

Forest Land-Bhandara

Diversion of 1.043 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur for laying Optical Fiber Cable within RoW of existing Road of SH-337 and SH-356 from Nagpur/Bhadara Border to Chincholi in Bhandara District in the State of Maharashtra.

Government of Maharashtra

Revenue and Forest Department

Government Order No.: FLD-2022/C.R.334/F-10

Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.

Date: 06.09.2023

Ref.:

1. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, M.S, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal / Nagpur /ID-14260/2118/2022-23, dt.22.11.2022.
2. Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government Order No. FLD-2022/C.R.334/F-10, Dt. 30.01.2023.
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, M.S, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/ FCA-S2/PID-156907/Nagpur/989, dt.03.07.2023.

Order :

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide his letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal to the State Government, which was received from M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur for Diversion of 1.043 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying Optical Fiber Cable within RoW of existing Road of SH-337 and SH-356 from Nagpur/Bhadara Border to Chincholi in Bhandara District to the State Forest Department.

AND whereas, Government of Maharashtra after due consideration, vide its order under reference No. 2 accorded 'in-principle' approval with certain conditions to above proposal for diversion of 1.043 ha. Forest land under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No. 3 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of Maharashtra;

NOW, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred to State Government under general approval given vide MoEF&CC, Government of India's Handbook of Guidelines for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation)

Act, 1980 [Chapter-4, Para-4.2], Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant **Final Approval** for Diversion of 1.043 ha. Forest Land.

Therefore, the Government of Maharashtra directs that 1.043 ha. Forest Land consisting of Reserved Forest, Zudpi Jungle (Revenue Deptt.), Protected Forest, Zudpi Jungle (Forest Deptt.), Bada Jhar ka Jungle (Revenue Dept.) Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No.1 and mentioned in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur for Diversion of 1.043 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of Optical Fiber Cable within RoW of existing Road of SH-337 and SH-356 from Nagpur/Bhadara Border to Chincholi in Bhandara District. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the Order dated 30.01.2023.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests will reconfirm that compliances under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 are not needed for the project.
3. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the above mentioned 'in-principle' and in this order of Government of Maharashtra. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Nagpur shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency. CCF will furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
4. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Government of Maharashtra's order dated 30.01.2023, in this order and Rules and Guidelines made / issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, shall amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
5. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests shall report through the State Government to Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in the guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

SCHEDULE

Name of work/Purpose	Village/Taluka	Sur / Gut. No.	Comptt. No.	Length (in Mt)	Width (in Mt)	Sq. mtr	Area (in ha.)	Remarks	
laying Optical Fiber Cable within RoW of existing Road of SH-337 and SH-356 from Nagpur/ Bhandara district Border to Chicholi in Bhandara District in the State of Maharashtra	Bawanthadi (Old Block)	-	37	1866.58	0.5	933.29	0.0933	Reserved Forest	
	Mangarli/ Tumsar	1	-	28.71	0.5	14.36	0.0014	Zudpi Jungle (Revenue deptt.)	
		25	33	68.70	0.5	34.35	0.0034	Protected Forest	
		27	33	167.72	0.5	83.86	0.0084		
		32	33	217.20	0.5	108.60	0.0109		
		39	33	284.08	0.5	142.04	0.0142		
	Bawanthadi (Old Block)	-	41	4185.69	0.5	2092.84	0.2093	Reserved Forest	
		-	47	1071.53	0.5	535.76	0.0536		
		-	48	4228.73	0.5	2114.36	0.2114		
		-	52	4132.24	0.5	2066.12	0.2066		
	Pangado/ Tumsar	41	34	97.55	0.5	48.77	0.0049	Protected Forest	
		26	34	18.93	0.5	9.47	0.0009		
		69	34	121.24	0.5	60.62	0.0061		
	Bawanthadi (Old Block)	-	57	2276.04	0.5	1138.02	0.1138	Reserve Forest	
	Garra / Tumsar	242	16	220.22	0.5	110.11	0.0110	Protected Forest	
		243	16	495.11	0.5	247.55	0.0248		
		317	-	293.20	0.5	146.60	0.0147	Zudpi Jungle (Forest deptt.)	
		345	-	227.14	0.5	113.57	0.0114		
		351	-	392.07	0.5	196.04	0.0196	Protected Forest	
		383	16	136.32	0.5	68.16	0.0068		
	384	16	67.88	0.5	33.94	0.0034			
	Jogiwada/ Tumsar	93	-	261.90	0.5	130.95	0.0131	Bada Jhar ka Jungle (Rev. deptt.)	
	Total Forest area (in ha.)							1.0430	

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
5. Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur
7. APCCF& Chief Executive Officer (Maha-CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
8. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
9. Collector, Bhandara.
10. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Bhandara.
11. Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Nagpur.
12. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara.
13. M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur.
14. Select File, Desk F-10.

- I. Collector- Bhandara, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Bhandara and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.
- II. M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur is hereby directed that they should publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No.etc. along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the State Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy

of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Nagpur & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara.

- III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.