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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From
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To
The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science
& Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi,
Guntur District.

Ref.No.EFS02-15026/15/2018-FCASEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated:16/02/2024.

Sir,

Sub:	APFD - Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardham) Adhiniyam 1980 - Diversion of 2.18 ha forest land (1.25 ha within the existing RoW in 6 stretches & 0.93 ha not covered in RoW in 3 stretches for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road passing through forests of Chintapalli (erstwhile Narsipatnam) Division for providing 4G communication in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd, Visakhapatnam - In-principle (Stage-I) approval accorded - In-principle (Stage-I) approval accorded -Condition wise compliance report - Submission - Reg.
Ref:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gol, MoEF & CC, IRO, Vijayawada, F.No.4-APB098/2020-CHN/1061, dated.19.07.2023 received through GoAP Memo No.3510/Section-II/2019/1021986, EFS&T (Section-II) Dept., dated.25.07.2023. 2. Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) A.P., Mangalagiri Rc.No.EFS02-15026/15/2018-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated.06.08.2023. 3. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, letter dated. 10.08.2023, 22.09.2023. 4. DFO, Anakapalli, Rc.No.592/2018-TO, dt.23.09.2023. 5. CCF, Visakhapatnam Rc.No.1202/2018/TP(i) dt.18.11.2023.

It is submitted that, Government in the reference 1st cited have issued in-principle stage-1 approval for Proposal for Diversion of 2.18 ha of forest land (1.25 ha within the existing RoW in 6 stretches & 0.93 ha not covered in RoW in 3 stretches) for laying underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road passing through forests of Chintapalli (erstwhile Narsipatnam) Division for providing 4G communication in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd, Visakhapatnam duly requesting to furnish compliance report on conditions stipulated therein.

Based on the report submitted by District Forest officer, Anakapalli and Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam in the references 4th & 5th cited condition wise compliance report is detailed below.

S.No.	Condition	Reply
i)	Legal status of the diverted forest: land shall remain unchanged	Undertaking enclosed

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ii)	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency	Undertaking enclosed
iii)	The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation over an extent of i.e., 4.71 ha of degraded forest area in Compt. No. 1206 & 1208 Arlova RF, Arlova Beat, Narsipatnam Range, Anakapalli Division at the cost of the User Agency	As per the CCF, Visakhapatnam approval of C.A. Scheme vide Rc.no.1202/2018/TO, dt.30.06.2023. The user agency has paid an amount of Rs. 28.371 Lakhs for 4.71 ha for Raising C.A. Scheme. Copy of the challan enclosed
iv)	Identified CA area and CA Scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government	Undertaking enclosed
v)	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land i.e., 2.18 ha, if applicable from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated. 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022.	The user agency stated that as per Hon'ble Supreme Court orders dated.28.03.2008 & 09.05.2008, NPV is fully exempted for Laying of Under Ground Optical Fibre Cable where no felling of trees is involved, and area falls outside National Park/Sanctuary. With reference to Chapter 3, Point No.3.5 (4) of MoEF & CC's Handbook of Guidelines dt.28.03.2019. As per the above the case may be considered.
vi)	Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted Forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The user Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	Undertaking enclosed
vii)	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)	The User Agency has paid for C.A. Scheme amount Rs.28,37,100/- to Andhra Pradesh CAMPA A/c No.150597136777493, Union Bank of India, Bangalore through RTGS on 12.09.2023. Receipt enclosed
viii)	No tree felling shall be carried out in the diverted forest area	NIL
ix)	The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same	Undertaking enclosed
x)	The dug-out material/overburden	The user agency stated that Dug-out

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	shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area	material/over burden shall be dumped outside the forest area and shall not be stored any material in the forest area.
xi)	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government	Undertaking enclosed
xii)	The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area	There are no labour camps established by the user agency.
xiii)	Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating the labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.	The user agency stated that all measure will be taken to avoid destruction of nearby forest flora & fauna.
xiv)	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 2.18 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect	Undertaking enclosed
xv)	The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department, or person without prior approval of Central Government	Undertaking enclosed
xvi)	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project	Undertaking enclosed
xvii)	Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG (Central) Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency	Undertaking enclosed
xviii)	In the event of failure to comply	The user agency has not submitted

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	with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules/guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.	the undertaking.
xix)	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (https://parivesh.nic.in/)	It is submitted that, compliance report on the above conditions will be uploaded in the Parivesh portal and the hard copies also submitted.

Further the District Forest officer, Anakapalli has furnished the copy of newspaper published by user agency for entire forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the conditions and safeguards imposed by the Central Government has been published in Telugu & English Daily newspapers so as to make aware of the permission granted to the project proponent for use of forest land for non-forestry purposes and the copies of Forest Clearance was submitted to local bodies, Panchayats for displaying the same in their offices for 30 days.

The compliance report in (2) sets is submitted herewith.

The Government are therefore requested **to accord Stage -II (final)** approval to the subject proposal at the earliest.

Encl:- As above

Yours faithfully
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Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests
Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam for information.
Copy to the District Forest officer, Anakapalli for information and necessary action.
Copy to the Dy. General Manager, RoW & Permissions, Visakhapatnam, Reliance JIO Private limited for information and necessary action.