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No. FCA/8/C/ **585-79**/2019-20

Dated:- **19/11/2019**

To
Manager,
Jio Digital Fiber Private Ltd.,
Reliance Mart, 2nd Floor,
Opp. Drive In Cinema, Driven Road,
Thaltej, Ahmedabad-380054.

Subject:- Proposal for grant of permission for laying optical Fiber Cable along the routes mentioned hereunder. (Protected Forest Area).
1. From Char Rasta Traj/Matar to 'T' junction on old NH-8 Nr, Gyandip Vidhyalaya on SH via Matar, Moti Bhagol. **(10.850 Km. / Hac. 0.48825)**

Ref:-
1. Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department
Letter No. FCA/1015/1013/15 SF-83 F (1) date :04/02/2016
2. Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department
Letter No. FCA/29/A/1062-1135, date :10/03/2016
3. APCCF, Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department
Letter No. JMN/29-A/B/1690-1760/16-17, Dt.20/05/2016
4. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Ahmedabad
Letter No. JDFPT/Guj/Forest/Nadiad/NLD-8A/01, Dt.22/07/2019

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your Letter No. Jio Digital Fiber Private Ltd., Ahmedabad Dt.22/07/2018 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 (Meters)	Width (Meters)	Total Area (Hac.)
1	2	3	4	5
1	From Char Rasta Traj/Matar to 'T' junction on old NH-8 Nr, Gyandip Vidhyalaya on SH via Matar, Moti Bhagol. (10.850 Km. / Hac. 0.48825)	21045	0.45	0.48825
	Total :::	10.850 km		0.48825 Hac.

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, Drinking Water, Electric 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 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 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 **2.00** meter depth and **1.00** meter width and hence fulfils all the above specified condition 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 condition 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 **0.48825** Ha. of Protected Forest Land for laying Underground **Optical Fiber Cable** Kheda and Matar Taluka of District Kheda in favor of Jio Digital Fiber Private Ltd., Ahmedabad Subject to following condition :-

14. 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.
15. The Cost of NPV, Registration fees, Processing fee etc. as per Demand Note attached herewith shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the Project Authority.
16. 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 Agency.
17. In future if any amount regarding Net Present Value (NPV) or Compensatory Afforestation (CA) is required the User Agency is bounded to pay in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forest.
18. The Forest Land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.
19. The User Agency will have to obtain permission from the undersigned for carrying out any maintenance works in future.
20. The User Agency will have to make good the Forest Land after use/maintenance work. **No tree shall be cut.**
21. 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.
22. The User Agency will seek permission from the Road & Building Department / Science & Technology Dept. Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar. If required so.
23. The **Optical Fiber Cable** will be laid underground in a trench of depth of **2.00** meters and width of **1.00** in between rows of road side plantation.
24. 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.

25. 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, Dt.12-06-2015. The User Agency shall comply additional condition as per the aforementioned resolution.
26. Another condition, which the Nodal officer (FCA)/ the State Government may stipulate from time to time.

After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfillment of condition no., (2), (3), (5), (11) & (12) mentioned above, from you, order of formal approval will be issued by this department.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. T. Karuppasamy)

Deputy Conservator of Forest,
Social Forestry Division,
Nadiad.

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Copy submitted to:

1. The Additional Chief Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.
2. Additional Principle Chief Conservator of Forests (Land) Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Circle, Ahmedabad.
4. Range Forest Officer, Social Forestry Range, Kheda and Matar for Information.