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No. FG.27/FCA/Proposal/OFC/Jorhat Division

Date: 13.03.2024

To

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam
Environment and Forest Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.

Sub: **Compliance of the conditions laid down in the “In-Principle approval” for diversion of 0.96 Ha. of forest land for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) in Desso Valley Reserved Forest under Jorhat Division in favour of Bharti Airtel Ltd.**

Ref: Govt. of Assam letter ECF No. 278364/63 dated 06.03.2023.

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am directed to submit herewith the report regarding compliance of the conditions enlisted in the State Government’s “In-Principle Approval” issued vide letter ECF No. 278364/63 dated 06.03.2023 for the above-mentioned forest diversion proposal as given below:

Condition No.	Compliance Report/Remarks
i.	The DFO, Jorhat Division has informed that the proposed area falls outside National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary vide letter No. FJT/A/FC Act/300-03 dated 05.02.2024 (copy enclosed)
ii.	The User Agency (Bharti Airtel Ltd.) has submitted undertaking for condition No (ii) laid down in the “In Principle Approval” (copy enclosed)
iii.	The User Agency (Bharti Airtel Ltd.) has submitted undertaking for condition No (iii) laid down in the “In Principle Approval” (copy enclosed)
iv & v.	As per Govt. of India, MoEF & CC guideline vide letter No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 full exemption of NPV is being considered for lying of optical fiber cable.
vi.	The monthly report of the diversion of the forest land under General Approval accorded by MoEF & CC, Forest Department shall be submitted half yearly report for the period ending June, 30 and December 31.
vii.	The diversions and compliance to the conditions will be monitor by the Forest Department.
viii.	The User Agency (Bharti Airtel Ltd.) has submitted undertaking for condition No (viii) laid down in the “In Principle Approval” (copy enclosed)
ix.	The User Agency (Bharti Airtel Ltd.) has submitted undertaking for condition No (ix) laid down in the “In Principle Approval” (copy enclosed)
x.	The User Agency (Bharti Airtel Ltd.) has deposited 2% of the total project cost into Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam account on 07.04.2023 for Human Elephant Conflict mitigation and Wildlife Conservation Purpose.
xi.	The User Agency (Bharti Airtel Ltd.) has submitted undertaking for condition No (xi) laid down in the “In Principle Approval” (copy enclosed)
xii.	The User Agency (Bharti Airtel Ltd.) has submitted undertaking for condition No (xii) laid down in the “In Principle Approval” (copy enclosed)

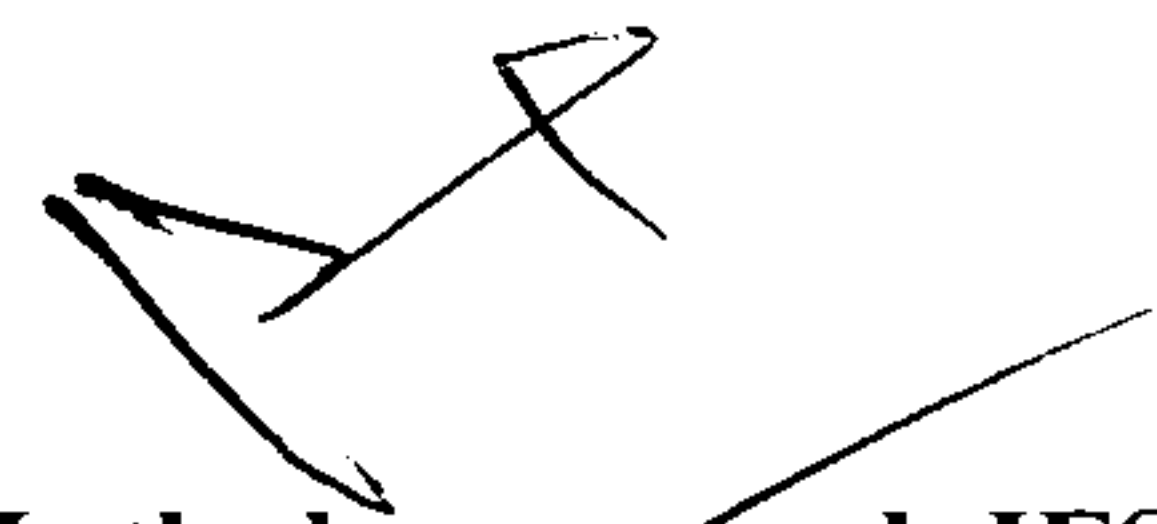
xiii.	The DFO, Jorhat Division has informed that the area does not fall in National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary vide letter No. FJT/A/FC Act/300-03 dated 05.02.2024 (copy enclosed)
xiv.	The DFO, Jorhat Division has informed that the area does not fall in Tiger Reserve vide letter No. FJT/A/FC Act/300-03 dated 05.02.2024 (copy enclosed)

In this regard, the User Agency (Bharti Airtel Ltd.) has submitted FRA-2006 certificate (copy enclosed) and uploaded "In Principle Approval" compliance report in Parivesh portal.

Therefore, you are requested to kindly grant the "Final Approval" in respect of the proposal **for diversion of 0.96 Ha. of forest land for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) in Desso Valley Reserved Forest under Jorhat Division in favour of Bharti Airtel Ltd.** at your earliest convenience.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. C Muthukumaravel, IFS)
Chief Conservator of Forests &
Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam

O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and
Head of Forest Force, Assam

Copy to:

1. The Circle In Charge, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat for kind information.
2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Jorhat Division, Jorhat for information.
3. The Senior Manager, Bharti Airtel Limited, 3rd Floor, Shubham Buildwell, Near NEEPKO Bhawan, R.G. Baruah Road, Guwahati-781005 for information.



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