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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 0.426 ha of forest land in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the Theppakkadu, Masinagudi and Moyar Road section in the Nilgiris District in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai- Reg.

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 17592/FR.10/2020-6 dated 10.10.2022, and online proposal No.FP/TN/Others/24406/2017, 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 **0.426 ha** of forest land in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve for laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the Theppakkadu, Masinagudi and Moyar Road section in the Nilgiris District in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai, **for a period of 25 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) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring **0.426 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 19.01.2022 and 22.03.2022