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Government of Punjab
Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation
O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Forest Complex, Sector-68, SAS Nagar.
(FCA Branch)

To

Divisional Forest Officer,
Pathankot,Punjab.

Sub:- Diversion of 1.215 ha.Forest Land for OPTICAL FIBER CABLE on route from near Marara Taragarh Narot Jamal Singh to Bamyal to Janial Road KM 0 to 27000 mt. in Forest division and distt. Pathankot.(By Directorate General of Signals, General Staff Branch, integrated HQ of MOD (Army) AHQ PO NEW Delhi-110011 & ITI Limited NSU Unit Doovaninagar, Bengaluru C/O Vindhya Telinkis Limited, E-237,Industries Area, Phase-8 B, Mohali, Punjab-160055).
Proposal No.(FP/PB/OFC/155666/2022).

1. The **Stage-I approval** was accorded by State Government to the proposal file No.File No.FOREST-Misc/3/2023-Letter No. I/553092/2023 dated 28.04.2023 Divisional Forest Officer Pathankot has submitted compliance report vide letter No. I/610570/2023.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 case of laying of Underground Telephone Lines, Optical fiber Cable/Underground Laying of Drinking Water Supply Pipeline. The Nodal Officer (FCA) has been authorized by the State Government to issue Final Approval vide e-office file no. 38957. After careful examination of the proposal under General Approvals issued by Govt. of India vide letter No. F.No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019,“**Stage-II approval**” is hereby conveyed for diversion of 1.215 ha. of forest land for digging of trenches measuring 27000 mtrs.long and 0.45 mtrs. wide and 1.65 mtrs depth along the road for laying optical fiber cable on route from near Marara Taragarh Narot Jamal Singh to Bamyal to Janial Road KM 0 to 27000 mt. in Forest division and distt. Pathankot of forest land for the above mentioned proposal subject to the following conditions:-
 1. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
 2. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose.
 3. No tree will be felled by the user agency.
 4. User Agency has deposited the 50% NPV as per the Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules, 2003 (Guidelines & Clarification) .
 5. User Agency has given Bank Guarantee of Rs.6,75,000/-to DFO,Pathankot.
 6. It is Mandatory for the User Agency not to exceed the permissible

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- trench limit of 0.45 meter in width, 1.65 meter in depth and 27000 meter in Length.
7. 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.
 8. User agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance under prevailing Acts/Rules/Guidelines, if applicable.
 9. This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under relevant local Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable.
 10. The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the **DFO, Pathankot** for carrying out any maintenance operation.
 11. 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.
 12. The State Forest Department may revoke/suspend this approval, if any of the above conditions is not satisfactorily fulfilled by the User Agency.
 13. An undertaking is signed by the User Agency for abiding by all the aforesaid conditions.
 14. 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.
 15. CF, North Circle, Hoshiarpur/DFO, Pathankot shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions.`

Basanta Raj Kumar
NODAL OFFICER (FCA)
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CC:-

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