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TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to  
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Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

C. No. TS3/7037/2021 Dated: 17.11.2022.

Madam,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.54 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Vadakkanandhal to Thumbal road section via Parigam, Kondiyanantham across Parigam RF in Kallakuruchi District in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai – Stage-I approval accorded – Compliance report furnishing off – Regarding

- Ref: 1. Online forest clearance proposal uploaded M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai - 4 Proposal No. FP/TN/Others/38130/2019
2. Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Villupuram Division on 04.08.2021
3. Principal Chief conservator of Forests ref. No. TS3/7037/2021, dated 16.05.2022
4. Government letter No. 8774/FR.10/2022-1, dated 20.06.2022
5. Government of India letter F. No. 4-TNB088/2022-CHN/726, dated 12.07.2022
6. Government letter No. 8774/FR.10/2022-2, dated 29.07.2022

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I wish to furnish herewith the Compliance report on Stage I in-Principle approval for diversion of 0.54 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Vadakkanandhal to Thumbal road section via Parigam, Kondiyanantham across Parigam RF in Kallakuruchi District in favour of 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.  Combined undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
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, Villupuram Division has reported that 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 200 meters has been carried out by the user agency.
iii	The State Government shall realize the cost towards Compensatory Afforestation scheme for planting and maintenance for a period of ten years from the user agency and the plantation may be carried out an extent of 1.08 ha of degraded forest land identified in the Parigam RF	As per the demand raised by the District Forest Officer, Villupuram Division, in Lr. No. 4709/2018/D, dated 18.08.2022, an amount of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees ten lakh only) has been remitted in the State CAMPA account of Tamil Nadu State by generating chalan in the Ministry's web portal on 13.10.2022. Copy of chalan for the payment made by the user agency is enclosed herewith.



Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
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 Areas as per the MoEF&CC Guidelines. But in case, an amount of the 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	The user agency has reported that, for the execution of the project, no tree felling will be carried out and the project area located outside the Protected Area. Undertaking to pay the Net Present Value and additional amount of Net Present Value if any fixed in future, that amount will be remitted.  In this regard, separate undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
v	The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 mts depth, 17.99 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 reported that Maximum size of the trench will not exceed 2.00m depth and 0.30 mts width for the entire length of 17.99 km. After completion of the OFC cable laying work, trenching area will be restored to its original state. Combined undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
vi	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	The user agency has furnished combined undertaking to this effect.



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vii	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land	The user agency has furnished combined undertaking to this effect.
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.	The user agency has furnished combined undertaking to this effect.
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 of the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	The user agency has furnished combined undertaking to this effect.
x	No tree felling shall be carried out by the user agency.	The user agency has furnished combined undertaking to this effect.
xi	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 combined undertaking to this effect.



Condition No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
xii	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.54 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 combined undertaking to this effect.
xiii	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 combined undertaking to this effect.
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 such project.	The user agency has furnished combined undertaking to this effect. The District Forest Officer, Villupuram will ensure compliance to the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and guidelines for the time being in force, as applicable to such project.
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.	The user agency has furnished combined undertaking to this effect.



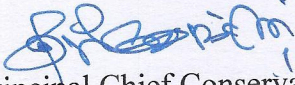
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xvi	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions, the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions in Ministry's guidelines.	The user agency has furnished combined undertaking to this effect.


Compliance report furnished by the User agency along with connected undertakings/ documents and report of District Forest Officer, Villupuram Division are enclosed herewith.

I request that, Stage - II final approval of Government of India may be obtained for the diversion of 0.54 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Vadakkanandhal to Thumbal road section via Parigam, Kondiyanantham across Parigam RF in Kallakuruchi District in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai for a period of 25 years

Encl.: As stated above.

Yours faithfully

  
18/11/2022  
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

  
18/11/2022