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No.:K/FCA/13/.../2019-20
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forest
Social Forestry Division
S.K.(N)Himmatnagar
M/s Building Block 'B' Second Floor
Date:30/08/2019

To,
Gujarat Fibre Grid Network Ltd.
(Government of Gujarat Company)
Block No.1, 8th Floor, Udyog Bhavan,
Sector-11, Gandhinagar-383210

Sub.: Proposal for grant permission for laying Optical Fiber Cable along the routes mentioned hereunder. (Protected Forest Area)
(1) From Dist.Limit of Mehsana/Sabarkantha(sabarmati River Bridge) to Idar Collage on SH-10 via Sundarpura. (km 24.800/Hac.1.116)
(2) Form 'T' Junction Rameshvar Ashram to NHAI-8 to Khedbrahma Town on NHAI-76 via Mathasur and Vadali. (km 20.900/ Hac.0.9405)
(3) Form Khedbrahma Town to Kheroj Village on NHAI-876 via Radhivad, Matoda. (km.28.300/ Hac.1.2735)
Total km.74.00 / Hac-3.33

User Agency: Gujarat Fibre Grid Network Ltd. Gandhinagar

- Ref.: 1. Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department Letter No. FCA/1015/1013/15/SF-83F(1), Dt. 04.02.2016.
2. Range Forest Office Ext.Range Khedbrahma Letter No.A/JMN/292,Dated.16/8/2019
3. Range Forest Office Ext.Range Idar Letter No.A/JMN/178, Dated.26/8/2019
4. Range Forest Office Ext.Range Vadali Letter No.A/JMN/91,Dated. 27/8/2019

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter no. Gujarat Fibre Grid Network Ltd. Gandhinagar No.GFGNL/BharatNet/Sabarkantha/Forest/DCF/ 01, Dated.29-07-2019 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Government under Section-2 of the forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as per following.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Length in Mtr.	Width in mtr.	Strip Forest Area in Hect. (Approx)
1	From Dist.Limit of Mehsana/Sabarkantha(sabarmati River Bridge) to Idar Collage on SH-10 via Sundarpura.	24800	0.45	1.116
	Form 'T' Junction Rameshvar Ashram to NHAI-8 to Khedbrahma Town on NHAI-76 via Mathasur and Vadali.	20900	0.45	0.9405
	Form Khedbrahma Town to Kheroj Village on NHAI-876 via Radhivad, Matoda.	28300	0.45	1.2735
	Total in Hect.	74000		3.33

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 fibre 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 **3.33 Hac. Gujarat Fibre Grid Network Ltd. Gandhinagar**

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 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.
3. 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 User Agency.
4. 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.
5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.
6. The user agency will have to obtain permission from the undersigned for carrying out any maintenance works in future.
7. The user agency will have to make good the forest land after use/maintenance work. No tree shall be cut.
8. 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.

9. The user agency will seek permission from the Road & Building Department/Science & Technology Dept. Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, if required so.
10. The line will be laid underground in a trench of depth of 1.2 meter and width of 0.5 meter in between rows of road side plantation.
11. 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.
12. 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, 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), (5) & (12) mentioned above, from you, order of formal approval will be issued by this Department.

Yours faithfully,



(A.H.Gadhvi)

Deputy Conservator of Forests
Social Forestry Division (North)
Sabarkantha Himatnagar

Copy Submitted to:- The Principle Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.

Copy Submitted to:- Additional Principle Chief Conservator of Forests, Land, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.

Copy Submitted to:- Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Circle, Mehsana