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No.IRO/KOL/WB/Others/145923/2021/141

Date: 12th April 2023

To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Department of Forests,
Government of West Bengal,
Aranya Bhawan, Block-LA, 10-A, Sector – III,
Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700106.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 0.0144 ha of forest land in favour of Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd. for setting up of e-Node (Mobile Tower) at Hillajhora forest compartment under Jalpaiguri Forest Division of West Bengal - reg.

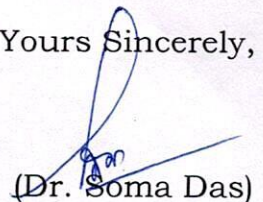
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of West Bengal letter No.473-For/O/L/10T-08/2023 dated 20.3.2023 on the above-mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal has been examined by this office in accordance with Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 and observed that the following documents/ information are still required to upload in Parivesh portal for further processing:

- i. The proposal accepted by the Nodal Officer (FCA), West Bengal in Parivesh portal after 28.06.2022 and as per Ministry's guideline No.FC-11/118/2021-FC dated 18.07.2022, the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 is applicable. Therefore, CA needs to be proposed over equivalent non-forest land.
- ii. Financial outlay of the CA scheme is Rs.37.66 lakhs for plantation over 0.0288 ha degraded forest land, which is very high compare to the project cost (Rs.10 lakhs). Revised CA scheme may be submitted keeping the project cost in mind.
- iii. Google Earth image, shows dense forest in the proposed area. However, no tree felling is proposed for the project. Construction of Mobile Tower without tree felling may not be possible. State Government may clarify in this regard.

Therefore, it is requested that above mentioned documents/ information may kindly be uploaded in the PARIVESH portal for further consideration of the proposal.

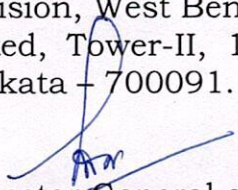
Yours Sincerely,


(Dr. Soma Das)

Inspector General of Forest(c)

Copy to:-

1. The PCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal, Aranya Bhawan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata, 700098.
2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Jalpaiguri Forest Division, West Bengal.
3. The ROW LEAD, JIO Digital Fibre Private Limited, Tower-II, 18th Floor, Goodrej Water Side Building, Sec-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700091.
4. Guard File.


Inspector General of Forest(c)