

Letter No.4801/FR.10/2023-4, dated: 30.04.2025

From
Tmt.Supriya Sahu, IAS.,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

To
The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change,
Regional Office,
Additional Office Block for GPOA, 1st Floor,
Shastri Bhawan, Haddows Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 006. (w.e).

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 –
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai circle – Srivilliputhur
Wildlife Division & Megamalai Wildlife Division – Proposal
(FP/TN/Others/23908/2017) for diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land for
laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along Theni Mallapuram
route in Saptur Reserved Forest in Srivilliputhur Wildlife Division,
Madurai District in favour of Reliance Jio Inforcomm Ltd., Chennai -
Compliance report - Forwarding of - Regarding.

Ref: 1. From the Principal Chief Conservator of forests (HoFF) letter
No.TS4/4382/2017, dated 08.06.2023.
2. Government letter No. 4801/FR.10.2023-1, dated 04.07.2023.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) letter No.
TS4/4382/2017, dated 06.07.2023.
4. Government letter No.4801/FR,10/2023-2, dated 30.10.2023.
5. Your Letter F.No.4-TNB114/2023-CHN/1290, dated 24.11.2023.
6. Government letter No. 4801/FR.10/2023-3, dated 11.12.2023.
7. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Letter
No. TS4/4382/2017, dated 08.04.2025.

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I am directed to enclose a copy of the reference seventh cited along with its
enclosures, wherein the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has furnished the
compliance report on all the conditions stipulated in the In-principle approval
accorded in your letter fifth cited.

2. I am, therefore to request you to obtain the final approval from the
Competent Authority on the above proposal and communicate the same to
Government early.

Yours faithfully,

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for Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

[Signature]
30/4/25

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TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

Thiru. Srinivas R. Reddy, I.F.S.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
Forest Headquarters Building,
Guindy – Velachery Main Road,
Near Kannikapuram Checkpost,
Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.

To

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

Ref. No.TS4/4382/2017, dated: 08.04.2025

Madam,

Sub: Forests – Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980
– SMTR, Madurai circle – Srivilliputhur Wildlife Division – Proposal
for diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land in Saptur RF for laying of
underground OFC along Theni Mallapuram route in favour of M/s.
Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai – Stage-I approval accorded
– Compliance Report received – forwarding – reg.

- Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm
Ltd., Chennai, Proposal No. FP / TN / Others / 23908 / 2017
on 02.02.2017.
2. Part-II uploaded by Deputy Director, SMTR, Srivilliputhur on
13.04.2022.
3. Government of India, Regional Office, Chennai, Letter F.No.4-
TNB114/2023-CHN/1290, dt: 24.11.2023.
4. Compliance Report uploaded by User Agency on 09.03.2025.
5. Compliance Report processed offline by Deputy Director,
SMTR, Srivilliputhur vide C. No. 2376/2018/D, dt: 27.03.2025.
6. Compliance Report processed offline by Chief Conservator of
Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai vide C. No.
6099/2022/D1, dt: 08.04.2025.

I wish to state that, the Government of India, Regional Office, Chennai vide
reference 3rd cited has conveyed the In-Principle approval (Stage-I) under Section 2
of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.19 ha of
forest land in Saptur RF for the above proposal. The User Agency has uploaded the
Compliance report for the conditions stipulated by the Government of India in Stage-I
approval for the above proposal.

The above Compliance Report has been verified and forwarded by the Deputy
Director, SMTR, Srivilliputhur and Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director,
SMTR, Madurai vide reference 5th and 6th cited.

The contents of the Compliance report are as follows:

Sl. No.	Compliance stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of conditions / reply
i	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	The User Agency has agreed the above condition and furnished undertakings.
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 User Agency has agreed and the demarcation of the proposed forest area has been carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the appropriate distance as decided by the DFO, at their cost.
iii	The State Forest Department shall realize the cost towards 100 numbers of seedlings and its maintenance from the User Agency.	The User Agency has paid the Compensatory Afforestation cost of Rs.1,50,880/- (The UTR No. is AXISP00584664307 , dt: 16.12.2024).
iv	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 0.19 ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2009 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022.	The User Agency has paid the NPV of Rs.11,67,160/- (The UTR No. is AXISP00584664307 , dt: 16.12.2024) for the forest land being diverted under this proposal as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dt: 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2009 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in WP (C) No.202/1995 & Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dt: 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dt: 19.01.2022 & 22.03.2022.
v	Additional 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 agreed that additional amount of NPV of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, may be charged by the State Government from them. The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect.

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vi	All the funds received from the UA under the project shall be transferred / deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).	The User Agency has agreed and paid all the funds through e-portal.
vii	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	The User Agency has agreed that the layout plan of the proposal will not be changed.
viii	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	The User Agency has agreed the above condition and furnished undertakings.
ix	Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of UA to ensure that the machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.	The User Agency has agreed that the disturbance will be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area and it will be their responsibility of to ensure that the machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work will not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.
x	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.	The User Agency has agreed that sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, will be provided by them to labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
xi	No tree felling shall be carried out in the diverted forest area.	The User Agency has agreed that no tree felling will be carried out.
xii	The State Government shall ensure prior approval of the competent authority under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and shall implement recommendations and mitigation measures, if any at the cost of the User Agency.	Approval of the competent authority under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 was received by the User Agency. The User Agency has paid the cost of Rs.6,50,000/- (The UTR No. is AXISP00584664307 , dt: 16.12.2024) towards wildlife mitigation plan.

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Sl. No.	Compliance stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of conditions / reply
xiii	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 agreed that the forest land proposed for diversion will under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
xiv	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.19 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 agreed that the total forest area utilized for the project will not exceed 0.19 ha and the forest area diverted will not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
xv	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 agreed that they will ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
xvi	Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG (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.	The User Agency has agreed that any other conditions that the Central Government or DDG (Central) of the RO, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, will be complied by them.
xvii	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 of rules / guidelines made under FCA, 1980.	The User Agency has agreed that in the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions they will liable for penal action as per the provisions of rules / guidelines made under FCA, 1980.

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Sl. No.	Compliance stipulated by Government of India	Compliance of conditions / reply
xviii	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (https://parivesh.nic.in/).	The User Agency has agreed and submitted compliance report on the above conditions through online.

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The Compliance Report furnished by the User agency along with connected undertakings / documents and report of the Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai and the Deputy Director, SMTR, Srivilliputhur are forwarded in the PARIVESH Portal for further action.

I request that the Compliance Report may be forwarded to Government of India, Regional Office, Chennai and obtain Stage-II final approval for diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land in Saptur RF for laying of underground OFC along Theni Mallapuram route in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai for a period of 20 years.

Yours faithfully,


 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
 (Forest Conservation Act) (FAC)

08/04/25

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests & Field Director, SMTR, Madurai.

Copy to the Deputy Director, SMTR, Srivilliputhur.

Copy to M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai.

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