

Forest Land-Nagpur

Diversion of 1.2081 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur for laying Optical Fiber Cable within RoW of existing Road of NH-7 (Mansar to Khawasa MH/MP Border) for total length of 38.000 KM (from Km.652+000 to Km 690+000) in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department**

Government Order No.: FLD-2022/C.R.276/F-10

Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.

Date: 03.01.2024

Ref.:

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/ Nodal / Nagpur /ID-14247/1610/2022-23, dt.27.09.2022.
- 2) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government Order No. FLD-2022/C.R.276/F-10, Dt. 18.11.2022.
- 3) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/I.D.14247/2872/22-23, dt.27.01.2023.

Letter No. Desk-17 / Nodal / FCA / S2 / PID-155104 / Nagpur / 2023-24 / 2342, dt.03.11.2023.

Order :

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide his letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal to the State Government, which was received from M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Limited, Nagpur for 1.2081 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying Optical Fiber Cable within RoW of existing Road of NH-7 (Mansar to Khawasa MH/MP Border) for total length of 38.000 KM (from Km.652+000 to Km 690+000) in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra;

AND whereas, Government of Maharashtra after due consideration, vide its order under reference No. 2 accorded 'in-principle' approval with certain conditions to above proposal for diversion of 1.2081 ha. Forest land under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letters under reference No.3 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of Maharashtra;

NOW, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred to State Government under general approval given vide MoEF&CC, Government of India's Handbook of Guidelines for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation)

Act, 1980 [Chapter-4, Para-4.2], Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant **Final Approval** for Diversion of 1.2081 ha. Forest Land.

Therefore, the Government of Maharashtra directs that 1.2081 ha. Forest Land consisting of Reserved Forest, Protected Forest Land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No.1 and mentioned in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Limited, Nagpur for 1.2081 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying Optical Fiber Cable within RoW of existing Road of NH-7 (Mansar to Khawasa MH/MP Border) for total length of 38.000 KM (from Km.652+000 to Km 690+000) in Nagpur District in the State of Maharashtra. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the Order dated 18.11.2022.
2. For ensuring the compliances and for monitoring the duly prescribed activities and also to carry out other statutory duties, user agency shall facilitate unhindered access/entry in the area to the local forest Officer. In case the user agency prohibits the free access or create hindrances, the permission given under this Order for the diversion of forest area for the non-forest use shall be withdrawn.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests will reconfirm that compliances under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 are not needed for the project.
4. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the above mentioned 'in-principle' and in this order of Government of Maharashtra. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Nagpur shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency. CCF will furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
5. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Government of Maharashtra's order dated 18.11.2022, in this order and Rules and Guidelines made / issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, shall amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
6. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests shall report through the State Government to Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in the guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

SCHEDULE

Laying optical Fiber Cable from Mansar to Khawasa (MH/MP/ Border) in the state of Maharashtra.								
Sr. No.	Village/ Taluka	Sur/ Gut. No	Comptt No	Length (in Mt)	Width (in Mt)	Sq.mtr	Area (in ha.)	Remarks
1	Mansar/ Tal. Ramtek	42	261	679.18	0.5	339.59	0.0340	Protected Forests
		18	261	126.45	0.5	63.23	0.0063	Protected Forests
		21	261	75.87	0.5	37.94	0.0038	Protected Forests
2	Kandri/ Tal. Mansar	285	260	124.93	0.5	62.46	0.0062	Protected Forests
		287	260	73.8169	0.5	36.91	0.0037	Protected Forests
3	Khumari/ Tal. Ramtek	120	258	165.13	0.5	82.5627	0.0083	Protected Forests
4	Bhondewara / Tal. Ramek	45	271	175.4241	0.5	87.7121	0.0088	Protected Forests
		54	271	168.04	0.5	84.02	0.0084	Protected Forests
		80	271	55.57	0.5	27.78	0.0028	Protected Forests
		93	271	23.35	0.5	11.68	0.0012	Protected Forests
5	Chorbahuli Mogra / Tal. Ramtek	35	270	228.06	0.5	114.03	0.0114	Protected Forests
		36	270	133.72	0.5	66.86	0.0067	Protected Forests
		10	269	1215.75	0.5	607.88	0.0608	Protected Forests
		11	269	1312.71	0.5	656.36	0.0656	Protected Forests
6	Reserved Forest Comptt.751-RF	11	751	2052.36	0.5	1026.18	0.1026	Reserved Forests
7	FDCM Forest Comptt.419-RF	-	419	564.19	0.5	282.09	0.282	Reserved Forests
8	FDCM Forest Comptt.420-RF	-	420	2270.64	0.5	1135.32	0.1135	Reserved Forests
9	Paoni/Tal. Ramtek	63	421	20.82	0.5	10.41	0.0010	Reserved Forests
		61	421	38.39	0.5	19.20	0.0019	Reserved Forests
		59	421	83.73	0.5	41.86	0.0042	Reserved Forests
		58	421	232.76	0.5	116.38	0.0116	Reserved Forests
10	Reserved Forest Comptt.422-RF	-	422	2636.06	0.5	1318.03	0.1318	Reserved Forests
11	Reserved Forest Comptt.581-RF	-	581	600.88	0.5	300.44	0.0300	Reserved Forests
12	Deolapar/ Tal. Ramtek	208	266	65.88	0.5	32.94	0.0033	Protected Forests
		156	266	304.40	0.5	152.20	0.0152	Protected Forests

13	Reserved Forests Comptt.494-RF	-	494	1123.99	0.5	561.99	0.0562	Reserved Forests
14	Vadamba/ Tal.Ramtek	55	277	67.46	0.5	33.73	0.0034	Protected Forests
15	Reserved Forests Comptt.487-RF	-	487	3150.50	0.5	1575.25	0.1575	Reserved Forests
16	Reserved Forests Comptt.484-RF	-	484	2219.04	0.5	1109.52	0.1110	Reserved Forests
17	Reserved Forest Comptt. 482-RF	-	482	2310.95	0.5	1155.47	0.1155	Reserved Forests
18	Reserved Forests Comptt.479-RF	-	479	507.15	0.5	253.58	0.0254	Reserved Forests
19	Manegaon Tek/Tal. Ramtek	72	480	239.68	0.5	119.84	0.0120	Reserved Forests
		69	480	5.32	0.5	2.66	0.0003	Reserved Forests
		52	480	152.37	0.5	76.19	0.0076	Reserved Forests
		51	480	175.67	0.5	87.84	0.0088	Reserved Forests
		50	480	163.36	0.5	81.68	0.0082	Reserved Forests
		45	480	617.79	0.5	308.89	0.0309	Reserved Forests
Total Forest area (in ha.)							1.2081	

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
3. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
5. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur
6. APCCF& Chief Executive Officer (Maha-CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur

8. Collector, Nagpur.
9. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Nagpur.
10. Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
11. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur.
12. M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Limited, Nagpur.
13. Select File-F-10

- I. Collector- Nagpur, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Nagpur and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.
- II. M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur is hereby directed that they should publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No.etc. along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the State Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Nagpur & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nagpur.
- III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.