

Forest Land-Nagpur

Diversion of 1.2081 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur for laying Optical Fiber Cable within RoW of existing Road of NH-7 (Mansar to Khawasa MH/MP Border) for total length of 38.000 KM (from Km.652+000 to Km 690+000) in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra.

Government of Maharashtra

Revenue and Forest Department

Government Order No.: FLD-2022/CR.276/F-10

Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032

Date: 18.11.2022

Reference:

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur
Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal / Nagpur /ID-14247/1610/2022-23, dt.27.09.2022.

Preamble:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for diversion of 1.2081 ha. forest land for laying Optical Fiber Cable within RoW of existing Road of NH-7 (Mansar to Khawasa MH/MP Border) for total length of 38.000 KM (from Km.652+000 to Km 690+000) in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra.

Order:-

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant '**In-principle**' approval to the diversion of 1.2081 ha. Forest Land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying Optical Fiber Cable within RoW of existing Road of NH-7 (Mansar to Khawasa MH/MP Border) for total length of 38.000 KM (from Km.652+000 to Km 690+000) in Nagpur District.

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Laying optical Fiber Cable from Mansar to Khawasa (MH/MP/ Border) in the state of Maharashtra.								
Sr. No.	Village/ Taluka	Sur/ Gut. No	Comptt No	Length (in Mt)	Width (in Mt)	Sq.mtr	Area (in ha.)	Remarks
1	Mansar/ Tal. Ramtek	42	261	679.18	0.5	339.59	0.0340	Protected Forests
		18	261	126.45	0.5	63.23	0.0063	Protected Forests
		21	261	75.87	0.5	37.94	0.0038	Protected Forests

2	Kandri/ Tal. Mansar	285	260	124.93	0.5	62.46	0.0062	Protected Forests
		287	260	73.8169	0.5	36.91	0.0037	Protected Forests
3	Khumari/ Tal. Ramtek	120	258	165.13	0.5	82.5627	0.0083	Protected Forests
4	Bhondewara / Tal. Ramek	45	271	175.4241	0.5	87.7121	0.0088	Protected Forests
		54	271	168.04	0.5	84.02	0.0084	Protected Forests
		80	271	55.57	0.5	27.78	0.0028	Protected Forests
		93	271	23.35	0.5	11.68	0.0012	Protected Forests
5	Chorbahuli Mogra/ Tal Ramtek	35	270	228.06	0.5	114.03	0.0114	Protected Forests
		36	270	133.72	0.5	66.86	0.0067	Protected Forests
		10	269	1215.75	0.5	607.88	0.0608	Protected Forests
		11	269	1312.71	0.5	656.36	0.0656	Protected Forests
6	Reserved Forest Comptt.751-RF	11	751	2052.36	0.5	1026.18	0.1026	Reserved Forests
7	FDCM Forest Comptt.419-RF	-	419	564.19	0.5	282.09	0.282	Reserved Forests
8	FDCM Forest Comptt.420-RF	-	420	2270.64	0.5	1135.32	0.1135	Reserved Forests
9	Paoni/Tal. Ramtek	63	421	20.82	0.5	10.41	0.0010	Reserved Forests
		61	421	38.39	0.5	19.20	0.0019	Reserved Forests
		59	421	83.73	0.5	41.86	0.0042	Reserved Forests
		58	421	232.76	0.5	116.38	0.0116	Reserved Forests
10	Reserved Forest Comptt.422-RF	-	422	2636.06	0.5	1318.03	0.1318	Reserved Forests
11	Reserved Forest Comptt.581-RF	-	581	600.88	0.5	300.44	0.0300	Reserved Forests
12	Deolapar/ Tal. Ramtek	208	266	65.88	0.5	32.94	0.0033	Protected Forests
		156	266	304.40	0.5	152.20	0.0152	Protected Forests
13	Reserved Forests Comptt.494-RF	-	494	1123.99	0.5	561.99	0.0562	Reserved Forests

14	Vadamba/ Tal.Ramtek	55	277	67.46	0.5	33.73	0.0034	Protected Forests
15	Reserved Forests Comptt.487- RF	-	487	3150.50	0.5	1575.25	0.1575	Reserved Forests
16	Reserved Forests Comptt.484- RF	-	484	2219.04	0.5	1109.52	0.1110	Reserved Forests
17	Reserved Forest Comptt. 482-RF	-	482	2310.95	0.5	1155.47	0.1155	Reserved Forests
18	Reserved Forests Comptt.479- RF	-	479	507.15	0.5	253.58	0.0254	Reserved Forests
19	Manegaon Tek/Tal. Ramtek	72	480	239.68	0.5	119.84	0.0120	Reserved Forests
		69	480	5.32	0.5	2.66	0.0003	Reserved Forests
		52	480	152.37	0.5	76.19	0.0076	Reserved Forests
		51	480	175.67	0.5	87.84	0.0088	Reserved Forests
		50	480	163.36	0.5	81.68	0.0082	Reserved Forests
		45	480	617.79	0.5	308.89	0.0309	Reserved Forests
Total Forest area (in ha.)							1.2081	

2. This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions-

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) User Agency shall defray the cost of Net Present Value.
- 3) The proposed area falls in the RoW of the road passing through pinch point of Tiger corridor, user agency shall obtain Wildlife Clearance.
- 4) Working permission cannot be granted till the wildlife clearance is obtained by the user agency from competent authority.
- 5) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 meters depth & 0.5 meter width with cable line under the OFC pipeline.
- 6) The land under project will be reclaimed by the User Agency for which the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.
- 7) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee

will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.

- 8) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- 9) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- 10) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
- 11) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- 12) The User Agency shall pay the cost of additional Net Present Value, if required in future.
- 13) Underground Optical Fiber Cable can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
- 14) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 15) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.
- 16) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
- 17) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.
- 18) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
- 19) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 20) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
- 21) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
- 22) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
- 23) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by User Agency.
- 24) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No. 202211181804184319. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(**Ganesh Jadhao**)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

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4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO (Maha-CAMPA), M.S., Nagpur
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
7. Collector, Nagpur.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Nagpur.
9. Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur.
11. M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Limited, Nagpur.
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