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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: 22/03/2023

To

Divisional Forest Officer,
Sri Amritsar Sahib,
Punjab.

Sub:-FP/PB/OFC/157387/2022- DIVERSION OF 1.2173 ha. (27050 METERS) FOREST LAND FOR LAYING UNDERGROUND OFC BY STARTING NEAR FROM SRI SAI DHAM TEMPLE, GOPAL NAGAR, AJNALA ON DERA BABA NANAK ROAD, TURN RIGHT FROM C-ZONE HOSPITAL, TURN TOWARDS GUJJARPURA CROSSING GURALA VILLAGE AND TURN LEFT ON AMRITSAR – AJNALA RAMDAS ROAD TOWARDS VILLAGE GAGGO MAHAL TOWARD VILLAGE KALLO MAHAL TOWARDS VILLAGE THOBA, CROSSING IN FRONT OF BABA BUDHA SAHIB DAIRY FARM NEAR VILLAGE PAIREWAL TOWARDS AWAN VILLAGE AND CONTINUE TOWARDS VILLAGE RAM DAS AND TURN RIGHT FROM MS 139/250 NEAR GURDWARA TALAAB RAMDAS ON RAMDAS ROAD UP TO 03 KM I.E AMRITSAR GURDASPUR - DISTRICT BOUNDARY IN TEHSIL AJNALA, DISTRICT & FOREST DIVISION AMRITSAR, PUNJAB.

The **Stage-I approval** was accorded by State Government to the proposal file no **FOREST-FCAOFC5A/22/2022-FCA letter I/496810/2023 dated 20.01.2023**. Divisional Forest Officer, Sri Amritsar Sahib has submitted compliance report vide letter no. 12602 dated 15.02.2023. 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 cases 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

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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 **1.2173** ha. of forest land for digging trenches measuring **27050 mtrs.** Long and **0.45** mtrs wide and 1.65 mtrs depth along the road for laying of **UNDERGROUND OFC under FOREST DIVISION AMRITSAR**, 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. 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 Undertaking of Bank Guarantee of Rs 6,76,250/- to **DFO, Sri Amritsar Sahib.**
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, **Sri Amritsar Sahib** 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.

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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 Sri Amritsar Sahib shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions.`

Saurabh Gupta

Additional Principal Chief Conservator Of Forests

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CC:-

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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.
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