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Date: 14th August, 2024

To,

The Principal Secretary,
Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department,
Govt. of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai-600 009.

Subject: Diversion of 0.312 ha of forest land in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary area for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road side of Dharmapuri-Anchetty road passing through Panai RF and Noganur RF in Hosur Wildlife Division, Hosur in the Krishnagiri District in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Mylapore, Chennai-Reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.15939/FR.10/2020-2 dated 16.08.2021, 15939/FR.10/2020-5 dated 11.07.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TN/Others/30208/2017, 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. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter 4-TNB074/2021-CHN/899 dated 23.08.2022. The State Government vide letter No. 15939/FR.10/2020-8 dated 19.07.2024 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's **Final approval (Stage-II)** under Section '2(1)' of Van(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 0.312 ha of forest land in Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary area for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road side of Dharmapuri-Anchetty road passing through Panai RF and Noganur RF in Hosur Wildlife Division, Hosur in the Krishnagiri District in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Mylapore, Chennai, 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 maximum size of the trench shall not exceed 2.00 mtr depth, 10400 mtr length and 0.30 mtr width. The forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the same;**
- iv. **The conditions stipulated by SC-NBWL pertaining to this project shall strictly be complied with;**
- v. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- vi. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
- 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 **0.312 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- xiii. User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- xiv. Any other conditions that the Central Government or DDGF(Central) of the Regional Office, Chennai 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;
- xv. Violation of any of the above conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980 and action would be taken as per Rules and Guidelines issued under the Adhiniyam;

Yours faithfully,

Signed by Karthikeyan

Karupiah

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Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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