

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to  
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Forests Department,  
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

C. No. TS3/37866/2019 Dated: 09.01.2024.

Madam,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 0.258 ha of forest land in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary area for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road side of Dharmapuri-Anchetty road passing through Anchetty RF in Hosur Wildlife Division Hosur in the Krishnagiri District – Stage-I approval accorded by Government of India – Compliance report furnishing off – Regarding

- Ref: 1 Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by the M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, No. 89, Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 4 Proposal No. FP/TN/Others/30207/2017
- 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the Wildlife Warden, Hosur Division
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle
- 4 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. TS3/37866/2019, dated 09.11.2020, 23.03.2021, 15.07.2021 and 24.06.2022
- 5 Government letter No. 15940/FR.10/2020-3, dated 06.10.2021
- 6 Government of India, MoEF&CC, IRO Chennai letter F. No. 4-TNB076/2021-CHN/898, dated 23.08.2022

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I wish to furnish herewith the Compliance report on Stage I in-Principle approval for diversion of 0.258 ha of forest land in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary area for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road side of Dharmapuri-Anchetty road passing through Anchetty RF in Hosur Wildlife Division Hosur in the Krishnagiri District in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai - 4 as follows.

Condi tion No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
i	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	Legal status of forest land will remain unchanged.
ii	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars, duly numbered, at the appropriate distance as decided by the DFO concerned at the cost of user agency.	The Wildlife warden, Hosur reported that the user agency has carried out the work of demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars, duly numbered for each and every turning point and at an interval of visible distance of 200meters
iii	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 0.258 ha 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 22.03.2022.	As per the demand letter issued by the Wildlife Warden, Hosur, an amount of Rs.15,84,881/- (Rupees fifteen lakhs, eighty four thousand, eight hundred and eighty one only) towards Net Present Value of the proposed diverted area has been deposited by user agency the Generating Challan in parivesh web portal and payment made on 08.02.2023 vide transaction ref No. R039230191167216. RTGS payment document and Challan generated in and parivesh portal furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
iv	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	The User Agency has given necessary Undertaking for 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

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	Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;	future.
v	The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 mts depth, 1.90 km length and 0.30 mts width. The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same.	The user agency has furnished necessary certificate on this condition.
iv	As part of the project forms part of Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary, the user agency shall obtain approval from the competent authority under Wildlife Protection Act 1972 and approval from the competent authority under relevant Act/ Rules/ regulation for the rea falls in the Eco Sensitive Zone. The Sat Government shall ensure all approvals required for the project before issuing working permission, as the case may be	<p>The Wildlife Warden, Hosur Division has reported that the user agency has obtained approval from the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife in Government of India, MoEF&amp;CC, New Delhi letter F. No. WL-6/20/2023-WL dated 11.05.2023 under the Wildlife Protection Act 1972 for the area falls in the Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary and also for the area falls in the co-Sensitive Zone of Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary.</p> <p>Compliance report for the conditions imposed by the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife furnished by the user agency with undertakings/ certificates enclosed.</p> <p>Compliance report furnished by the user agency on the conditions imposed in the Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife is enclosed herewith</p>

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vii	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	The user agency has furnished necessary certificate on this condition.
viii	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land	The user agency has furnished necessary certificate on this condition.
ix	Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating 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 and staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna.	The user agency has furnished necessary certificate on this condition.
x	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel shall be provided by the user agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department of the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	The user agency has furnished necessary certificate on this condition.
xi	No tree felling shall be carried out by the user agency.	The user agency has furnished necessary certificate on this condition.
xii	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 the Central Government.	The user agency has furnished necessary certificate on this condition.
xiii	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.258 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be	The user agency has furnished necessary certificate on this condition.

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	used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.	
xiv	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work	The user agency has furnished necessary certificate on this condition.
xv	User agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and guidelines for the time being in force, as applicable to such project.	The user agency has furnished necessary certificate on this condition.
xvi	Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of the Integrated 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.	The user agency has furnished necessary certificate on this condition.
xvii	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions, the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions in Ministry's guidelines.	The user agency has furnished necessary certificate on this condition.

Compliance report furnished by the User agency along with connected undertakings/ documents and report of Wildlife Warden, Hosur Division are enclosed herewith.

I request that, Stage - II final approval of Government of India may be obtained for the diversion of 0.258 ha of forest land in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary area for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road side of Dharmapuri-Anchetty road passing through Anchetty RF in Hosur Wildlife Division Hosur in the Krishnagiri District in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai - 4 for a period of 25 years

Encl.: As stated above.

Yours faithfully

*S. Alayon 16/11/24*  
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

*9/10/2024*


Compliance of conditions for conditions imposed in the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife

Proposal : Diversion of 0.258 ha. of forest land in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary area for laying of underground OFC works along the road side from Dharmapuri – Anchetti Road passing through Anchetty R.F. in Hosur Wildlife Division.

Condition No.	Conditions stipulated in NBWL Approval	Compliance of condition
1.	The project proponent shall obtain all other statutory clearance, impact mitigation and wildlife conservation plan of Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary, Google map with GPS coordinates along with Land use pattern map.	The user agency has furnished separate certificate in this regard.
2.	All the material required for the work should be prepared outside the sanctuary.	The user agency has furnished separate certificate in this regard.
3.	No fire places will be created inside the sanctuary.	The user agency has furnished separate certificate in this regard.
4.	The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 9 AM to 5 PM.	The user agency has furnished separate certificate in this regard.
5.	No night camping by labour/survey personnel will be allowed inside the sanctuary area.	The user agency has furnished separate certificate in this regard.
6.	Project personnel engaged in the project work shall observe the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and rules made there under.	The user agency has furnished separate certificate in this regard.
7.	The legal status of the land remain unchanged.	The user agency has furnished separate certificate in this regard.
8.	While undertaking the periodical maintenance works if any by the project proponent shall obtain prior approval of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden well in advance.	The user agency has furnished separate certificate in this regard.

Condition No.	Conditions stipulated in NBWL Approval	Compliance of condition
9.	The project proponent shall submit an undertaking stating that no disturbance will be caused to the wildlife during project implementation.	The user agency has furnished separate certificate in this regard.
10.	The project proponent (Reliance Jio Infocomm) also should offer facility of free data connection (unlimited 4G and upgraded version then there) to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden office / Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai office for facilitating the cause of conservation protection.	The user agency has reported that, Although company operates as a commercial company, we are contributing to the development of the country by providing internet connectivity to all people considering the national welfare. Our work is aimed at improving telecommunications to benefit the people living mostly in the hilly areas, the hill tribes and the people traveling on the hill roads. In this case, it is not our policy to provide free internet data for continuous use, so we humbly regret that we cannot provide free internet data as you mentioned in the condition.
11.	Any other condition stipulated by the Conservator of Forests / Wildlife Warden shall be followed.	The user agency has furnished separate certificate in this regard.
12.	The annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions should be submitted by the project proponent to the State Chief Wildlife Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wildlife Warden to Government of India.	The user agency has furnished separate certificate in this regard.

  
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 19/01/2020