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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)

Dated:13-02-2024

To

Divisional Forest Officer,
Jalandhar, Punjab.

Sub:- Diversion of 1.2949 ha. (instead of 1.8768 ha.) of Forest land in favour of M/s jio digital fibre private Ltd. for laying and maintenance of Optical Fiber Cable near Maqsudan Chowk DAV College-Durga Colony-Kapurthala Chowk-Basti Adda near Jammu Hospital near Nala Road to Nakodar Rly Station via Sada Chak-Nijharn-Rampur-Lillan Kurd-Chitti Talwandi Phoro, Hera-Hussinpur-Malari-R.Com Tower Rly Station road Nakodar Total Length=41000 meter, under Forest Division Jalandhar at Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab. (FP/PB/OFC/46898/2020).

The Stage-I approval was accorded by State Government to the proposal file no **I/657992/2023** dated **05.10.2023**. Divisional Forest Officer, **Jalandhar** has submitted compliance report vide letter no. **9973 dated 19.01.2024**. 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 cases of laying of Underground Telephone Lines, Optical Fiber Cable/Underground Laying of Drinking Water Supply Pipeline.

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 **1.2949 ha. (instead of 1.8768 ha.)** ha. of forest land for digging trenches measuring **21300** mtrs. Long and **0.60** mtrs wide and **1.65** mtrs depth along the road of **M/s jio digital fibre private Ltd. for laying and maintenance of Optical Fiber Cable near Maqsudan Chowk DAV College-Durga Colony-Kapurthala Chowk-Basti Adda near Jammu Hospital near Nala Road to Nakodar Rly Station via Sada Chak-Nijharn-Rampur-Lillan Kurd-Chitti Talwandi Phoro, Hera-Hussinpur-Malari-R.Com Tower Rly Station road Nakodar** of forest land for the above mentioned proposal subject to the following conditions:-

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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. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 28-3-08 in I.A No. 826 in 566 in W.P.(C) 202 of 1995 has fully exempted NPV provided: (a) no felling of trees is involved; and (b) the areas fall outside National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.
5. User Agency has given of Bank Guarantee of Rs **5,32500/-** to **DFO, Jalandhar**.
6. 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.
7. User agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance under prevailing Acts/Rules/Guidelines, if applicable.
8. This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under relevant local Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable.
9. The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the DFO, **Jalandhar** for carrying out any maintenance operation.
10. 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.
11. The State Forest Department may revoke/suspend this approval, if any of the above conditions is not satisfactorily fulfilled by the User Agency.
12. An undertaking is signed by the User Agency for abiding by all the aforesaid conditions.
13. 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.
14. This approval is granted subject to the condition that there is no court case pending in any court pertaining to the land or trees in the present FCA case. Any legal liability arising out of such case; if any, will be the sole responsibility of the land owning Department.
15. **CF, Bist Circle, Jalandhar/DFO, Jalandhar** shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions.`

BASANTA RAJ KUMAR
NODAL OFFICER (FCA)
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CC:-

1. Financial Commissioner, Govt. of Punjab, Department of Forests and Wildlife Preservation, Chandigarh.
2. Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Bays No. 24-25, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh.
3. Member Secretary, Pollution Control Board, Nabha Road, Patiala.
4. Member Secretary SEIAA, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Punjab, Directorate of Environment, Science & Technology, MGSIPA, sector-26, Chandigarh.
5. Sh. Yadvinder Singh Bains Manager, M/s jio digital fibre private Ltd. C-135, Industrial Area, Phase -8 Mohali, S.A.S Nagar, Punjab.