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**Government of Punjab
Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation
(FCA Branch)**

To

Dated.19/10/2022

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.

Sub: - Diversion of 1.1826 Ha. Forest Land Permission for laying Optical Fiber Cable along the Ferozepur Muktsar road KM 4/287 to KM 12/500 & Ferozepur Muktsar road Km 12/500 to 30/500 on route Ferozpur-Muktsar (Link 1.2.33) for Army Project ASCON PH-IV. Total Length 26213 mtr Width 0.45 Mtrs, Depth 1.65 Mtrs Under Forest Division Ferozepur, Punjab FP/PB/OFC/154007/2022/

Government of India has accorded general approval under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 vide letter No. F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 in under para 4.2 according in the cases of laying of Underground Telephone Lines, Optical Fiber Cable/Underground Laying of Drinking Water Supply Pipeline.

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted vide your letter under reference general approval of Govt. of India under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for "Stage-I approval" of temporary diversion of 1.1826 ha. of forest land measuring 26213 mtrs. Long, 0.45 mtrs and width 1.65 mtrs Depth along the road for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (ITI Limited., ITI Bhawan, Doorvaninagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka) is hereby conveyed subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
2. The User Agency shall provide certificate regarding Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers Recognition of Forest Rights Act, 2006 from the concerned Deputy Commissioner to Divisional Forest Officer, Ferozepur.
3. The forest land to be diverted as per Stage-I approval will not be used for any other purpose.
4. No tree will be felled by the User Agency.
5. As per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28-3-08 in I.A No. 826 in 566..... in W.P.(C) 202 of 1995, the user agency is exempted for paying of the charges under NPV: (a) no felling of trees is involved; and (b) the areas fall outside National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.
6. User Agency has given Bank Guarantee of Rs.655325/- to Divisional Forest Officer, Ferozepur.

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7. The Optical Fiber Cable will be laid along the road within the existing right of way and closed to the outermost edge of the forest land. The dug out land shall be restored by the User Agency and the same shall be made good immediately after the approved operation.
8. This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under relevant local Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable.
9. The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the DFO, Ferozepur for carrying out any maintenance operation.
10. The User Agency shall abide by any other condition (s) that may be imposed by this Department in the interest of afforestation and protection of environment.
11. The State Forest Department may revoke/suspend this approval, if any of the above conditions is not satisfactorily fulfilled by the User Agency.
12. An undertaking is tendered by the User Agency for abiding all the aforesaid conditions.
13. If any other NOC is necessary for the work under any Act/Rules/Guidelines etc. from any other Departments, the user agency should obtain the same on its own before the commencement of laying of Cable.
14. This approval is granted subject to the condition that there is no court case pending in any court pertaining to the land or trees in the present FCA case. Any legal liability arising out of such case; if any, will be the sole responsibility of the land owning Department
15. DFO, Ferozepur shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions and CF, Ferozepur Circle will supervise it.

Manjit Kaur
UNDER SECRETARY
19/10/2022

Copy to: -

1. Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Bays No. 24-25, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh
2. Conservator of Forests, Ferozepur Circle.
3. Divisional Forest Officer, Ferozepur.
4. M/s ITI Limited., ITI Bhawan, Doorvaninagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka.