

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

Ref.No.18971/2017/FCA-3  
Dated:17.03.2021.

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &  
Head of Forest Force  
Telangana, "Aranya Bhavan",  
Saifabad, Hyderabad - 500 004.

**Smt. R.Sobha, I.F.S.,**  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

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**Sub:-** TS - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Diversion of forest land to an extent of **2.0025 ha** in various forest divisions viz. Gudur WL (**1.362 ha**), Mahabubabad (**0.131 ha**), Yellandu (**0.344 ha**), Warangal (Rural) (**0.1655 ha**) in Mahabubabad, Kothagudem and Warangal (Rural) Districts respectively - for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing Right of Way - in favour of M/s.Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited (earlier M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited) - **In-principle (Stage-I) approval - Communicated orders for compliance** - Regarding.

**Ref:-**

1. PCCF's Ref.No.18971/2017/FCA-1 dated 30.12.2017.
2. M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd Lr.No.RJIL/OFC/ROW/INTERCITY/TS/HYD/Forest/021 dated 30.01.2018.
3. PCCF's Ref.No.18971/2017/FCA-1 dated 10.02.2018.
4. CCF, Kothagudem Rc.No.195/2018/M3(iii) dated 12.09.2018.
5. CCF, Warangal Rc.No.498/2018/D1 dated 03.01.2019 and 26.09.2019.
6. GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, Lr. F.NO. 5-2/2017-FC,dt. 28.03.2019
7. PCCF's Ref.No.18971/2017/FCA-1 dated 17.10.2019.
8. PCCF's Ref.No.18971/2017/FCA-1, Dt.09.01.2020.
9. GoTS, Memo.No.1289/For.I(1)/2020, Dt.16.06.2020.
10. PCCF's & CWLW (FAC) Rc.No.1274/2014/WL-1, Dt.31.10.2020.
11. PCCF's Ref.No.18971/2017/FCA-3, Dated:25.11.2020
12. G.O. Rt. No. 30 EFS&T (FOR.I) Dept., Dt. 06.03.2021

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The attention of the Forest Divisional Officers, Gudur WL, Mahabubabad and Yellandu and the District Forest Officer, Warangal (Rural) are invited to the references cited. It is informed that in exercise of the powers delegated to the State Government by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi in the reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited, the State Government vide G.O. 12<sup>th</sup> cited, have **accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval**, for diversion of forest land to an extent of **2.0025 ha** in various forest divisions viz. Gudur WL (**1.362 ha**), Mahabubabad (**0.131 ha**), Yellandu (**0.344 ha**), Warangal (Rural) (**0.1655 ha**) of Bhadradi-Kothagudem, Mahabubabad, and Warangal (Rural) Districts respectively - for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing Right of Way - in favour of M/s.Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited (earlier M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited) **subject to compliance of conditions stipulated therein**; and requested the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) to take further necessary action in the matter accordingly. A copy of the G.O. 12<sup>th</sup> cited is communicated herewith.

The Forest Divisional Officers, **Gudur WLM, Mahabubabad, Yellandu Divisions and the District Forest Officer, Warangal (Rural) district** are therefore requested to raise demand note as per the actual rates and submit the demand note to the Nodal Officer on email ([ccfcampa.apfd@gmail.com](mailto:ccfcampa.apfd@gmail.com), [fcanodalrg@gmail.com](mailto:fcanodalrg@gmail.com), and [fact1980@gmail.com](mailto:fact1980@gmail.com)) **for vetting. Only after vetting of the demand note by the Nodal Officer, the Forest Divisional Officer/District Forest Officer should raise the demand with the User Agency**, who in-turn has to upload the demand online on Ministry's portal, generate Challan and transfer the funds through online only into the specified Ad-hoc CAMPA account of Telangana State. The detailed procedure for generation of Challan and deposition of funds is available at <https://parivesh.nic.in/> portal.

The mode of remittance for compensatory levies shall be through **e-payment portal of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change only** as per the guidelines issued by MoEF&CC, GoI (Ad-hoc CAMPA Wing).

**Note:** As per the clarification issued by the Ad-hoc CAMPA Wing vide **F.No.13-20/2015-CAMPA, dt.09.06.2016**, the charges for felling, logging, transportation of project affected trees & the funds towards expenditure like boundary walls, stone pillars, demarcation charges etc., if any, should be deposited with the Divisional Forest Officers (now FDOs/DFOs) concerned and the work should be undertaken departmentally in-order to ensure that the task of felling / transportation / stone pillars etc., are undertaken authentically and in the best interests of the forest. The funds deposited with the Forest Divisional Officer/District Forest Officer for carrying out such activities should be put to actual utilization only.

In addition to above, Forest Divisional Officers, **Gudur WL, Mahabubabad and Yellandu divisions and the District Forest Officer, Warangal (Rural)** district are directed to instruct the User Agency to comply with the following in accordance with the instructions issued by the GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide F.No.7-23-2012-FC, Dt.24.07.2013 communicated vide PCCF's Ref.No.45921/2001/F4, Dt.23.08.2013.

1. Publish the entire forest clearances granted to the project proponent for the use of forest land for the non-forest purposes in verbatim along with the condition(s) and safe-guards imposed by the Central Government in two widely circulated daily news paper i.e., one is vernacular language and the other in English.
2. The copies of the forest clearance should also be submitted to the heads of local bodies, Panchayats and municipal bodies by the project proponents in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in-turn has to display the same for 30 days from the date of receipt of this reference.

The Forest Divisional Officers, **Gudur WLM, Mahabubabad and Yellandu and the District Forest Officer, Warangal (Rural)** is specifically directed to obtain and submit condition-wise **compliance report with documentary evidence together with press clipping publishing the entire forest clearances granted to the project proponent** through District Forest Officers, Bhadradi-Kothagudem and Mahabubabad; the Conservator of Forests, Kothagudem and Conservator of Forests, Warangal and **ensure that (4) sets of condition-wise compliance together with calculation sheet of NPV and other payments details, undertakings, press clipping etc., shall be received in this office, expeditiously, for obtaining Stage-II (final) approval from the competent authority.**

The transfer of forest land to User Agency **shall not be affected** prior to the issue of final approval (or) working permission whichever is earlier.

Encl:(As above)

**Sd/-R.Sobha,**  
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

To,

The Forest Divisional Officer, Gudur WLM, Mahabubabad and Yellandu and the District Forest Officers, Warangal (Rural) and Bhadradi-Kothagudem.

Copy **(w.e.)** to the Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests, Kothagudem and Warangal for information and necessary action.

Copy **(w.e.)** to the M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Lake Shore Towers, Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad- 500082 for information.

Copy submitted to the Spl.Chief Secretary to Government, Forest Department, Telangana, Hyderabad for information.

Copy **(w.e.)** submitted to the Prl.Secretary to Government, Information Technology, Electronics and Communications Department, Telangana, Hyderabad for information.

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*D. Sobha*  
Superintendent. 18/3/2021

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

T.S. Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of forest land to an extent of **2.0025 ha** in various forest divisions viz. Gudur WL (1.362 ha) Mahabubabad (0.131 ha), Yellandu (0.344 ha), Warangal (Rural) (0.1655 ha) in Mahabubabad, Kothagudem and Warangal (Rural) Districts respectively for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing Right of way in favour of M/s.Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited (earlier M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited) – **In-principle (Stage.I) approval** accorded – Orders – Issued.



ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.30

Dated:06-03-2021  
Read the following:-

1. Government of India, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, Lr.F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dated.28-03-2019.
2. Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> reconstituted meeting of State Board for Wildlife held on 05.10.2020 at 11.00AM.
3. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S. Hyd. Ref.No.18971/2017/FCA-3, Dated:25.11.2020.

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ORDER:

In the letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of forest land to an extent of **2.0025 ha** in various forest divisions viz. Gudur WL (1.362 ha) Mahabubabad (0.131 ha), Yellandu (0.344 ha), Warangal (Rural) (0.1655 ha) in Mahabubabad, Kothagudem and Warangal (Rural) Districts respectively for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing Right of way in favour of M/s.Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited (earlier M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited)

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2. The proposal has been examined with reference to the guidelines issued by the Government of India in the letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above.

3. Government after careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India in the letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above, hereby accord **in-principle (Stage.I) approval** for diversion of forest land to an extent of **2.0025 ha** in various forest divisions viz. Gudur WL (1.362 ha) Mahabubabad (0.131 ha), Yellandu (0.344 ha), Warangal (Rural) (0.1655 ha) in Mahabubabad, Kothagudem and Warangal (Rural) Districts respectively for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road and within the existing Right of way in favour of M/s.Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited (earlier M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited), subject to compliance of the following conditions:

- i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. **Demarcation of the forest land diverted:** The State Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency and cost for which shall be deposited by the User Agency with the forest department as assessed by the concerned District Forest Officer/ Forest Divisional Officer;

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- iii. **Net Present Value:**
- a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the **2.0025 ha** forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA.No.566 in WP (C) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC (Pt.II) dated 18/09/2003, as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 in this regard;
  - b) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to the effect;
- iv. **No tree felling and branch cutting shall be carried out by the User agency;**
- v. User Agency shall fulfill the conditions stipulated in Part II, Part III and Part IV and also covering letters, inspections notes of the proposals;
  - vi. The depth of the trench shall not be more than 2 m and width shall not be more than 0.4 m and after laying down of optical fiber cable the ground shall be leveled. The cable line should be laid atleast one meter below the ground;
  - vii. Disturbance should be kept minimum by creating labor camps outside the forest areas and it will be responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the laborers and staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora and fauna. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
  - 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 or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
  - ix. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
  - x. The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at the designated sites and in no case the muck/ debris will be disposed off in the forest area by the User Agency'
  - xi. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
  - xii. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of competent authority;
  - xiii. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India as well as State Forest Department/ PCCF (HoFF) may stipulate from time to time in the

interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife, shall be complied by the User Agency;

- xiv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **2.0025 ha** and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;
- xv. The User Agency to make good the land after use/ maintenance;
- xvi. The User Agency to make good any loss to forests / environment;
- xvii. The User Agency should take permission for carrying out any maintenance;
- xviii. Work should be carried out during day time only;
- xix. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;
- xx. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
- xxi. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC, Guidelines F.No.11-42/2017-FC, Dt.29.01.2018 and as per F.No.5-2/2017, Dt.28.03.2019.
- xxii. Transfer of forest land to the user agency shall not be affected prior to the issue of final approval. This approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of non compliance of the above conditions, the approval accorded automatically stand revoked after five years.
- xxiii. This proposal obtained the approval from State Board for Wildlife in the Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 05.10.2020.

After receipt of the compliance report of the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad, is therefore, directed to take further necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.SANTHI KUMARI,  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
✓ The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),  
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

**Copy to:**

The Director General, Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division),  
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi  
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The Addl. Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (C), Government of India,  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office  
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SECTION OFFICER

