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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 0.825 ha of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along Thadagam-Anaikatti road passing through Thadagam Reserved Forest, Gobinari-Tholampalayam road passing through Gobinari RF, Velliyankadu-Ansur Check post-Athikadavu-Mulli-Perumpallam (Nilgiris District Border) road passing through Nellithurai and Melur Slopes RF's in Coimbatore District in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Mylapore, Chennai- Reg.

Madam,

Please refer to the State Government letter No.16725/FR.10/2020-3 dated 14.02.2022, and online proposal No. FP/TN/Others/29282/2017 seeking prior approval of the Government of India 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 dated 11.03.2022. The State Government vide letter No.16725/FR.10/2020-5, dated 24.11.2022 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval;

After careful consideration of the compliance report submitted by the State Government and importance of the project, I am directed to convey the Central Government's approval (*Stage-II*) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **0.825 ha** of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along Thadagam-Anaikatti road passing through Thadagam Reserved Forest, Gobinari-Tholampalayam road passing through Gobinari RF, Velliyankadu-Ansur Check post-Athikadavu-Mulli-Perumpallam (Nilgiris District Border) road passing through Nellithurai and Melur Slopes RF's in Coimbatore District in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Mylapore, Chennai, **for a period of 20 years**, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Concrete pillars claimed to be erected for demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be intact and to be maintained;