use of the forest land for the propose specified in the proposal. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The forest land shall not be used for any propose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.
3. The user agency will have to obtain permission from the under signed for carrying out any maintenance works in future
4. The user agency will have to make good the forest land after use / maintenance works. No tree shall be cut.
5. The user agency will be liable to make good any loss to forest / environment cause due to use of the said land by the user agency.

6. The user agency will seek permission from Road & Building Department /Science and Technology Department, Sachivalaya Gandhinagar if required so.
7. The line will be laid underground in a trench of the depth 2 Mtr & width 1 Mtr in between rows of road side plantation.
8. The user agency shall submit the detail regarding compliance of MoEF's guidelines dated 03.08.2009 & 05.02.2013 with regard to the schedule tribes & other forest dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights Act.,-2006)
9. The additional condition under chapter 5 of Forest Conservation Act., 1980 shall be applicable to this proposal as the Government of Gujarat resolutions no. FCA-1013/11-10/11 /SF-24/F, dated 12.06.2015. The user agency shall comply additional condition as per aforementioned resolutions.
10. Another condition with the Nodal Officer FCA / the state Government may stipulate from time to time.

After receipt of compliance report on the fulfillment of conditions no. 2, 3 & 5 mentioned above from you, order of formal approval will be issued by this department.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. Anshuman)

Dy. Conservator of Forests
Social Forestry Division
Mehsana

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Copy submitted to:

- 1) The Additional Chief Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Gujarat State Gandhinagar
- 2) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Land Gujarat State, Gandhinagar
- 3) Conservator of Forests, Circle Office- Mehiana
- 4) Range Forest office, Kherali, Mehiana, Visnager, Vadnager, Vijapur and Anja...