

## **Justification for selection of Sites for Laying of Optical Fibre Cable(OFC) along the Roads (State Highway) Falling under the forest areas in North Bengal**

While planning & Execution of Reliance 4G Project it came up that factually 30% of the Land in North Bengal area has been under the Forest Control besides 37.76% being under vegetative coverage. Whereas there has been significant area occupied by the habitats mostly around the said area and the 4G services are to be provided to those peoples also and necessary Telecom Infra-structures are to be built up in all those areas also to ensure that no part of the population/citizens are left out of the coverage area.

To make available high speed broadband service in those areas that adds great value in Term of making essential service available for business, education, healthcare, e-governance, Nature Conversation, Safety & Security & so on, Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited needs very little access in a few such designated forest areas for setting up network for transmission and receiving data to the browsing devices, especially the mobile ones is essential and in a very few cases connecting Towers are done using OFC cables.

Since a Stretch of 4 Km in the scheme of laying OFC cables which is a segment of Total 28 Km Length OFC cables from 3rd Mile to Rambhi via Mungpoo falls in the forest area of Senchal Wildlife Sanctuary under Darjeeling Wildlife Division & this is such that cannot be given up & compromise.

Laying of OFC Cable along the side drain of road from **3rd Mile to Ranju valley Check Post** of 3<sup>rd</sup> Mile-Rambhi Road over a stretch of 4 Km passes through forest area of Darjeeling Wildlife Division need to be Executed following underground Methodology. We are in need of a space **0.40MtrX4000 Mtrs** totaling 0.16 Ha in the Forest Land along the said Road. OFC Cable will be placed on an average depth of 1 Mtr from AGL.

We are requesting the authority to consider our prayer for provide us space for (Along Forest ROW) laying OFC Cable along the roads passing through the Forest Area for Connectivity.

Submitted

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