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

Dated: 26/05/2022

To,

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

**Subject:- Diversion of 1.3512 ha. of forest land in favour of M/sjio digital fibre private Ltd. for laying of Optical Fiber Cable from Machhiwara City-Kohara road-Bhattian Partapgarh-Koom Kalan-Chounta-Machhiwara Kalan-Bunker-Dhanasu-Tejipur-Bhamin road to Chandigarh G.T. Road, Total Length 30000 mtr., Under Forest Division & Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab. (FP/PB/OFC/42786/2019).**

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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 in under para 4.2 according in the cases of laying of Underground Telephone Lines, Optical Fiber Cable/Underground Laying of Drinking Water Supply Pipeline.

After careful 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**" of temporary diversion of **1.3512 ha.** of forest land measuring **30000 mtrs.** Long and **0.45 mtrs** wide along the road for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Ltd.) is hereby conveyed subject to the following conditions:-

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.
4. As per the order of the Honorable Supreme Court of India dated 28-3-08 in I.A No. 826 in 566 in W.P.(C) 202 of 1995, the user agency is exempted for paying of the charges under NPV (a) no felling of trees is involved; and (b) the areas fall outside National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.
5. User Agency has given Bank Guarantee of Rs.7,50,000/- to Divisional Forest Officer Ludhiana.
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 30000 meter in Length.
7. The Optical Fiber Cable will be laid along the road within the existing right of way and closed to the outermost edge of the forest land.
8. The dug out land shall be restored by the User Agency and the same shall be made good immediately after the approved operation.
9. This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under relevant local

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Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable.

10. The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the DFO, Ludhiana for carrying out any maintenance operation.
11. 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.
12. The State Forest Department may revoke/suspend this approval, if any of the above conditions is not satisfactorily fulfilled by the User Agency.
13. An undertaking is tendered by the User Agency for abiding all the aforesaid conditions.
14. If any other NOC is necessary for the work under any Act/Rules/Guidelines etc. from any other Departments, the User Agency should obtain the same on its own before the commencement of laying of Cable.
15. DFO, Ludhiana shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions and CF, South Circle will supervise it.
16. 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.

Gursharan Kaur  
UNDER SECRETARY  
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Copy to:-

1. Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Chandigarh.
2. Conservator of Forests, South Circle, Patiala/DFO Ludhiana.
3. Sh. Yadvinder Singh Bains, M/s jio digital fibre private Ltd., C-135 Phase-8, Industrial Area, S.A.S Nagar, Punjab.