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To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment & Forests Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

Subject: Diversion of 0.022 ha of forest land for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road side across Paramasivankoil Karadu RL (0.365 KM) and Valkaradu RF (0.373 KM) in Theni Taluk, Theni to a distance of 0.738 KM for providing 4G wireless Broadband in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai.- Reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.20187/FR.10/2021-1 dated 10.01.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TN/Others/41287/2019, seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's approval (*Stage-I*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 0.022 ha of forest land for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road side across Paramasivankoil Karadu RL (0.365 KM) and Valkaradu RF (0.373 KM) in Theni Taluk, Theni to a distance of 0.738 KM for providing 4G wireless Broadband in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Chennai, **for a period of 20 years**, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at the appropriate distance as decided by the DFO concerned, at the cost of User Agency;
- (iii) Full exemption of NPV is allowed in case of laying of underground OFC cable provided no felling of trees is involved and area proposed for diversion is outside of Protected Area as per the MoEF&CC Guidelines. But in case an amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State