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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,  
 Environment & Forests Department,  
 Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009

**Subject: Diversion of 0.045 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Rishivandiyam to Poondi Eraiyur and Adhiyur to Eraiyur road section in Rishivandiyam to Nemili Road across Seedevi Reserved Forest in Kallakuruchi District in favour of the Reliance JiInfocomm Ltd., Chennai- Reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter 1355/FR.10/2023-2 dated 24.07.2023, and online proposal No.FP/TN/Others/38127/2019, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's in-principle approval (**Stage-I**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **0.045 ha** of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Rishivandiyam to PoondiEraiyur and Adhiyur to Eraiyur road section in Rishivandiyam to Nemili Road across Seedevi Reserved Forest in Kallakuruchi District in favour of the Reliance JiInfocomm Ltd., Chennai, **for a period of 25 years**, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (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;