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Office of the
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Block No.B/1, Aranya Bhavan,
Ch-3 Circle, Sector-10 A,
Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.
Date: 16/01/2020.

Sub: Permission under Section – 29 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
Proposal for use of 1.2220 ha. land for laying of under ground Optical
Fiber Cable by Gujarat Fiber Grid Network Ltd. in Balaram-Ambaji
Sanctuary.

- P-2 Ref: 1. Conservator of Forests, Wildlife Circle, Gandhinagar's letter
No. WLC/T-6/A/1084-85, dated 08-11-2019
- P-149 2. Recommendation of the State Board for Wildlife, Gujarat
Minutes circulated vide this office's letter no. WLP/28/A/1237-
41, dated.08/01/2020
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file 3. MoEF&CC, GoI's letter no. F. No. 6-175/2017 WL dated 19-02-
2018

1. A proposal was received vide reference no. 1 above for diversion of 1.2220 ha. land for laying of under ground Optical Fiber Cable by Gujarat Fiber Grid Network Ltd. in Balaram-Ambaji Sanctuary
2. The proposal was placed before the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) in its 18th meeting held on 12.12.2019 for consultation. The SBWL has approved and recommended the proposal in its meeting vide reference no. 2 above with certain conditions.
3. Ministry of Environment Forests and Climate Change, Government of India's has issued Guidelines for sanctioning proposals on laying of underground drinking water pipeline and optical fiber cables (OFC) inside Protected Areas - regd. Vide reference no. 3 is above. The Guidelines of MoEF & CC is reproduced as under;

Ministry had received a proposal from the Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW) of Gujarat for delegation of powers for sanctioning proposals on



laying of drinking water pipeline and optical fiber cables falling inside Protected Areas (PAs) to the CWLWs of the States / UTs. The matter was examined in the Ministry and placed before the Standing Committee of NBWL in its 45th and 46th meetings. The Standing Committee recommended delegating its power for sanctioning proposal on laying of drinking water pipeline and optical fiber cables along the right of way of these roads inside the National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Tiger Reserves or any other Protected Area notified under the Wildlife (Protection) act, 1972 to the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL).


4. Therefore in view of the references mentioned and explained above, the permission is hereby granted to the Gujarat Fiber Grid Network Limited, for use of 1.2220 ha (27.156 k.m. length and 0.45 m width) land of Balaram-Ambaji Sanctuary for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable subject to following conditions:

Conditions:

1. The User Agency shall not violate any regulatory provisions under Section - 9, 17 A, 27, 29, 30, 31 & 32 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
2. The User agency shall not destroy wildlife habitat including fauna and flora of the Sanctuary.
3. The User Agency shall not use the area for the proposed work other than the area permitted.
4. The User Agency shall not establish any temporary or permanent labour camp in the Sanctuary.
5. The User Agency or his contractor shall not create any fire places inside the Sanctuary.
6. All the material required for the work shall be prepared outside the sanctuary.
7. The work in the Sanctuary will be allowed only in the day time from 8 AM to 6 PM.
8. Approval under Forest Conversation Act, 1980, if required, shall be obtained separately for use of forest land.
9. The User Agency shall take due care of its man power and avoid the time visited by sloth bear in the project area.



9. The User Agency shall deposit NPV for the use of land of Protected Area as per the existing rates.
10. The User Agency shall restore the land in its original form after completion of the work.
11. OFC will be laid within the permitted area only and within maximum time period of six months of this order.


(Shyamal Tikadar)
Chief Wildlife Warden
Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.

To,

1. Conservator of Forests,
Wildlife Circle, Gandhinagar,
Gandhinagar.
2. Gujarat Fiber Grid Network Limited
Gandhinagar District.

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Copy Submitted to: Additional Director General of Forests (WL), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Baug Rad, Ali Ganj, New Delhi for information.

Copy Submitted to: Additional Chief Secretary, Forest and Environment Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar for information.

Copy to: Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Land, Gujarat State Gandhinagar for information and necessary action.

Copy to: Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Monitoring and Evaluation, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar for information and necessary action.

Copy to: Deputy Conservator of Forests, Banaskantha Forest Division, Palanapur for information and necessary action.