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**BY SPEED POST**

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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,  
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,  
M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,  
Bangalore – 560 001.

Subject : Diversion of 0.855293 ha. of forest land in Karakanahalli village and other 12 villages of Chincholi Taluk, Kalburgi District and Chitaguppa Taluk of Bidar District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road from Chincholi-Chimmanchodi village in Chincholi Taluk of Kalburgi District and Kallur-Lingapur village in Chitaguppa Taluk of Bidar District in favour of the Deputy General Manager, Senior Executive Officer, Jio Digital Fiber Pvt Ltd, Vasantha Nagar, Bengaluru. (Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/143839/2021)

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 135 FLL 2022 (e) dated 23/03/2023 and 19/10/2024 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above project.

After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, in-principle approval /Stage-I clearance of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of 0.855293 ha. of forest land in Karakanahalli village and other 12 villages of Chincholi Taluk, Kalburgi District and Chitaguppa Taluk of Bidar District for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road from Chincholi-Chimmanchodi village in Chincholi Taluk of Kalburgi District and Kallur-Lingapur village in Chitaguppa Taluk of Bidar District in favour of the Deputy General Manager, Senior Executive Officer, Jio Digital Fiber Pvt Ltd, Vasantha Nagar, Bengaluru, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. No tree felling shall be carried out in the proposed diverted area.
3. The condition stipulated by the State Board for Wildlife in its meeting held on 03/11/2022 in respect of above proposal shall be complied with.

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4. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
5. The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal as per the guideline issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06/01/2022 and as per the provision of Chapter 3 of the consolidated Guidelines and Clarification issued vide MoEF&CC order dated 29.12.2023.
6. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
7. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.
8. The KML file of the forest area to be diverted shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with compliance report including GPS ids.
9. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
10. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
11. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
12. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
13. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.855293** ha. The user agency shall furnish the undertaking to this effect.
14. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
15. After completion of the project the area under RoW should be reclaimed suitably.
16. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
17. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
18. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year.
19. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
20. The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
21. The State Government, after receiving the 'Final' approval of the Central Government under sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Adhiniyam, and after fulfillment and compliance of the provisions of all other Acts and rules made there under, as applicable including ensuring settlement of rights under the



Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (2 of 2007), shall issue order for diversion.

22. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
23. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the conditions mentioned above, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section-2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980. Transfer of forest land shall not be effected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

Further, it may also be noted that this in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions within 2 years, the in-principle approval shall be deemed to be null and void.

Yours faithfully,

(M.K.Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Executive Officer, National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, 4th Floor, Block No.3, CGO Complex, New Delhi – 110 003.
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3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FC) /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
5. The Deputy General Manager, Senior Executive Officer, Jio Digital Fiber Pvt Ltd, No.51, RMZ Icon, Palace Cross Road, Vasantha Nagar, Bengaluru -560 052.
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