

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

To

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

No. FCA/1980/129/2019/ 3773
FP/PB/OFC/38550/2019

Dated: 27/12/19

Sub: - Diversion of 0.2256 ha. of Forest land laying of the OFC from Village Chawwa to Purana Shalla near SBI ATM Total length =5000 meters under Forest Division & Distt. Gurdaspur.

Ref: - Your office U.O. no. 268 dated 3/12/19

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 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 " **In Principle Approval** " diversion of **0.2256 ha.** of forest land for digging of trenches measuring **5000 mtrs.** long and **0.45 mtrs** wide along the road for laying of Optical Fiber Cable **Reliance Jio Infocomm 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 in principle approval will not be use for any other purpose.
3. No tree will be felled by the user agency in this case.
4. As per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order 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 provided: (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. 1,25,000/- to **DFO, Gurdaspur.**
6. The Optical Fiber Cable will be laid along the road within the existing right of way and close to the outermost edge of the forest land. The dug out land shall be restored by the User Agency and the same shall be made good immediately after the approved operation.
7. This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under relevant local Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable.
8. The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the **DFO, Gurdaspur** for carrying out any maintenance operation.
9. 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.