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C.No.TS3/19762/2022

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator
of Forests (Head of Forest Force),
Forest Head Quarters Building, Guindy-
Velachery Main Road, Guindy, Chennai-32.

Dated: 10.11.2023.

Sub Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 0.03132 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Royandapuram to Melsiruvallur road section via Perungolathur in Thandarampattu-Sankarapuram ODR road across Pavunjipattu RF in Kallakuruchi District in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai – Details requested - Regarding.

- Ref 1 Online application uploaded by the User Agency - M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai - 4 Proposal No. FP/TN/Others/38123/2019, dated 10.01.2019 and resubmission of proposal on 26.06.2022
- 2 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Villupuram Division on 11.11.2022
- 3 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle on 02.12.2022 and resubmission of proposal on 18.02.2023
- 4 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference No. TS3/19762/2022, dated 01.03.2023 and 28.07.2023
- 5 Government letter No. 1357/FR.10/2023-2, dated 01.11.2023

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Attention of the Conservator of Forests is invited to the references cited.

A copy of Government letter 5th referred above is enclosed herewith for necessary follow up action and resubmit the proposal early.

For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

To

The Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle, Villupuram

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Villupuram Forest Division, Villupuram.

Copy to M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, No. 89, Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 4 (User Agency)



ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE
& FOREST(FR.10) DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 9.

Letter No.1357/FR.10/2023-2, dated: 01.11.2023

From
Thiru.T.Ritto Cyriac, I.F.S.,
Special Secretary (Forest).

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
Chennai - 32.

Sir,

Sub: Forests - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Proposal (FP/TN/Others/38123/2019) for diversion of 0.03132 ha. of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Royandapuram to Melsiruvallur road section via. Perungolathur in Thandarampattu-Sankarapuram ODR road across Pavunjipattu Reserved Forest in Kallakurichi District in favour of the M/s.Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai - Clarification - Regarding.

- Ref: 1. Your letter No.TS3/19762/2022, dated 01.03.2023.
2. Government letter No.1357/FR.10/2023-1, dated 06.04.2023.
3. Your letter No.TS3/19762/2022, dated 28.07.2023.
4. From the Scientist 'D', Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (FC Division), New Delhi, Letter No.FC-11/50/2020-FC-Part(3), dated 21.08.2023 and 13.10.2023.

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I am directed to invite attention to your letter first cited wherein it has been stated that for the diversion of 0.0435 ha of forest land, compensatory afforestation has been proposed as not applicable. In this connection, I am to state that the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi in its letter fourth cited has clarified that as per the provisions of guidelines dated 21.08.2023, the proposals involving area up to 1 ha are exempted from raising Compensatory Afforestation, however in such cases plantation of 10 times project affected trees, subject to minimum of 100 trees is to be undertaken in degraded forest land.

2. I am, therefore, to request you to resubmit the proposal as per the clarifications issued by Government of India in the reference 4th cited, to Government immediately, for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

M. Megala
2/11/2023

for Special Secretary (Forest)

2/11/23