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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 0.033 ha of forest land for laying OFC on the boundary of the road which passes through Forest area from Madurai-Natham road to Saranthangi Village in favour of Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd, Chennai-Reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter. No. 9266/FR.10/2022-1 dated 01.08.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TN/Others/33885/2018 wherein forwarded the subject proposal and requested for 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 dated 24.08.2022. The State Government dated 17.11.2023 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval;

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted by the State Government and considering the importance of the project, I am directed to convey the Central Government's **final approval (Stage-II)** under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **0.033 ha** of forest land for laying OFC on the boundary of the road which passes through Forest area from Madurai-Natham road to Saranthangi Village in favour of Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd, Chennai, **for a period of 20 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;