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**Government of Punjab**  
**Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation**  
**(Forest Branch)**

Dated: 21/03/2023

To

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)  
Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.

**Subject:- FP/PB/OFC/154478/2022 -- Diversion of 1.5289 Ha. Forest Land Permission for laying Optical Fiber Cable along the route From 1) CP 7 to Gharinda (6800 m) & Railway crossing Attari to Dande pind mod (600 m) 2) Raja Tal to Railway crossing Attari (8400 m) 3) Gharinda to Satlani Sahib Gurudwara mod (1700 m) & Hoshiarnagar under Forest Division & Distt. Amritsar.**

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Government of India has accorded general approval under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 vide letter No. F.No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 under para 4.2 for laying of Underground Telephone Lines, Optical Fiber Cable/Underground Laying of Drinking Water Supply Pipeline, CNG/PNG and slurry pipeline.

1. After consideration of the proposal submitted vide your letter under reference general approval of Govt. of India under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for "Stage-I Approval" for diversion of 1.5289 ha. of forest land for digging of trenches measuring 33910 mtrs. long and 0.45 mtrs wide for of Forest land for laying of optical fiber cable by Jio Digital Fiber Pvt. Ltd. from Jalandhar to Kartarpur to Dialpur to Subhanpur road Total Length 33910 meter under Forest Division Jalandhar, Distt. Jalandhar & Kapurthala Punjab is hereby conveyed subject to the following conditions:-
  - i. The User Agency shall provide certificate regarding Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers Recognition of Forest Rights Act, 2006 from the concerned Deputy Commissioner to Divisional Forest Officer.
2. The following conditions shall also be complied with after according Stage-II approval:-

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1. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
2. The forest land to be diverted as per Stage-I approval will not be used for any other purpose.
3. No tree will be felled by the User Agency in this case.
4. In this case Natural gas pipe line shall be laid by User Agency within existing ROW, close to the outermost edge of the forest land falling outside National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.
5. User Agency has given Bank Guarantee of Rs. 8,48,500/- to DFO, Amritsar.
6. It is Mandatory for the User Agency not to exceed the permissible trench limit of 0.45 meter in width, 1.65 meter in depth and 33910 meter in Length.
7. The dug out land shall be restored by the User Agency and the same shall be made good immediately after completion of the work /operation.
8. This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under relevant local Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable.
9. The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the DFO, Amritsar for carrying out any maintenance operation.
10. The User Agency shall abide by any other condition (s) that may be imposed by this Department in the interest of Afforestation and protection of Environment.
11. The State Forest Department may revoke/suspend this approval, if any of the above conditions is not satisfactorily fulfilled by the User Agency.
12. If in future, any decision is taken by the Government of India regarding the exemption of CA/NPV then the User Agency shall comply the same.
13. An undertaking is signed by the User Agency for abiding by all the aforesaid conditions.
14. If any other NOC is necessary for the work under any Act/Rules/Guidelines etc. from other Departments, the User Agency shall obtain the same at its own before the commencement of laying of pipeline.
15. DFO, Amritsar shall ensure fulfilment of the above conditions and CF, Bist circle, Jalandhar will supervise it.
16. This approval is granted subject to the condition that there is no

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court case pending in any court pertaining to the land or trees in the present FCA case. Any legal liability arising out of such case; if any, will be the sole responsibility of the land owning Department.

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