

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

Dr. Sudhanshu Gupta, I.F.S.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Department)
Forest Head Quarters Building, Guindy-
Velachery Main Road, Guindy,
Chennai - 32.

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to
Government,
Environment, Climate Change and
Forests Department,
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

C. No. TS3/32367/2022 Dated: 08 .05.2024.

Madam,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.1137 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Thiruvannamalai to Thiagadurgam road section from Pagandai koot road to Thiagadurgam through Swamimalai RF in Kallakuruchi District in favour of the M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai – Stage-I approval accorded by Government of India – Compliance report furnishing – Regarding

- Ref: 1 Online application uploaded by the User Agency - M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai - 4 Proposal No.FP/TN/Others/36378/2018
- 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Villupuram Division
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle
- 4 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/32367/2022, dated 24.04.2023
- 5 Government letter No. 4647808/FR.10/2023-1, dated 17.07.2023
- 6 Government of India letter F. No. 4-TNB107/2023-CHN/918, dated 31.07.2023

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I wish to furnish herewith the Compliance report on Stage I in-Principle approval for diversion of 0.1137 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Thiruvannamalai to Thiagadurgam road section from Pagandai koot road to Thiagadurgam through Swamimalai RF in Kallakuruchi District in favour of the M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai 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. The user agency has furnished an undertaking in this regard.
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 District Forest Officer has reported that, demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars, duly numbered, for each and every turning at an interval of visible distance of 200 meters has e laid and also assured to maintain the demarcation stones for the entire project diversion period by the user agency
iii	The State Forest Department shall carryout plantation of 254 numbers of saplings with maintenance for a period of 10 years in the DFL area over an extent of 0.2274 ha identified in Thagarai RF Kallakurichi Range, at the cost of the User Agency. The CA shall be carried out as per the time line provided in the FC Rules 2022;	An amount of Rs.5,82,795/- has been paid by the user agency in the CAMPA account by generating challan in the Ministry web portal on 08.11.2023 and the credit was confirmed in the Parivesh Portal.
iv	Full exemption of NPV is allowed in case of laying of underground OFC cable provided no felling of trees is involved and area proposed for diversion is outside of Protected Area as per the MoEF&CC Guidelines. But in case an amount of the Net	The user agency has furnished an undertaking in this regard.

Condi tion No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
	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;	
v	The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 mtr depth, 3.79 km length and 0.30 mtr width. The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same;	The user agency has furnished an undertaking in this regard.
vi	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government	The user agency has furnished an undertaking in this regard.
vii	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking in this regard.
viii	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 & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;	The user agency has furnished an undertaking in this regard.
ix	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 or the Forest	The user agency has furnished an undertaking in this regard.

Condi tion No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
	Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	
x	No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency;	The user agency has furnished an undertaking in this regard.
xi	RoFR certificate to be obtained from the competent authority and same shall be ensured by the State Govt. before execution of project work, as per the provision made under FC rules 2022;	Certificate issued by the District Collector on completion of process for settlement of Rights under Forest Rights Act 2006 on the forest land proposed for diversion has been uploaded in Part-I of Form-A
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 an undertaking in this regard.
xiii	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.1137 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;	The user agency has furnished an undertaking in this regard.
xiv	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 the project;	The user agency has furnished an undertaking in this regard.
xv	Any other conditions that the Central Government or Deputy Director General of Forests (Central) of the	The user agency has furnished an undertaking in this regard.

Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
	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;	
xvi	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 an undertaking in this regard.

Further, I wish to state that the compliance report of user agency and District Forest Officer, Villupuram Division along with documents, undertakings uploaded in the parivesh portal.

I request that the compliance report may kindly be forwarded to the Government of India, MoEF&CC, Regional Office, Chennai for issue of Stage-II final approval early.

Yours faithfully

S. Alayya
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department)

G. Chidambaram



Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited

No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.

From

T.T. Balsamy,
State Coordinate Officer,
Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai,
Mylapore, Chennai - 4.

To

The District Forest Officer,
Villupuram Forest Division,
Villupuram.

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 - Villupuram Forest Division
- Proposal for diversion of 0.1137 ha of forest land for laying of
underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) along road side of
Thiruvannamalai to Thiyagadurgam road section from Pagandai
Kootroad to Thiyagadurgam through Swamimalai RF in Kallakurichi
District in favour of M/s Reliance JioInfocomm Limited,
Mylapore, Chennai - Compliance report submission of - Regarding.

Ref: (1) The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate
Change Lr.No.F.No.4-TNB107/2023-CHN/918 dated 31.07.2023.
(2) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai C.No.
TS3/32367/2022 dated 12.09.2023.
(6) District Forest Officer, Villupuram C.No.D/10306/2022, dated
15.09.2023.

With reference to the above subject, I submit that the compliance report on
the fulfilment of conditions stipulated in the Stage I approval under section 2 of
Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.1137 ha. of forest land for the use
underground OFC works along the road side of Thiruvannamalai to Thiyagadurgam
road section from Pagandai Kootroad to Thiyagadurgam through Swamimalai RF in
Kallakurichi District in Villupuram Forest Division, as follows:

Con- diti- on No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
i.	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged. An undertaking is separately enclosed.

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No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.

Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
ii.	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting of 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the appropriate distance as decided by the District Forest Officer concerned, at the cost of User Agency.	Demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered for each and every turning at an interval of visible distance of 200 meters has been laid and also assured to maintain the demarcation stones for the entire project diversion period.
iii.	The State Forest Department shall carryout plantation of 254 numbers of saplings with maintenance for a period of 10 years in the Degraded Forest Land area over an extent of 0.2274 ha. identified in Thagarai R.F. Kallakurichi Range, at the cost of the User Agency. The CA shall be carried out as per the time line provided in the Forest Conservation Rules, 2022.	An amount of Rs.5,82,795/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Five Only) has been paid directly to the CAPMA account vide UTR No. AXISP00442103961 by generating challan in the Ministry's website by NEFT / RTGS towards the Compensatory Afforestation cost in the Degraded Forest Land area over an extent of 0.2274 ha. (Thagarai R.F.) by the District Forest Officer, Villupuram against the proposed area to an extent of 0.1137 ha. across Swamimalai RF.
iv.	Full exemption of NPV is allowed in case of laying of underground OFC cable provided no felling of trees is involved and area proposed for diversion is outside of Protected Area as per the MoEF&CC	An undertaking is enclosed for Additional NPV.

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Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
	Guidelines. But in case an 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;	
v.	The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 meter depth, 3.79 km length and 0.30 meter width. The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
vi.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
vii.	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
viii.	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	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.

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Cond ition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
	machinery, labourers and staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna.	
ix.	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the laborer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
x.	No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
xi.	RoFR certificate to be obtained from the competent authority and same shall be ensured by the State Govt. before execution of project work, as per the provision made under Forest Conservation Rules, 2022;	Recognition of Forest Rights Act, 2006 certificate obtained from the District Collector in the prescribed format has been submitted with the application.
xii.	The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, development or person without prior approval of the Central Government	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.

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Cond ition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
xiii.	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.1137 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
xiv.	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 the project.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
xv.	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.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.
xvi.	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.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard.

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Compliance report along with enclosures is furnished in hard copy and uploaded in the web portal.

Since the conditions stipulated in the Government of India letter have been fulfilled, I request that Government of India orders may please be issued for Stage - II final approval for 0.1137 ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along Thiruvannamalai to Thiyagadurgam road section from Pagandai Kootroad to Thiyagadurgam through Swamimalai RF in Kallakurichi District in Villupuram Forest Division for approval.

Encl.: As stated above.

Yours faithfully

Authorized Signatory,
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Chennai

Copy to

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Chennai-32.

The Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle.



Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited
No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.

UNDERTAKING

We, M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai is hereby undertake that the legal status of diverted forest land shall remain unchanged and shall remain as Reserved Forests.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Jeyaraj", is written over the printed name of the authorized signatory.

Authorized Signatory
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Mylapore, Chennai-4.

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No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.

UNDERTAKING

We, M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai is hereby undertake that we are ready to pay the ***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 and change by the State Government*** in future.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "A. H. Jeyaraj", is written over the printed name of the authorized signatory.

Authorized Signatory
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Mylapore, Chennai-4.



Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited
No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that ***the maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 meter depth, 3.79 km length and 0.30 meter width. The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same.***

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. S. Jeyaraj", is written over the printed name.

Authorized Signatory
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Mylapore, Chennai-4.



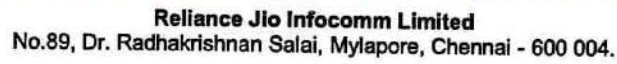
Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited
No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that *the layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government* and also the work will be carried out only on the proposed layout plan.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "A. J. Jeyaraj", is written over the printed text of the signatory.

Authorized Signatory
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Mylapore, Chennai-4.



This is to certify that **no labour camp shall be established on the forest land** which was diverted for the proposed underground optical fibre cable laying works.

Authorized Signatory
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Mylapore, Chennai-4.



Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited
No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided if any to the laborer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.

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Authorized Signatory
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Mylapore, Chennai-4.

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Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited
No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that ***no tree felling shall be carried out during the execution*** optical fibre cable laying works.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "A. J. Jeyaraj", is written over the printed name.

Authorized Signatory
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Mylapore, Chennai-4.

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Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited
No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that ***the forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, development or person*** without prior approval of the Central Government.

Authorized Signatory
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Mylapore, Chennai-4.

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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the ***total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed proposed 0.1137 ha*** and also certify that, ***the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose*** other than those shown in the diversion proposal.

Authorized Signatory
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Mylapore, Chennai-4.

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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai 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 the project.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "A. J. Jeyaraj", is written over the printed name of the authorized signatory.

Authorized Signatory
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Mylapore, Chennai-4.

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No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we shall comply the 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "J. S. Jeyaraj", is written over the printed name.

Authorized Signatory
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Mylapore, Chennai-4.

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No.89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that in the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions, we will obey the penal action as per the provisions in Ministry's guidelines.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "A. S. Srinivasan", is written over the printed name of the authorized signatory.

Authorized Signatory
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Mylapore, Chennai-4.

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AGENCY COPY



NEFT / RTGS CHALLAN for CAMPA Funds

Date : 31-10-2023

Agency Name.	Jlo Digital Fibre Private Limited
Application No.	19936378476
MoEF/SG File No.	4-TNB107/2023-CHN
Location.	TAMILNADU
Address.	No.89 Dr Radhakrishnan Salai Mylapore Chennai 4Chennai
Amount(In Rs)	582795/-

Amount in Words :Five Lakh Eighty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five Rupees Only

NEFT/RTGS to be made as per following details;

Beneficiary Name:	TAMILNADU CAMPA
IFSC Code:	UBIN0996335
Pay to Account No.	1508719936378476 Valid only for this challan amount.
Bank Name & Address:	Union Bank Of India FCS Centre, 21/1, III Floor, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru-560027

- This Challan is strictly to be used for making payment to CAMPA by NEFT/RTGS only

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Note: After making the required payment through challan, if the payment status has not been updated even after 7 working days, then kindly mail a copy of your challan with transaction date and reference id to Email: fcsblr@unionbankofindia.bank, epurse@unionbankofindia.bank, ubin0903710@unionbankofindia.bank

Rangarajan Srinivasan (HFCL)

From: Axis Bank Alerts <alerts@axisbank.com>
Sent: 08 November 2023 19:31
To: Janakiraman Pattabi
Subject: [External] NEFT is initiated with transaction reference no. AXISP00442103961
Attachments: ATT00001.txt; ATT00002.htm



08-11-2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to inform you, TAMILNADU CAMPA, that NEFT for your A/c no. XX8476 for an amount of INR 5,82,795.00 has been initiated with transaction reference no. AXISP00442103961.

For further clarification regarding this transaction, please contact the concerned officials at JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PVT LTD.

Please note that the time taken for effective credit in your account is dependent on settlement time and the time taken by your bank to process the transaction.

Always open to help you.

Regards,
Axis Bank Ltd.

For Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd.

Authorised Signatory

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS &
CLIMATE CHANGE
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Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 006;
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E-mail: ro.moefccc@gov.in



F.No.4-TNB107/2023-CHN/ 918

Date 31st July, 2023

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment & Forests Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009

Subject: Diversion of 0.1137 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Thiruvannamalai to Thiyagadurgam road section from Pagandai Koot road to Thiyagadurgam through Swamimalai RFs in Kallakuruchi District in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai - Reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter 4647808/FR.10/2023-1 dated 17.07.2023, and online proposal No.FP/TN/Others/36378/2018, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's in-principle approval **(Stage-I)** under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.1137 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Thiruvannamalai to Thiyagadurgam road section from Pagandai Koot road to Thiyagadurgam through Swamimalai RFs in Kallakuruchi District in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai, **for a period of 25 years**, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall 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;

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- (iii) The State Forest Department shall carryout plantation of 254 numbers of saplings with maintenance for a period of 10 years in the DFL area over an extent of 0.2274 ha identified in Thagarai RF Kallakurichi Range, at the cost of the User Agency. **The CA shall be carried out as per the time line provided in the FC Rules 2022;**
- (iv) Full exemption of NPV is allowed in case of laying of underground OFC cable provided no felling of trees is involved and area proposed for diversion is outside of Protected Area as per the MoEF&CC Guidelines. But in case an 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;
- (v) **The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 mtr depth, 3.79 km length and 0.30 mtr width. The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same;**
- (vi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (vii) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (viii) 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 & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- (ix) 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 or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- (x) **No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency;**
- (xi) **RoFR certificate to be obtained from the competent authority and same shall be ensured by the State Govt. before execution of project work, as per the provision made under FC rules 2022;**
- (xii) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency,

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department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;

- (xiii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.1137 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xiv) 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 the project;
- (xv) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Deputy Director General of Forests (Central) of the 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;
- (xvi) 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.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Where compliance of condition imposed in the 'In-principle' approval is awaited from the Union territory Administration, as the case may be, for more than two years, the 'In-Principle' approval shall be deemed to be null and void.

Signed by Karthikeyan

Karuppiah

Date: 31-07-2023 09:49:48

Reason: Approved

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(K.Karthikeyan)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai - 32
2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Forest Department, Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai - 32
3. IGF, ROHQ, MoEF&CC, New Delhi -110003 for information please
4. M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, No.89 Dr Radhakrishnan Salai Mylapore Chennai, Tamil Nadu-600004.
balsamy.thirunagalingam@ril.com
5. Guard file.

Sd/-

(K.Karthikeyan)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

C.No. D/10306/2022

**O/o the District Forest Officer,
Villupuram Division, Villupuram.
Dated: 15.09.2023.**

Sub:- F(C) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 0.1137 ha – Swamimalai RF to M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm, Chennai for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) along road side of Tiruvannamalai to Thiyagadurgam road section road from Pagandai koot road to Thiyagadurgam over a distance of 3.79 Kms in Villupuram Division -Reg

Ref:- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai
ref : TS3/32367/2022 dated : 12.09.2023.
2. The District Forest Office, Villupuram C.No:10306/2022/D,
Dated: 24.08.2023

It is informed that the the Government has conveyed Stage – I approval with conditions and instructed to send compliance report for issuing final approval for diversion of 0.1137 Ha of forest land in Swamimalai RF of Kallakurichi Range for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) along road side of Tiruvannamalai to Thiyagadurgam road section road from Pagandai koot road to Thiyagadurgam road over a distance of 3.79 Kms in favour of the M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm, Chennai for the period of 25 years. As per the conditions the C.A. amount has to be collected from the user agency.

Compensatory Afforestation:

I wish to inform that in continuation of the reference cited revised demand for Compensatory Afforestation amount is Rs: 5,82,795.

Hence, I request you to transfer/deposit to CA cost to the tune of Rs: 5,82,795 to management & planning authority fund only through e – portal & send compliance report atonce.

Further, Demarcation of proposed forest area boundary should be erected 4 feet high cement concrete pillars, dully numbered at an interval of 200 mts.


Sd/Sumesh soman,
District Forest Officer,
Villupuram Division,
Villupuram.

✓ To, M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm limited, No : 89, Dr Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai -4

Copy to the Forest Range Officer, Kallakurichi

Copy of the reference cited is sent herewith wherein some conditions were imposed by the Government for this project. He is requested to submit the compliance report in due course. Adjoining patta land details should be reported at once for fixation of lease rent.

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15.9.23
Draughting Officer

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
Thiru.Sumesh Soman, I.F.S.,
District Forest Officer,
Villupuram Forest Division,
Villupuram.

To.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Department) ,
Forest Head Quarters Building,
Guindy-Velachery Main Road,
Near Kannigapuram Check Post,
Guindy, Chennai-600 032.

(Through Conservator of Forest
Viluppuram Circle, Viluppuram.)

C.No.10306/2022/ D. dated:21.12.2023.

Sir,

Sub : Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 -Villupuram Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.1137 ha of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) along road side of Thiruvannamalai to Thiyagadurgam road section through Swamimalai RF in Kallakurichi district – Stage –I approval accorded – Compliance report –Regarding.

- Ref : 1. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Lr.No.F.No:4-TNB107/2023-CHN/918, Dated: 31.07.2023.(Proposal No:FP/TN/ROAD/36378/2018).
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai C.No.TS3/32367/2022, Dated: 12.09.2023.
3. District Forest Officer, Villupuram C.No:D/10306/2022, dated: 15.09.2023.
4. Reliance Jio Infocomm ltd, Chennai letter dated NIL.

I submit that the compliance report on the fulfilment of conditions stipulated in the Stage I approval under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.1137 ha. Of forest land for the use underground OFC works along the road side of Thiruvannamalai to Thiyagadurgam road section from Pagandai Kootroad to Thiyagadurugam through Swamimalai RF in Kallakurichi District in Villupuram forest division, is furnished below:

Cond ition No	Condition stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
i.	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged. An undertaking is separately enclosed by the user agency.

Condition No	Condition stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
ii.	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting of 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the appropriate distance as decided by the District Forest Officer concerned, at the cost of User Agency.	Demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered for each and every turning at an interval of visible distance of 200 meters has been laid and also assured to maintain the demarcation stones for the entire project diversion period by the user agency.
iii.	The State Forest Department shall carryout plantation of 254 numbers of saplings with maintenance for a period of 10 years in the Degraded Forest Land area over an extent of 0.2274 ha identified in Thagarai R.F. Kallakurichi Range, at the cost of the User Agency. The CA shall be carried out as per the time line provided in the Forest Conservation Rules, 2022.	An amount of Rs.5,82,795/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Five One Only) has been paid directly to the CAPMA account vide UTR No. AXISP00442103961 by generating challan in the Ministry's website by NEFT/RTGS towards the Compensatory Afforestation cost in the Degraded Forest Land area over an extent of 0.2274 ha. (Thagarai R.F.) by the District Forest Officer, Villupuram against the proposed area to an extent of 0.1137 ha, across Swamimalai RF. Copy of the Challan enclosed.
iv.	Full exemption of NPV is allowed in case of laying of underground OFC cable provided no felling of trees is involved and area proposed for diversion is outside of Protected Area as per the MoEF & CC Guidelines. But in case an 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 undertaking to this effect:	An undertaking is enclosed for payment of additional NPV by the user agency.

Condition No	Condition stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
v.	The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 meter depth, 3.79 Km length and 0.30 meter width. The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard by the user agency.
vi.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard by the user agency.
vii.	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard by the user agency.
viii.	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.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard by the user agency.
ix.	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the laborer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard by the user agency.
x.	No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard by the user agency.
xi.	RoFR certificate to be obtained from the competent authority and same shall be ensured by the State Govt. before execution of project work, as per the provision made under Forest Conservation Rules, 2022;	Recognition of Forest Rights Act, 2006 certificate obtained from the District Collector in the prescribed format has been submitted with the application by the user agency copy enclosed.
xii.	The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, development or person without prior approval of the Central Government	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard by the user agency.

Condition No	Condition stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
xiii.	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.1137 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard by the user agency.
xiv.	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 the project.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard by the user agency.
xv.	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.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard by the user agency.
xvi.	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.	A separate certificate is enclosed in this regard by the user agency.

Copy of the compliance report submitted by the user agency is herewith enclosed in duplicate.

Since the conditions stipulated in the Government of India letter have been fulfilled, I request that Government of India orders may please be issued for Stage II final approval for 0.1137 ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along road side of Thiruvannamalai to Thiyaadurgam road section from pagandai kootroad to Thiyaadurgam through Swamimalai R.F in Kallakurichi District in Villupuram Forest Division for approval.

Encl.: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-Sumesh Soman,
District Forest Officer,
Villupuram Division,
Villupuram.

Copy to: The Conservator of Forests, Viluppuram Circle, Viluppuram.

Copy to: Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai.

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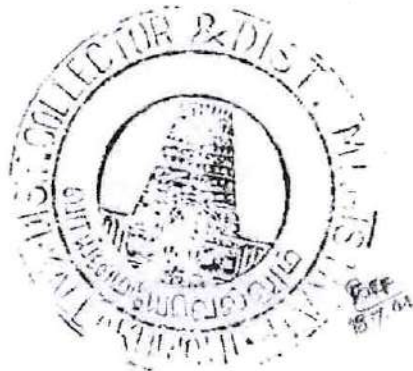
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Office of the District Collector,
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Kallakurichi.

CERTIFICATE

Certified that no alternate lands other than this forest land is available for the proposed OFC laying road passing from Thiruvannamalai to Thiyagadurgam road section between Pagandai Cross Road to Thiyagaduram of Thirukoyilur Taluk in Kallakurichi District across Swamimalai R.F of Kallakurichi District.



District Collector
Kallakurichi District.

FORM - I
[for linear projects]
Government of Tamil Nadu
Office of the District Collector, Kallakurichi

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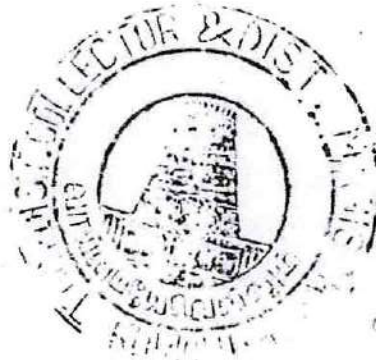
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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India's Letter No.11-9/98-FC (pt.) dated 3rd August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 ('FRA, for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purpose read with MoEF's letter dated 5th February 2013 wherein MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that 0.1137 hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited for erection of OFC in the Thiruvannamalai to Thiyadurgam road section of Kallakurichi District.

It is further certified that:

- I. The complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for entire 0.1137 hectares of forest area proposed for diversion.
- II. Certified that there are no Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers in Thiruvannamalai to Thiyadurgam road section of Thirukoilur Taluk, Kallakurichi District and consequently no claims have been received under this Act with respect to the area proposed for erection of OFC in the existing road section.
- III. Certified that there are no Primitive Tribal Groups (PTG) and Pre-Agricultural Communities, (PAC) in the Thiruvannamalai to Thiyadurgam road section of Thirukoilur Taluk, Kallakurichi District. So, the recognized rights of PTG and PAC are not affected.



18/07/22
District Collector,
Kallakurichi District.

18.7.22