

To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Additional Office Block for GPOA, 1st Floor, Shastri Bhawan, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai 600 006

(through proper channel)

Sir,

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 0.039 ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along road side of Andipatti-Usilampatti road section (Andipatti ghat) in Madurai-Kochin NH-49 via Sasthakoil, Thimmarasanaicknanur village across Andipatti South Reserved Forests in Andipatti - Stage-I approval accorded - Compliance report furnishing off - Regarding

Ref:

1) Online proposal No. FP/TN/Others/38131/2019

- 2) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Chennai F. No. 4-TNB073/2021-CHN/813 dated 31.08.2021
- 3) Government of Tamil Nadu letter No. 3733/FR.10/2021-1 dated 13.07.2021
- 4) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai letter C. No. TS4/

With reference to the above letters cited, the Compliance report on the fulfilment of conditions stipulated in the Stage I approval for diversion of 0.039 ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along road side of Andipatti-Usilampatti road section (Andipatti ghat) in Madurai-Kochin NH-49 via Sasthakoil, Thimmarasanaicknanur village across Andipatti South Reserved Forests in Andipatti in Theni Forest Division is furnished as below.

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 is enclosed.
ii	area shall be carried out by erecting	Demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars, duly numbered, at



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	duly numbered, at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of user agency.	an interval of 20 meters has been carried out.
iii	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	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 is enclosed herewith.
iv	The maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 mts depth, 1.30 km length and 0.30 mts width. The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same.	Maximum size of the trench will not exceed 2.00m depth and 0.30 mts width for the entire length of 1.30 km. After completion of the OFC cable laying work, trenching area will be restored to its original state. Combined undertaking is enclosed.
v	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	The layout plan of the proposal will not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. Combined undertaking is enclosed.
vi	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land	No labour camp will be established on the forest land. Combined undertaking is enclosed.
vii	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.	For the compliance of the condition, combined undertaking is enclosed.



Condi tion No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
viii	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.	For the compliance of the condition, combined undertaking is enclosed.
ix	No tree felling shall be carried out by the user agency.	No tree felling will be carried out. Combined undertaking is enclosed.
х	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.	Forest land proposed for diversion under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government. Combined undertaking is enclosed.
xi	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.039 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.	The total forest area utilized for the project will not exceed 0.039 ha and the forest area diverted will not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. Combined undertaking is enclosed.
xii	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.	to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and guidelines for the
xiii	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 given its undertaking that 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. Combined undertaking is enclosed.



Condi tion No.	Conditions stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of condition
xiv	with any of the above conditions, the User Agency is liable for penal	The user agency has given its undertaking that in the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions is liable for penal action as per the provisions in Ministry's guidelines. Combined undertaking is enclosed.

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 0.039 ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along road side of Andipatti-Usilampatti road section (Andipatti ghat) in Madurai-Kochin NH-49 via Sasthakoil, Thimmarasanaicknanur village across Andipatti South Reserved Forests in Andipatti in Theni Forest Division favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai for a period of 20 years.

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 Department), Saidapet, Chennai-15.

The Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai and District Forest Officer, Theni Forest Division, Theni.

Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Proposal for diversion of 0.039 ha of forest land for laying of underground OFC along road side of Andipatti-Usilampatti road section (Andipatti ghat) in Madurai-Kochin NH-49 via Sasthakoil, Thimmarasa Naicknanur village across Andipatti South Reserved Forests in Andipatti - Stage-I approval accorded - Compliance report furnishing off - Proposal No. FP/TN/Other/38131/2019

COMBINED UNDERTAKING

Condi -tion No.	Condition imposed	Undertaking
i	Legal status of the diverted forest	Legal status of forest land will remain
	land shall remain unchanged.	unchanged.
iii	Full exemption of NPV is allowed in	For the execution of the project, no
	case of laying of underground OFC	tree felling will be carried out and the
	cable provided, no felling of trees is	project area located outside the
	involved and area proposed for	Protected Area. Undertaking to pay the
	diversion is outside of Protected	Net Present Value and additional
	Areas as per the MoEF&CC	amount of Net Present Value if any
	Guidelines. But in case, an amount	fixed in future, that amount will be
	of the NPV of the diverted forest land	remitted. In this regard, separate
	if any becoming due after revision of	undertaking is enclosed herewith.
	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	
iv	The maximum size of the trench	Maximum size of the trench will not
	shall not exceed 2.00 mts depth,	exceed 2.00m depth and 0.30 mts
	1.30 km length and 0.30 mts width.	width for the entire length of 1.30 km.
	The forest land shall be restored to	After completion of the OFC cable
	its original state after laying the	laying work, trenching area will be
	same.	restored to its original state.



v	The layout plan of the proposal shall	The layout plan of the proposal will
	not be changed without the prior	not be changed without the prior
	approval of the Central Government.	approval of the Central Government.
vi	No labour camp shall be established	No labour camp will be established on
	on the forest land	the forest land.
vii	Disturbance shall be kept minimal	Disturbance will be kept minimal by
	by creating labour camps outside the	creating labour camps outside the
	forest area as far as possible and it	forest area as far as possible and
	will be the responsibility of the User	ensure that the machinery, labourers
	Agency to ensure that the	and staff engaged in execution of work
	machinery, labourers and staff	will not destruct nearby forest flora
	engaged in execution of work shall	and fauna.
	not destruct nearby forest flora and	
	fauna.	
viii	Sufficient firewood, preferably the	Sufficient firewood, preferably the
	alternate fuel shall be provided by	alternate fuel will be provided to the
	the user agency to the labourer after	labourer after purchasing the same
	purchasing the same from the State	from the State Forest Department of
	Forest Department of the Forest	the Forest Development Corporation or
	Development Corporation or any	any other legal source of alternate fuel.
	other legal source of alternate fuel.	
ix	No tree felling shall be carried out by	No tree felling will be carried out.
	the user agency.	
X	The forest land proposed for	Forest land proposed for diversion
	diversion shall under no	under no circumstances be transferred
	circumstances be transferred or	or sublet to any other agency,
	sublet to any other agency,	department or person without prior
	department or person without prior	approval of the Central Government.
	approval of the Central Government.	
xi	The total forest area utilized for the	The total forest area utilized for the
	project shall not exceed 0.039 ha	project will not exceed 0.039 ha and
	and the forest area diverted shall not	the forest area diverted will not be
	be used for any purpose other than	used for any purpose other than those
	those shown in the diversion	shown in the diversion proposal.
	proposal.	



xii	User agency and the State	We (The user agency) ensure
	Government shall ensure compliance	compliance to provisions of the all
	to provisions of the all Acts, Rules,	Acts, Rules, Regulations and
	Regulations and guidelines for the	guidelines for the time being in force,
	time being in force, as applicable to	as applicable to the project.
	such project.	
xiii	Any other conditions that the	Any other conditions that the Central
	Central Government or Regional	Government or Regional Officer
	Officer (Central) of the Integrated	(Central) of the Integrated Regional
	Regional Office, Chennai may impose	Office, Chennai may impose from time
	from time to time in the interest of	to time in the interest of afforestation,
	afforestation, conservation and	conservation and management of flora
	management of flora and fauna in	and fauna in the area will be complied.
	the area shall be complied by the	
	user agency.	
xiv	In the event of failure to comply with	In the event of failure to comply with
	any of the above conditions, the User	any of the above conditions, we (the
	Agency is liable for penal action as	user agency) is liable for penal action
	per the provisions in Ministry's	as per the provisions in Ministry's
	guidelines.	guidelines.

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

Mylapore, Chennai-4.



Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited

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

UNDERTAKINGS

We, M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited given undertaking that the Net Present Value of the diverted forest area if any fixed as per the guidelines of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Forest Conservation Act, 1980 guidelines and additional Net Present Value of forest land if any fixed in future as per the value fixed by the Govt. of India for the proposed forest diversion area will be paid.

Authorized Signatory,

M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,

Mylapore, Chennai-4.