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JDFPL/AP/ROW/OFC/NLD/DFO-NELLORE/0.19 Ha Compliance/2022-23/151, Dated 8th December 2022

To
The District Forest Officer,
Sri Pottasri Ramulu Nellore District,
Nellore,
Andhra Pradesh.

Sub: Diversion of 0.19 Ha of Forest Land between Udayagiri-Duttalur in Nellore Division for laying of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) along the road within the Right of Way (RoW) in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited for providing 4G Communications- In principle (Stage-I) approval accorded – Orders Communicated – Submission of condition wise compliance - Reg.

- Ref.: 1. MoEF & CC, IRO, Vijayawada F. No. 4-APB188/2022-Vij/578, dated 26-09-2022
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- 3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force (FAC) Rc. No. EFS02-15026/15/2020-FCA-SEC PCCF/FCA-3 dated 18-11-2022

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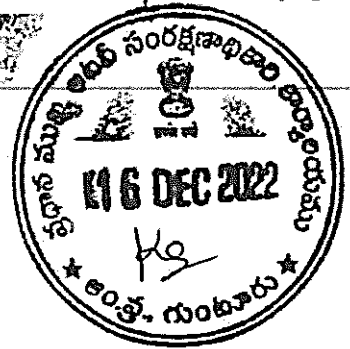
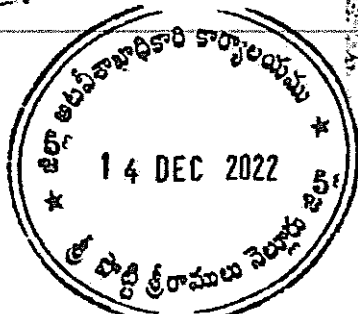
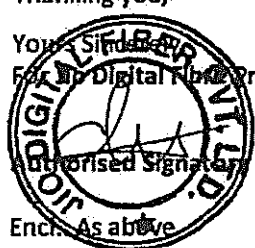
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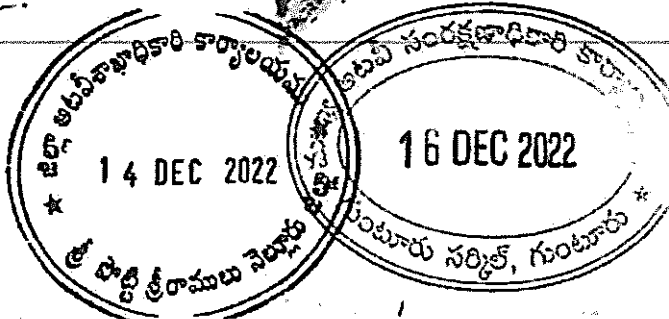
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Stage-1 Compliance Report

Diversion of 0.19 Ha of Forest Land between Udayagiri-Duttalur in Nellore Division for laying of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) along the road within the Right of Way (RoW) in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited for providing 4G Communications- In principle (Stage-I) approval accorded vide MoEF & CC, IRO, Vijayawada F. No. 4-APB188/2022-Vij/578, dated 26-09-2022 conveyed through Govt. of Andhra Pradesh Memo No. 1570/Section-II/2022/ 1795524, Dated 28-10-2022 and communicated by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force (FAC) Rc. No. EFS02-15026/15/2020-FCA-SEC PCCF/FCA-3 dated 18-11-2022

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(i)	The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged	Complied	Undertaking enclosed
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(iii)	The User Agency shall deposit cost towards plantation and maintenance of 100 number of trees.	Complied	Undertaking enclosed
(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 Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA No. 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 22.03.2022	Complied	As per Honorable Supreme Court orders dt.28-03-2008 & 09-05-2008, NPV is fully exempted for Laying of Under Ground Optical Fiber Cable where no felling of trees is involved and area falls outside National Park/Sanctuary. Pl. refer to Chapter 3, Point No. 3.5 (4) of MoEF & CC's Handbook of Guidelines dated 28-03-2019.
(v)	Additional amount of the Net Present Value (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.	Complied	Undertaking enclosed

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For Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited


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Date: 9th December 2022

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Undertaking for Stage-1 Compliance

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JDFPL/AP/ROW/NLD/OFC/ITDA-NELLORE/2022-23/148, dated 28th November 2022

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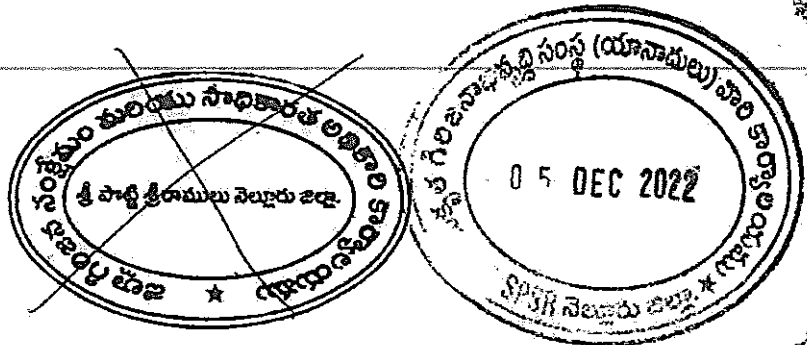
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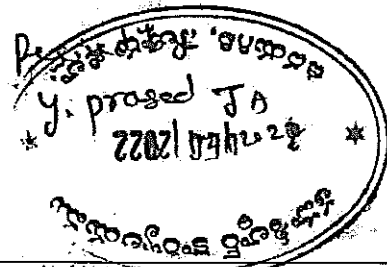
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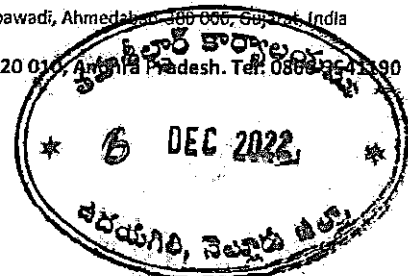
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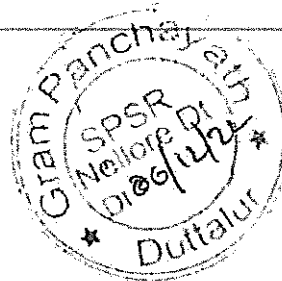
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JDFPL/AP/ROW/NLD/OFC/GP-UDAYAGIRI/2022-23/144, dated 28th November 2022

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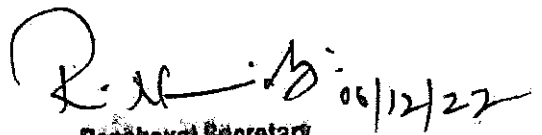
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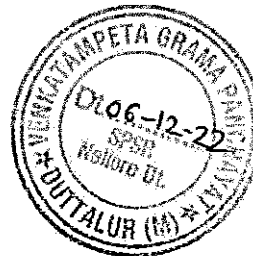
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Chapter 3

Net Present Value

3.1 In pursuance of the orders of 29th Oct 2002 of the Supreme Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/95 in addition to the funds realized for compensatory afforestation, the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest land diverted for non- forest purposes is also to be recovered from the user agencies, for undertaking forest protection, other conservation measures and related activities.

3.2 NPV is recoverable in all cases where diversion is approved on or after 29th Oct 2002 and also the cases for which in-principle clearance was granted before 29th October 2002 and final clearance after that.

3.3 In their orders of 28th March 2008, 28th April 2008 and 9th May 2008, the Apex Court decided the rates of NPV per ha. of the forest area diverted effective from 28th March 2008 for three years and subject to variation after three years, and also exemptions in specified categories of non-forest uses.

3.4 NPV Rates

The rates of NPV recoverable from the User Agency with effect from 28th March 2008 depending upon the type of forest land diverted are as mentioned below:

Eco-Value class	VDF	DF	OF
	NPV (in Rs.)		
Class I	10,43,000	9,39,000	7,30,000
Class II	10,43,000	9,39,000	7,30,000
Class III	8,87,000	8,03,000	6,26,000
Class IV	6,26,000	5,63,000	4,38,000
Class V	9,39,000	8,45,000	6,57,000
Class VI	9,91,000	8,97,000	6,99,000

Eco-Class I - Tropical Wet Evergreen Forests,
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Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests

Eco- Class II- Littoral and Swamp Forests

Eco-Class III- Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests

Eco-Class IV - Tropical Thorn Forests and Tropical Dry Evergreen Forests

Eco-Class V - Sub-tropical Broad-Leaved Hill Forests,
Sub-Tropical Pine Forests and
Sub-Tropical Dry Evergreen Forests

Eco-Class VI - Montane Wet Temperate Forests,
Himalayan Moist Temperate Forests,
Himalayan Dry Temperate Forests,
Sub Alpine Forest,
Moist Alpine Scrub and Dry Alpine Scrub

However, for following specified areas of diversion/ projects the following rates of NPV will be applicable:

1.	Forest land falling in National Parks, if permitted in exceptional circumstances	10 times NPV for the forest area
2.	Forest land falling in Wildlife Sanctuaries, if permitted in exceptional circumstances	5 times NPV for the forest area
3.	Non-forest land falling within the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, if permitted.	NPV payable for the adjoining forest area
4.	Non-forest land falling within marine National Parks / Wildlife Sanctuaries, if permitted	5 times NPV for adjoining forest areas
5.	Re-diversion of already diverted forest land	Normal NPV for re-diverted forest land, except when such re-diversion is for the same UA and for same project (i.e. change of land use for the same project for which diversion has been approved)
6.	Mining area broken up before 25.10. 1980	Normal NPV for the forest area at the time of renewal of mining lease.

3.5 **Exemption from payment of NPV**

The following category of projects have been given exemption to the extent mentioned in the list below:

S. No.	Category	Particulars of Exemptions
1.	(i) Schools	Full exemption up to 1 ha., of forest land provided: (a) no felling of trees is involved (b) alternate forest land is not available; (c) the project is of non-commercial nature and is part of the Plan/Non-Plan Scheme of Government; and (d) area is outside any National Park or Wild Life Sanctuary.
	(ii) Hospitals	
	(iii) Children's playground of non-commercial nature	
	(iv) Community centers in rural areas	
	(v) Over-head tanks	
	(vi) Village tanks,	
	(vii) Laying of underground drinking water pipeline up to 4" diameter	
	(viii) Electricity distribution line up to 22 KV in rural areas	

2.	Relocation of villages from National Parks/Sanctuaries to alternate forest land	Full Exemption	
3.	Collection of boulders/silts from the river belts in the forest area	Full exemption provided: (a) area is outside National Park/Sanctuary; (b) No mining lease is approved/signed in respect of this area; (c) the works including the sale of boulders/silt are carried out departmentally or through Government undertaking or through the Economic Development Committee or Joint Forest Management Committee; (d) the activity is necessary for conservation and protection of forests; and (e) the sale proceeds are used for protection/conservation of forests	
4.	Laying of underground optical fiber cable	Full exemption provided: (a) no felling of trees is involved; and (b) area falls outside National Park/Sanctuary	
5.	Regularization of eligible encroachments before 22.10.1980, and conversion of forest villages into revenue villages	Full exemption	
6.	Underground mining	Surface strain predicted by 3-D subsidence prediction model	NPV
		Up to 5mm/m	NIL
		5mm to 10mm/m	10% of normal rates of NPV
		10mm/m to 15 mm/m	25% of normal rates of NPV
		15 mm/m to 20 mm/m	50% of normal rates of NPV
		more than 20 mm/m	Normal rates of NPV
7.	Other underground works requiring diversion of forest land	50% of normal rates of NPV	

8.	Grant of Petroleum Mining Lease [under P& NG Rules under Oil Field (Regulation and Development) Act 1954]	2% of the NPV for entire forest land in the mining lease.
9.	Wind Energy	50% at the minimum NPV rate provided minimal tree felling is involved, irrespective of the eco-class in which the project lies.
10.	Field firing range by the Defence Ministry not involving felling of trees and no likelihood of destruction of forests	Full exemption
11.	Small Hydro-Electric Project (upto 25 MW)	50% of the normal NPV, as granted to Wind mill energy Projects
12.	Regularization of encroachment over Zudpi Jungle land prior to 12.12.1996 (Category-II) as per the decision of the FAC dated 26.10.2017	Full Exemption
13.	Prospecting	
	Seismic Surveys	1%
	Forest area with vegetation density 0.1 to 0.4	2%
	Forest area with vegetation density 0.4 to 0.7	5%
14.	Zoo	15%

3.6 Vide their order dated 5th October 2015 the Apex Court ordered to transfer various applications for exemption from payment of NPV to the MoEF&CC for consideration in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible.

3.7 The latest ISFR of FSI may be followed for determination of density for the purpose of NPV rates.

SHORT TAKES

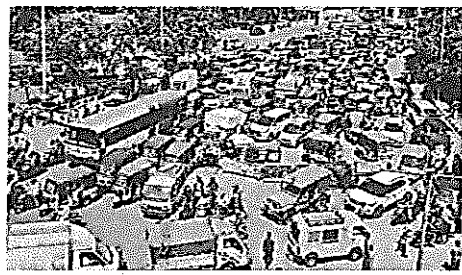
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M.S. SAMANYA | DC VISAKHAPATNAM, DEC. 2



Traffic jam at Gyanapuram junction in Visakhapatnam

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All set for Navy Day



Large gathering for Navy Day celebrations in Vizag

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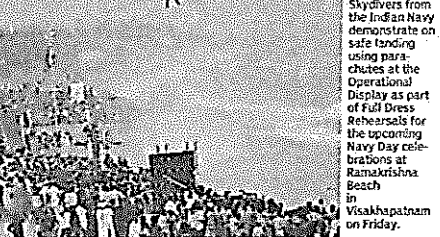
SIVPL chief resigns to TTD trustee post

DC CORRESPONDENT TIRUPATI, DEC. 2

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Trust Board member Lakshmi Narayana Bhoodatt, Director of Sahiti Infrazest Ventures Pvt. Ltd. (SIVPL), is leaving to become a trustee of the TTD.

At the time, Bhoodatt had released a video claiming that a couple of his employees were being asked to leave their houses for which they have already made their payments in full.

He has been accused of misappropriating TTD funds. However, the government is yet to accept the same. Membership of the TTD Board is one of the most coveted posts by bigwigs in the country.



Protesters demonstrating on the beach in Vizag

Below: Marine Commanders of the Indian Navy demonstrate amphibious assault operations by arriving at the shore on Gemini Boats. Below: Flyovers from the Indian Navy demonstrate on safe landing using para-buoys at the Operational Display as part of Full Dress Rehearsals for the upcoming TTD officials inauguration at Ramakrishna Beach in Visakhapatnam on Friday.

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COPS SUSPECT RASH DRIVING FOR MISHAP

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Cops rushed to the spot and the members pulled out the fire. The deceased were Vinod Kumar Yadav (27) of Machilipatnam and Jaunpur UB who drove the container to a Bhanuvaram-based seafood company from an Anakapalle coast streper. Helper of the container K Peddaturaj (47) Janna Siva Naga Malleswara Rao (40) also victim of Penumbilla in Guntur. Cops suspect rash driving by the said driver caused the mishap.

COUPLE WERE IN LOVE FOR 5 YEARS

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According to the police, Mohana Krishna was found hanging from a ceiling fan at her home in Reddyvaripalle under Chandragiri mandal on July 7. The police first recorded it as 'possible suicide', based on a statement from her father Muni Raja. However, the autopsy report that came a couple of days ago made clear that the girl was strangled to death.

REVISED DEGREE Students advised to submit old ODs to get revised

JNTU-K to reform database

VADREVI SRINIVAS | DC KAKINADA, DEC. 2 The Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Kakinada (JNTU-K) is strengthening the centralised database system in issuing certificates to students. There exists confusion among the evaluation department personnel in issuing the ODs for R13 and R14 regulation students. For example, the students of R13 regulations are being given ODs with percentage of marks in original degrees to students. Also, the students who are having backlogs should not be given distinction grade, though they secured more than 78.

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The committee also recommended that the examination answer sheets be stored in a special software and secure it in hardware programmes developed by the university. To implement the reforms, GVR Prasada Raju appointed professor Dr. Haritha as controller of examinations for R13 and R14 as well several additional controllers of examinations and non-teaching staff to the wing.

10 students fall sick due to food poisoning

DC CORRESPONDENT VISAKHAPATNAM, DEC. 2

At least 10 girls of AP Residential Junior College (ARJC) at Tadipatri in S. Kotla mandal of Vijayanagara district have fallen ill due to food poisoning. They all consumed their meals in the hostel on Thursday night on Friday morning, they complained of stomach pain and vomiting.

The health officials rushed them to the government hospital in S. Kotla, where their condition is stable. The girls have recovered, but the hostel management is still under observation.

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change. Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada. Green House Complex, Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada-520010, Andhra Pradesh. Email: fro.vijayawada-metcc@gov.in. F.No. 4-APR183/2022-V/578 Date: 26th September, 2022. To: The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No. 268, 1st Floor, 4th Block, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-522503. Subject: Diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land in compartment No. 491 & 488 of Udayagiri East-Appasumudram RF & Venkatampet RF and compartment No. 479 of Duttal RF for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited-Reg. 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The user agency shall furnish an undertaking by way of execution of the project work. v. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. vi. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land. vii. Disturbance shall be kept minimal and no trees shall be cut or damaged in the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destroy nearby trees & fauna. viii. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the forest Regional Office, Vijayawada for use of the forest department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal sources of alternate fuel. ix. No trees falling shall be carried out by the User Agency. x. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency/department of persons without prior approval of the Central Government. xi. 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. xii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction material or execution of the project work. xiii. User Agency and State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines for the time being in force, as applicable to the project. xiv. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Offices (Central) of the forest Regional Office, Vijayawada 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. xv. 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. After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this order. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years. Yours faithfully (N.S.Murthy) Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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