

From Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) &
Nodal Officer (FCA)
Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.

To Divisional Forest Officer,
Hoshiarpur.

Sub: - Diversion of 0.9160 ha (20355 mtrs.) of forest land for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) along the route from Mehtiana to Kot Fatuhi road RD No. 79132 to 91270, RD No. 70950 to 77764 & RD No. 68400 to 69448 under Forest Division Hoshiarpur. (M/s Idea Cellular Ltd)

Ref: - Your letter No. 2556 dated 31.01.2017.

Government of India has accorded general approval under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 vide letter No. 11-9/98-FC dated 08-04-2009 dated 02.02.2015 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 temporary diversion of **0.9160 ha** of forest land for digging of trenches measuring 20355 mtrs. long and 0.45 mtrs wide along the road for laying of Optical Fiber Cable is hereby conveyed (M/s Idea Cellular Ltd) **with direction for strict compliance of the orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in O.A.161& O.A.162 of 2016 dated 19.05.2016 and orders dated 28.10.2016 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 33942 of 2016 titled State of Punjab and others V/s Amandeep Aggarwal and others subject to the following conditions:-**

1. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
2. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose.
3. No tree will be felled.
4. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 28-3-08 in I.A No. 826 in 566..... in W.P.(C) 202 of 1995 has fully exempted NPV provided: (a) no felling of trees is involved; and (b) the areas fall outside National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.
5. User Agency has given Bank Guarantee of Rs. 508875/- to DFO, Hoshiarpur.
6. The Optical Fiber Cable will be laid along the road within the existing right of way and close 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.
7. This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under relevant local Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable.
8. The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the DFO, Hoshiarpur for carrying out any maintenance operation.
9. 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.
10. The State Forest Department may revoke/suspend this approval, if any of the above conditions is not satisfactorily fulfilled by the User Agency.
11. An undertaking is signed by the User Agency for abiding by all the aforesaid conditions.
12. If any other NOC is necessary under any Act/Rules/Guidelines etc. from other Departments, the user agency should obtain the same before the commencement of laying of Cable.
13. 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 before the work started.
14. CF, North circle Hoshiarpur /DFO, Hoshiarpur shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions.



Chief Conservator of Forest (FCA),
Punjab, SAS Nagar.

Endst. No. FCA/1980/208/2016/_____

Dated _____

Copy to: -

1. DIG (FC), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 110003.
2. Financial Commissioner (Forests) & Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Forests and Wildlife Preservation Chandigarh.
3. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Bays No. 24-25, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh.
4. Conservator of Forests, North Circle, Hoshiarpur/ Hoshiarpur w.r.t DFO, Hoshiarpur's letter No.2556 dated 31.01.2017 for information and necessary action.
5. Master file.

Chief Conservator of Forest (FCA),