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Office of the
Deputy Conservator of Forests,
North Dang Division,
Date: 07/09/2024.

To,
Manager,

Gujarat fiber grid Network Ltd.
Block-B, Third Floor, Jilla seva sadan-2
Near Chowpati Garden, Athwalines,
Surat-Zone

Subject: Proposal for grant of permission for laying Optical Fiber Cable along with the routes mentioned here under Protected Forest & Reserved Forest in Dang District (Total kms-1.875 hec. 0.084)

Reference:-(1) Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department's Letter no: FCA/1015/1013/15/SF-83/F, Date: 04/02/2016.
(2) Gujarat Fibre Grid Network Ltd, Letter No.GFGNL/DGM/SRT/ROW/2021/09 Date.04-Sep-2021

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No GFGNL/DGM/SRT/ROW/2021/09. Dated: 04/Sep/2021. on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Government under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as per following:

Sr. No.	Particular		Length X Width (Meter)		Depth (Meter)	Area (Ha)
	Village	Sr.No	Length	Width		
1	Kalamkhet	71/1	128	0.45	1.65	0.006
		71/2	249	0.45	1.65	0.011
		71/3	40.2	0.45	1.65	0.002
		71/4	46.3	0.45	1.65	0.002
		71/5	27.5	0.45	1.65	0.001
		71/6	21.6	0.45	1.65	0.001
2	Mulchond	156	191	0.45	1.65	0.009
		143	253	0.45	1.65	0.011
		150	102	0.45	1.65	0.055
		147	101	0.45	1.65	0.005
		143	78.9	0.45	1.65	0.004
3	Ghoghali	32	140	0.45	1.65	0.006
		65	497	0.45	1.65	0.022
		Total:-				0.084

Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department, Gandhinagar vide its circular mentioned under Reference has delegated powers under "General Approval" to the concerned divisional forest officer to grant approval under forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground optical fiber cables, telephone lines along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Parks and Wildlife sanctuaries, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of the trench is not more than 1.65 meter depth and 0.45 meter width subject to certain conditions.

And whereas, the user agency, while applying and through the documents submitted, has confirmed that its FCA proposal, falls along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Parks and Wildlife sanctuaries, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of the trench is not more than 1.65 meter depth and 0.45 meter width and hence fulfils all the above specified conditions and eligibility, as laid down in circular mentioned at ref (1) and falls under the category of proposal eligible for "general; approval".

And whereas having verified on the site that above facts are correct and fulfils the above specific conditions of "general; approval", the following order is issued.

In view of the above, the undersigned is pleased to convey its "in principle" approval for diversion of 0.084 ha. of Proposal for grant of permission for laying Optical Fiber Cable along with the routes mentioned here under Protected Forest & Reserved Forest in Dang District (Total kms-1.875 hec, 0.084) to the following conditions:-

1. This permission is granted only for use of the forest land for the purpose specified in the proposal. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The cost of NPV, Registration fees, Processing Fees etc. as per Demand Note attached herewith shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the Project authority.
3. The User Agencies shall Generate challan through OSMFWC portal before making payment for stage-II Clearance process. All the fund shall be deposited through OSMFWC portal by the user Agency.
4. In future if any amount regarding Net Present Value (NPV) or Compensatory Afforestation (CA) is required the user agency is bounded to pay in favor of Deputy Conservator of Forest.
5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.
6. The user agency will have to obtain permission from the undersigned for carrying out any maintenance works in future.
7. The user agency will have to make good the forest land after use /maintenance work. No trees shall be cut.
8. The user agency will be liable to make good any loss to Forests / Environment caused due to the use of the said land by the user agency.
9. The user agency will seek permission from the Road & Building Department / Science & Technology Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, if required so.
10. The line will be laid underground in a trench of depth of 1.65 meters and width of 0.45 meters in between rows of road side plantation.
11. The User Agency shall submit the details regarding compliance of MOEF's guideline dated 03/08/2009 and 05/02/2013 with regard to the Scheduled Tribe & Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.
12. The additional conditions under chapter-5 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be applicable to this proposal as the Government of Gujarat's Resolution No.FCA-1013/11-10/11/SF-24/F, Dated:12/06/2015. The user Agency will comply additional condition as per the aforementioned resolution.
13. Any other condition, which the Nodal office (FCA)/the State Government may stipulate from time to time. After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of conditions no. (2), (3), (5) & (12) mentioned above, from you, order of formal approval will be issued by this Department.


(D.N.Rabari)

Deputy Conservator of Forests
North Dang Division Ahwa

Copy submitted to:-Principle Secretary, F&E, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.

Copy submitted to :- Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, land, Gandhinagar, Gujarat State for favour of information.

Copy submitted to:- Chief Conservator of Forest Valsad Circle, Valsad.

Copy:- Range Forest Officer Kalibel, and Ahwa West.


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