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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 0.54 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground OFC to a length of 17.99 km along Vadakkanthal to Thumbal road section in Parigam RF in Kallakuruchi District in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai-Reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter No.8774/FR.10/2022-1 dated 20.06.2022 and online proposal No. FP/TN/Others/38130/2019 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 12.07.2022. The State Government vide letter No.8774/FR-10/2022-2 dated 12.12.2022, 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 **final approval (Stage-II)** under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **0.54 ha** of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground OFC to a length of 17.99 km along Vadakkanthal to Thumbal road section in Parigam RF in Kallakuruchi 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) Concrete pillars claimed to be erected for demarcation shall be maintained at the cost of the User Agency;
- (iii) The State Government shall carryout Compensatory Afforestation and its maintenance for a period of 10 years over an extent of **1.08 ha** of degraded forest land identified in the Parigam RF, from the amount which was already realized from the User Agency;