



To

17-08-2022

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
Tamil Nadu Forest Department, Saidapet, Chennai-15.

Sir,

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 0.825 ha of forest land in Coimbatore Forest Division for laying of underground OFC along Thadagam-Anaikatty road passing through Thadagam RF, Gobinari-Tholampalayam road passing through Gobinari RF, Velliyankadu-Ansur Check post-Athikadavu-Mulli-Perumpallam (Nilgiris District Border) road passing through Nellithurai and Melur Slopes RF in Coimbatore District – Stage-I approval accorded – Compliance report furnishing off – Regarding

- Ref: 1) Online proposal No. FP/TN/Others/29282/2017
2) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Chennai F. No. 4-TNB083/2022-CHN/265, dated 11.03.2022
3) Government of Tamil Nadu letter No. 16725/FR.10/2020 dated, 14.02.2022
4) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai letter C. No. TS3/35914/2020, dated 01.12.2020, 10.02.2021, 26.11.2021, 17.03.2022
5) District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Forest Division, Coimbatore C. No. 1521/2015/D1, dated 28.04.2022

With reference to the above letters cited, the Compliance report on the fulfillment of conditions stipulated in the Stage I approval for diversion of 0.825 ha of forest land in Coimbatore Forest Division for laying of underground OFC along Thadagam-Anaikatty road passing through Thadagam RF, Gobinari-Tholampalayam road passing through Gobinari RF, Velliyankadu-Ansur Check post-Athikadavu-Mulli-Perumpallam (Nilgiris District Border) road passing through Nellithurai and Melur Slopes RF in Coimbatore District is furnished as below.



Condition 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	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.	As informed by the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division, demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 160 numbers of 4 feet high cement concrete pillars, duly numbered, at an interval of 200 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 furnished 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, 27.50 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 1.90 km. After completion of the OFC cable laying work, trenching area will be restored to its original state. Combined undertaking is enclosed.

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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.
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.
x	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 0.825 ha and	The total forest area utilized for the project will not exceed 0.057 ha and



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	the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.	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.	The user agency ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and guidelines for the time being in force, as applicable to the project. Combined undertaking is enclosed.
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.
xiv	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.	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 obtained for Stage - II final for



diversion of 0.825 ha of forest land in Coimbatore Forest Division for laying of underground OFC along Thadagam-Anaikatty road passing through Thadagam RF, Gobinari-Tholampalayam road passing through Gobinari RF, Velliyankadu-Ansur Check post-Athikadavu-Mulli-Perumpallam (Nilgiris District Border) road passing through Nellithurai and Melur Slopes RF in Coimbatore District in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai for a period of 20 years.

Encl.: As stated above.

Yours faithfully

Authorised Signatory,
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Chennai.

Copy to

- (1) The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Government of Tamil Nadu, Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9
- (2) 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
- (3) The Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Anamalai Tiger Reserve, Coimbatore
- (4) The District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Forest Division, Coimbatore.

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Authorised Signatory,
M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited,
Chennai

Undertaking

We (the user agency) 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



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