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To

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),
Government of Punjab,
Department of Forests and Wildlife Preservation
Chandigarh

Sub: Diversion of 1.7675 ha of forest land in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., for laying of OFC (Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd) from Killanwali to Fazilka via Panjkosti, Danewala, Jandwala, Miasangla, Kheowall, Shakhirwala, Bandiwala, Sabuana & Sainia total length 39000mtr, L/s under forest division and District Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab.

Ref: (i) Nodal Officer Punjab, letter no. FCA/1980/260/2018/1555 dated 01.03.2019.

Sir,

Please refer to the above cited letter and online proposal no. FP/HR/OFC/36612/2018 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose in accordance with section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, **approval is hereby conveyed** for diversion of **1.7675 hectares** of forest land for the above mentioned project subject to the following conditions:

- i) Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
- ii) The forest land to be diverted as per in-principle approval will not be use for any other purpose.
- iii) No tree will be felled by the user agency.
- iv) As per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28-03-2008 in I.A No. 826 in 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.
- v) User Agency has given Bank Guarantee of Rs.9,75,000/- to DFO, Sri Muktsar Sahib.
- vi) The Optical Fiber Cable will be laid along 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.
- vii) This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under relevant local Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instruction etc. as applicable.
- viii) The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the DFO, Sri Muktsar Sahib for carrying out any maintenance operation.
- ix) 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.
- x) The Central Government may revoke/suspend this approval, if any of the above conditions is not satisfactorily fulfilled by the User Agency.
- xi) An Undertaking is tendered by the User Agency for abiding all the aforesaid conditions.

- xii) 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.
- xiii) DFO, Sri Muktsar shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions and CF, Ferozepur Circle will supervise it.

After receipt of the compliance report on fulfillment of the conditions under para-2 above, the proposal shall be considered for the final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Yours faithfully,

(C.D. Singh)

Addl. DG (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The ADGF (FC), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi.
2. The Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, Punjab Forest Department, Sector-68, Forest Complex, Punjab
3. Nodal Officer-cum APCCF (FC), Government of Punjab, Forest Department, Sector-68, Forest Complex, Punjab
4. The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division and District Sri Muktsar Sahib Punjab.
5. M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Mohali, C-135, Industrial Area, Phase-8, SAS Nagar, Mohali.