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To

Chief Conservator of Forests (T),

Thane

**Sub :** Diversion of 0.3563 ha forest land for laying underground optical fibre cable along NH-3 from Kasara (Bk) to Ghatandevi via Jawhar Fata.

**M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Ltd.**

**Ref :** 1. The Government of India letter No. 11-9/98-FC, Dt. 08/04/2009.

2. The Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-1009/CR-657/F-10, Dt. 04/12/2009.

M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Ltd, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Markas Chamber, Nariman Point, Mumbai has applied for permission regarding laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along NH-3 from Kasara (Bk) to Ghatandevi via Jawhar Fata through forest land in Shahapur Forest Division, Shahapur, over an area 0.3563 ha. all along the road within the right of way. The details are as below-

Villages	Taluka & Dist.	Legal status	Area (in Ha.)
Kasara (Bk).. Kasara (Kh) and Vihigaon	Tal. Shahapur Dist. Thane	Reserved Forest	0.2101
		Protected Forests	0.1462
Total area in Ha.			0.3563

Pursuant to the directives issued by the Government of India vide their letter dated 08/04/09 and subsequent directives issued by Government of Maharashtra vide their letter dated 04/12/2009, empowering Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur to grant permission for laying down of underground Optical Fibre Cable within the existing road width, the undersigned grants **in-principle approval** to lay down Optical Fibre Cable in the forest area subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the land required will remain unchanged.

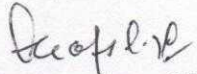


2. The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within the existing right of way of the road and within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 m depth and 1.00 m width.
3. Compensatory afforestation will be raised at the cost of the User Agency on 0.50 ha of degraded forest land made available by the forest department.
4. The land under project will be reclaimed by the 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 the Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned, the cost for reclamation will be recovered from the bank guarantee.
5. 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 mtr. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of 300/- per mtr. and Rs. 750/- per mtr. 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.
6. For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
7. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
8. No felling of tree is involved in implementation of the project.
9. This order after the receipt of compliance will authorize the User Agency to lay Optical Fiber Cable outside the confines of the Protected Area. Any breach of the condition by the user agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
10. No new forest area beyond the right of way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
11. All the amount received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to the Ad-hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority (CAMPA) in A/c No. SB01025218 of Corporation Bank, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003 and compliance will be reported to this office for record.
12. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Thane shall report the details of amount recovered from the User Agency towards the cost of compensatory afforestation at prevalent rate and all other cost required as per rules.
13. All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on the User Agency.
14. This sanction is subjected to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology and the owner of the road.
15. The User Agency will make good the land after use/maintenance.
16. The User Agency shall compensate the private owner of forest lands, if any in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules and guidelines.



17. Provisions of all Acts, Rules made thereunder and guidelines applicable to the project shall have to be strictly followed.

After receipt of the compliance report and on the fulfillment of the conditions by the User Agency as above, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur will issue formal approval for laying of Optical Fibre Cable.

  
**For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests**  
**(Head of Forest Force)**  
**Maharashtra State, Nagpur**

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**Copy** submitted to Secretary (Forests), Revenue and Forests Department Mantralaya Mumbai for information. A copy of proposal is enclosed herewith.

**Copy** to Director & Joint Secretary, Information Technology, General Administrative Department, Directorate of Information Technology, New Administrative Building 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Opp. Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032 for information and necessary action.

**Copy** to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur for information and necessary action.

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