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Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forest
Social Forestry Division
Valsad

No.B/JMN/T.5/14149.54/2019-20
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To,
Sub Divisional Engineer Telecom,
Telecom Project
Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
Valsad-390001

Sub: Diversion of 2.23578 Ha. of Protected Forest Land for laying Optical FiberCable line to road side strip plantation N.H.8 from Balwada-Par River (Kms.28.589) in Taluka Valsad & Pardi in the state of Gujarat Declared as Protected Forest land in Valsad District for BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED (BSNL).

Ref: (1). Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department Letter No:-
FCA/1015/1013/15/SF-83 F (1),Dt.04/02/2016.
(2) This Office Letter No:-C/JMN/T.5/121-23/2019-20 dated: 04/09/2019.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter no. SDETP/VAL/Balwada-Vapi/FOREST PERMISSION/WTR 48F/18-19/1 dated:3/8/2018 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.	Particulars	Length in Mtr.	Width in Mtr.	Strip Forest Area in Hect.(Approx.)	Location	
					From	To
1	Balwada to Par River (km 345/00)	28589	0.45	1.286505	Balwada	Par River
2	Par River (Km 345/00) to Vapi T.E	21095	0.45	0.949275	Par River	Vapi T.E
Total in Hect.				2.23578		

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,CNG/PNG pipeline and Petroleum pipeline 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 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 corrected 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 2.23578 ha. of BSNL subject to 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 Registration fees, Processing Fee etc.as per Demand Note attached herewith shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority.
3. In future if any amount regarding Net Present Value (NPV) or Compensator Afforestation (CA) is required the user agency is bounded to pay in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forest.
4. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.
5. The User agency will have to obtain permission from the undersigned for carrying out any maintainance works in future.
6. The User Agency will have to make good the forest land after use/maintenance work.No tree shall be cut.
7. 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.
8. The user agency will seek permission from the Road & Building Department/Science & Technology Dept.Sachivalay,Gandhinagar,if required so.
9. The line will be laid underground in a trench of depth of 2 meter and width of 1 meter in between rows of road side plantation.
10. The User agency shall submit the details regarding compliance of MoEF's guideline dated 03.08.2009 and 05.02.2013 with regard to te Scheduled Tribe & Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights)Act,2006.
12. The additional conditions under chapter-5 of Forest (Consrvation) 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 shall comply additional condition as per the aforementioned resolution.
13. Any other condition,which the Nodal Officer (FCA)/the State Government may Stipulate from time to time.

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

Yours Faithfully,



(S.V.Kedaria)
Deputy Conservator of Forest,
Social Forestry Division
Valsad

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Copy Submitted to:

1. Principle Secretary, F & E, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Land, Gandhinagar, Gujarat State for favour of information.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests Bharuch Circle.
4. Range Forest Officer Valsad & Pardi.