

Date: 22/04/2024

To,
APCCF Land and Nodal Officer
Gandhinagar

Sub: - Our proposed OFC Line is passing from 'T' Junction of Sasan/Talala to Village Bhojde our OFC laying passing from Protected Forest Area and Reserve Forest Area of Village Bhojde. (Km. 3.660 / Ha. 0.1647)District in favour of Jio Digital Fiber Pvt. Ltd. Ahmedabad. (Proposal No.: FP/GJ/Others/47648/2020_

Ref. :- IRO letter No.: 6-GJB069/2020-BHO dated 25-10-2022

Respected Sir,

This has reference to the above subject matter and reference letters we would like to clarify point wise response with regards to your good office letter dated 25-10-2022.

- 1 We have already submitted to The Collector Gir Somnath dated 06-06-2022 as per prescribe format and due to such OFC linear proposal no need DLC / SDLC & Gram Sabha proceeding.
- 2 Wildlife clearance attach herewith.
- 3 Diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on e-Green Watch Portal by concern Forest Division Office.

In case you need any further information, please feel free to contact us.

Encl.: A/a.

For, Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd.

Copy submitted to: Dy. C. F. Gir West Division, Junagadh.

Any Correspondence in this regards may please be addressed to

Shri B. D. Aal 9512553595

C/O Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd., "Reliance Mart", 2nd Floor, Opp. Drive -In Cinema, Driven Road, Thaltej, Ahmedabad - 380054



Date: 06-01-2021

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To, The Dy. Conservator of Forest, Forest Division, Gir West at Junagadh.

Sub: - Diversion of 0.1647 ha. RF/PF and Wild Life Sanctuary area for laying OFC from 'T' Junction of Sasan/Talala to Village Bhojde Km. 3.600 in Gir Somnath Dist. In vaour of Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd. Ahmedabad

Ref: 1 Govt. of India Ministry of Environment Forest and climate change, integrated Regional Office Gandhinagar letter no.: 6-GJB069/2020-BHO Dtd.: 26-11-2020

Your office letter No.: K/JMN/T-13/2310-11/2020-21 Dtd.: 26/11/2020

Dear Sir,

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This has reference to the above subject and reference there in. We hereby give the compliance of condition issued under In Principal Approval in Favour of Ms/. Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd. Ahmedabad.

Specific Condition

<u>Sr No</u>	Conditions	Compliance
1	Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.	Agreed
2	Forest land shall be handed over to the user agency only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency.	Not Applicable
3	Compensatory Afforestation: a) Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 1.00 ha degraded-forest land at survey No. RF 20/1 PF, Village Chitrod, Taluka — Talala Dist Gir Somnath. Gujarat at the cost of User Agency. As far as possible a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. b) Total No. of sapling shall be not less then 1,111 nos. (1.00 ha x 1,111) in CA land. The composition of sapling (number of specieswise) to be planted in the CA land shall be as per National Forest Policy and as per CA scheme submitted vide Govt. of Gujarat letter No. FCA-1020/1-07/20/SF-191/F dated.: 09.10.2020 and record shall be kept.	Implemented by Forest Department

Any Correspondence in this regards may please be addressed to

Shri Samir Agnihotri (7043071373

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	c) The standard size sapling (minimum height & minimum collar girth and maximum sturdiness quotient species wise) as approved by the State Govt. and as per specification in CA scheme submitted by Govt. of Gujarat letter No.: FCA-1020/1-07/20/SF-191/F dated.: 09.10.2020 shall be planted in the selected CA land. d) The height and collar girth (species wise) shall be measured & recorded at the time of plantation and in November of plantation year. Further, data of height, collar girth and survival percentage (species wise) twice a year (April & November month) shall be recorded & records shall be maintained. e) The Sturdiness Quotient of the plants at the time of plantation shall not be more than 7. The Sturdiness Quotient The height of plant (cm) The Collar diameter (mm) f) All the live stumps and pollards having girth at ground level <90 cm and having coppicing properties in this CA area shall be dressed from the ground level and girth wise record shall be kept. g) The CA plantation shall be taken place before	
4	end of 2021 monsoon. The cost of Compensatory Afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per Compensatory Afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.	Implemented by Forest Department
5	The user agency shall be deposited Rs. 6,85,880/- for CA in CAMPA fund, New Delhi.	Paid by E-Portal on 17/12/2020 copy attached.
6	NPV	2., 22, 2020 copy attached.
	a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 0.1647 ha. Forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002. 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008/, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP © No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-	Agreed

75	1/1998-FC(Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 and Chapter 3 FC Act, 1980 Handbook 2019 in this regard. b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	Agreed
7	No Tree felling shall be involved in the implementation of the project.	Agreed
8	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal. (http://parivesh.in)	Agreed
9	The user agency shall be eligible for the working permission of one year as per the Para 11.2 of FCA Handbook 2019 and copy of the working permission shall be submitted to the office.	Agreed
10	The user agency shall be eligible for the working permission of one year as per the Para 11.2 of FCA Handbook 2019. If the Stage-II approval is not obtained before the end of working permission, then the State Govt. shall stop the work and action shall be initiated under Para 1.21 (ii) of FCA Handbook, 2019.	Agreed
11	The proposal attracts Para 12.3 of FCA Handbook 2019 and the approval from NBWL / CWLW shall be obtained before issuance of working permission.	Agreed

General Condition

<u>Sr No</u>	Conditions	Compliance
1	User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 if applicable.	Not Applicable
2	The OFC cable shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after laying down of Cable the ground will be levelled.	Agreed
3	The trees with birds nest, reptiles and habitat of wildlife was observed then such tress shall be treated with special care for relocation in the forest land by forest department at the cost of user agency.	Agreed
4	The user agency shall provide suitable under/over pass in Protected Area / Forest Area as per	Agreed

	recommendations of CWLW/NBWL/FCA/REC, if applicable.	
5	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.	Agreed
6	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land	Agreed
7	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.	Agreed
8	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Division Forest Officer.	Not Applicable
9	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.	OFC will be laid along the road within existing Row therefore no new road will be constructed.
10	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus, with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.	Agreed
11	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the project proposal.	Agreed
12	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.	Agreed
13	The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court (s) pertaining to this project if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	Agreed
14	All the conditions of State Forest Department / Local Forest rules shall be applicable in this project	Agreed
15	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.21 of Handbook of F(C) 1980 & FC Rules 2003 published in 2019.	Agreed
16	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests and Wildlife.	Agreed
17	The complete compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (htt://parivesh.nic.in/).	Agreed

As all condition are compiled by us, therefore you are requested issue formal approval.

Thanking You

For, Jio Digital Fibre P

Enclosed: As Above



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एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय Integrated Regional Office Gandhinagar, Gujarat '''केन्द्रीय प्रवीवरण भवन".

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Date: 23/11/2020

File No. 6-GJB069/2020-BHO

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary (Forests)

Govt. of Gujarat Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Sub: Diversion of 0.1647 ha Reserved/ Protected Forest and Wildlife Sanctuary area for laying Optical Fiber Cable From T Junction of Sasan/Talala to Village Bhojde Km. 3.660 in Gir-Somnath District in favour of Jio Digital Fiber Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No. FCA-1020/1-07/20/SF-191/F dated 09.10.2020 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section— 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After due consideration of the above proposal of the State Government the undersigned on behalf of the Central Government is hereby directed to convey In-principle approval (Stage-I) for diversion of 0.1647 ha Reserved/ Protected Forest and Wildlife Sanctuary area for laying Optical Fiber Cable From T Junction of Sasan/Talala to Village Bhojde Km. 3.660 in Gir-Somnath District in favour of Jio Digital Fiber Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad subject to the following conditions:-

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and survival percentage (species wise) twice a year (April & November month) shall be recorded & records shall be maintained.

e) The Sturdiness Quotient of the plants at the time of plantation shall not be more than 7.

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6. Net Present Value (NPV):

- The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the <u>0.1647 ha</u> forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24/04/2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18.09.2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006, 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 and chapter 3 of handbook 2019 of F(C)A, 1980 & FC Rules 2003 in this regard.
- b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- 7. No tree felling shall be involved in the implementation of this project.
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- 9. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 10. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- 11. The forest land shall not be use for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 12. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
- 13. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
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- 15. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.21 of Handbook of F(C) 1980 & FC Rules 2003 published in 2019.
- 16. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
- 17. The complete compliance report in letter format from State Govt. shall be uploaded on e-portal (http://parivesh.nic.in/).

After receipt of compliance report on fulfillment of all the above conditions from the State Government, proposal will be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Any order for transfer of forest land to user agency shall not be issued by the State Government till formal approval for diversion of forest land is issued by this office.

This has been issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (C)

Copy to :-

- 1. The PCCF & HoFF, Aranya Bhavan, Sector-10A, Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
- 2. The ADGF (FC), Govt. of India, MoEFCC, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi 110003.
- 3. The APCCF and NO (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
- 4. The Dy. Conservator of Forest, Gir (West) Division, Junagarh, Gujarat.
- 5. Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd., "Reliance Mart", Thaltej, Ahmedabad-3850054, Gujarat.
- 6. Order file.

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)

Asstt. Inspector General of Forests (C)

PAYMENT ADVICE

JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PRIVATE LIMITED92

OFFICE 101 SAFFRON NR CENTRE POINT PANCHWATI 5 FASTA AMBAWADI

AHMEDABAD

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Beneficiary's Name :GUJRAT CAMPA

Beneficiary's Code :385551

Beneficiary's Address :

Client Ref No :4200004922
Date :17/12/2020

Bank Reference No :N352201344408737

We have initiated a credit to the Account Number 1506819947648252 for the amount of Rs.754537 through NEFT for the below mentioned details.

IFC Code :CORP0000371

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વેરાવળ–તાલાલા રોડ, મું.ઈણાજ, તા.વેરાવળ, જિ.ગીર સોમનાથ ફ્રોન નં.૦૨૮૭૬–૨૮૫૩૪૪ ફ્રેક્સ નં.૦૨૮૭૬–૨૮૫૩૦૦

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પ્રતિ, રીલાયન્સ જીયો એરીયો ઓફીસ, ૩ જો માળ, ઈન્દીરા સર્કલ પાસે, ૧૫૦ ફીટ રીંગ રોડ, રાજકોટ

વિષય:- F.R.A- 2006 અંતર્ગતનું પ્રમાણપત્ર આપવા બાબત.

ઉપરોક્ત વિષય પરત્વે જણાવવાનું કે, આપશ્રીએ તારીખ વગરના (મ.તા.૨૨/૦૭/૨૦૨૦) ના પત્રથી તાલાલા તાલુકાના ભોજદે ગામના માર્ગે T- જેકશન ઓપ્ટીકલ ફાઈબર કેબલ પસાર કરવાના કામે વન વિભાગના માર્ગે ૭૪/૧/પૈ.૧ ની જમીનમાંથી ૦.૧ ૬૪૭ હેકટર વિસ્તારનું એફ.આર.એ.—૨૦૦૬ અંતર્ગત પ્રમાણપત્ર મળવા માંગણી કરેલ છે જે અન્વયે કલેકટરશ્રીનું F.R.A-2006 અંતર્ગતનું પ્રમાણપત્ર આ સહ સામેલ રાખી મોકલવામાં આવે છે. જેનાથી વિદિત થવા વિનંતી છે.

બિડાણ :– અસલ પ્રમાણપત્ર

મામુલતદાર – ર ગીર – સોમનાથ જિલ્લો વેરાવળ

FORM-I (For Linear Projects) Government Of Gujarat Office Of The District Collector Gir Somnath

No. 07/2020

To Whomsoever It May Concern

Dated:- 19/09/2020

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 Intiated And Completed The Process Of Settlement Of Right Under The Scheduled Tribes And Other Traditional Forest Dwelles (Recognition of forest Rights) Act, 2006 ("FRA, for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes, read with MoEF's letter dated 5th february 2013 where in MoEF issued certain relaxation in respect of linear projects, it is certified that 0.1647 hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favor of JIO DIGITAL FIBER PRIVATE LIMITED for purpose of Optical Labor Cable laying in Gir somnath(veraval) distret falls within jurisdiction

Sr.no	Particulars	Area required in sq.m & hectare
1.	BHOJDE (servey no.74/1/paiki 1)	0.1647
	Total required area in hectares	0.1647

It is further certified that:

(a) The complete process for identification and settlement of rights under the FRA has been carried out for the entire 0.1647 hectares of forest land proposed for diversion. A copy of records of all consultation and meetings of the Forest Rights Committee(s), Gram Sabha(s), Sub-Division Level Committee(s) and the District Level Committee are enclosed as annexure __to_annexure (N, A)

(b) The diversion of forest land for facilities managed by the Government as required under Section 3 (2) of the FRA Act have been completed and the Gram Sabhas have given their consent to it; (N, A)

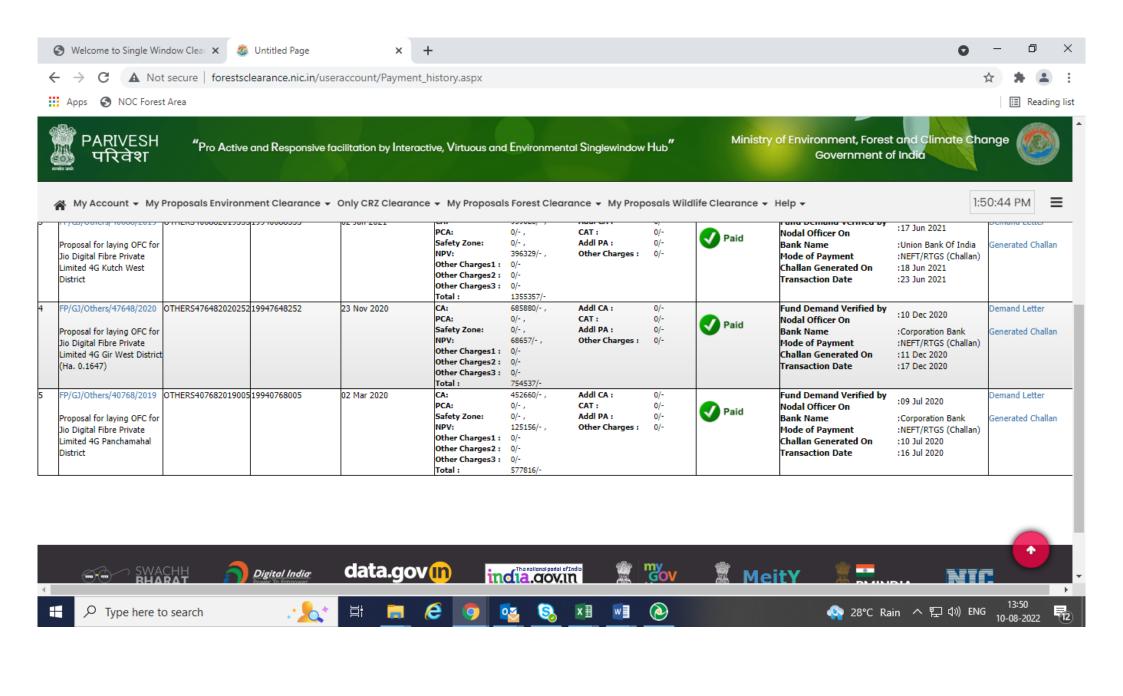
(c) the proposal does not involve recognised rights of primitive tribal groups and pre-agricultural committies.

Enclosed: As Above

Mamlatdar Talala Deputy Collector Veraval Collector & District magistrate

Gir Somnath

(Ajay Prakash)



No: WLP/32/B/ // /2020-21
Office of the
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Block No.B/1, Aranya Bhavan,
Ch-3 Circle, Sector-10 A,
Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.

Date: /11/2020

Sub: Permission under Section – 29 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
Proposal of permission for laying OFC along the routes.
Village Bhojde. (Km 0.380/ha.0.0171)

- **Ref:** 1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Circle, Junagadh's letter No. JMN/T.14/A/1556-58, dated 31-08-2020
 - 2. Recommendation of the State Board for Wildlife, Gujarat Minutes circulated vide this office's letter no. WLP/28/A/588-593, dated 23.11.2020
 - 3. MoEF&CC, GoI's letter no. F. No. 6-175/2017 WL dated 19-02-2018
- 1. A proposal was received vide reference no. 1 above for diversion of 0.0171 ha. land for laying of under ground Optical Fiber Cable by Jio Digital Fiber Pvt. Ltd. Ahmedabad in Gir Sanctuary.
- 2. The proposal was placed before the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) in its 19th meeting held on 29.09.2020 for consultation. The SBWL has approved and recommended the proposal in its meeting vide reference no. 2 above with certain conditions.
- 3. Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change, Government of India's has issued Guidelines for sanctioning proposals on laying of underground drinking water pipeline and optical fiber cables (OFC) inside Protected Areas regd. Vide reference no. 3 is above. The Guidelines of MoEF & CC is reproduced as under;



Ministry had received a proposal from the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW) of Gujarat for delegation of powers for sanctioning proposals on laying of drinking water pipeline and optical fiber cables falling inside Protected Areas (PAs) to the CWLWs of the States / UTs. The matter was examined in the Ministry and placed before the Standing Committee of NBWL in its 45th and 46th meetings. The Standing Committee recommended delegating its power for sanctioning proposal on laying of drinking water pipeline and optical fiber cables along the right of way of these roads inside the National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Tiger Reserves or any other Protected Area notified under the Wildlife (Protection) act, 1972 to the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL).

4. Therefore in view of the references mentioned and explained above, the permission is hereby granted to the Jio Digital Fiber Pvt. Ltd. Ahmedabad for use of 0.0171 ha. land of Gir Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable subject to following conditions:

Conditions:

- 1. The User Agency shall not violate any regulatory provisions under Section 9, 17 A, 27, 29, 30, 31 & 32 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- 2. The User agency shall not harm or destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Sanctuary.
- 3. The User Agency shall not use the area for any other work other than the work permitted.
- 4. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the Sanctuary.
- 5. The User Agency or his contractor shall not create any fire places inside the Sanctuary.
- 6. The User Agency will have to prepare a conservation plan relevant to the biological entity affected due to the project and deposit the fund before initiating any work on the land
- 6. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the sanctuary.
- 7. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 8 AM to 6 PM.
- 8. Approval under Forest (Conversation) Act, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
- 9. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected Area as per the existing rates before initiating any work on the allotted land.



10. The User Agency shall restore the land in its original form after completion of the work.



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