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To

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Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1st Floor, 4th Block,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-
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Subject: Diversion of 0.19 ha of forest land in compartment No.491 & 488 of Udayagiri East-Appasamudram RF & Venkatampet RF and compartment No.479 of Duttalur RF for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited- Reg..

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter Nos. 1570/Section.II/2022/(1795524) Dated: 08.09.2022 and online proposal No. FP/AP/OFC/62261/2020 seeking prior approval of the Government of India 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 the diversion of **0.19 ha** of forest land in compartment No.491 & 488 of Udayagiri East-Appasamudram RF & Venkatampet RF and compartment No.479 of Duttalur RF for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable in favour of M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, 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) The User Agency shall deposit cost towards plantation and maintenance of 100 number of trees. The State Government shall carryout such plantation in the nearby degraded forest area and shall deposit details like map, DGPS co-ordinates etc along with the compliance report.
- (iv) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **0.19 ha** from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 22.03.2022;
- (v) Additional 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 Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- (vi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (vii) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- (viii) Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the machinery, labourers & staff engaged in execution of work shall not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- (ix) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- (x) **No tree felling shall be carried out by the User Agency;**
- (xi) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;



- (xii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.19 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xiii) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- (xiv) User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- (xv) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional officer(Central) of the Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency;
- (xvi) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions in Ministry's guidelines.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully



(N.S.Murali)

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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