C.No.TS3/6769/2023

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

Dated: 14.11.2024.

- Sub Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Proposal for diversion of 0.018 ha of forest land in Pulikoradu RF for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side from Tambaram to Thiruneermalai across Pulikoradu RF in Kancheepuram District Forwarded Regarding.
- Ref 1 Online proposal uploaded by the User Agency M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Mylapore, Chennai Proposal No.FP/TN/Others/52250/2020, dated 27.10.2020 and resubmission of proposal on 10.11.2020, 28.02.2023 and 18.07.2023 and 21.08.2023
  - 2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. C. No. TS3/6768/2023, Dated: 25.08.2023
  - 3 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Chennai Division on 19.06.2024
  - 4 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle on 13.08.2024
  - 5 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. C. No. TS3/6768/2023, Dated: 23.09.2024
  - 6 Resubmission of proposal in parivesh portal on 07.11.2024

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

1) Online forest clearance proposal uploaded by User Agency - M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Chennai under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.024 ha of forest land in Pulikoradu RF of Chennai Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side from Tambaram to Thiruneermalai across Pulikoradu RF in Chengalpattu District. As per the updated area requirement details furnished by the user agency, laying of underground OFC has been proposed to a length of 800m and trench width of 0.30m with forest area diversion of 0.024 ha has been proposed.

- i) In the District Forest Officer EDS reply report, it has been reported that, the user agency has proposed laying of underground OFC along the road work allowed to MEPS under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 to a length of 500m.
- ii) The Chief Conservator of Forests has reported that, the proposed diversion of Pulikoradu RF area is not a fresh diversion. It falls in the area already diverted under FCA, 1980 to MEPS for utilization of road to a length of 500m in Pulikoradu RF. Existing width of road reported as 7.40m.
- iii) Hence this proposal involves, fresh diversion of forest area to a length of 300m and re-diversion of forest area for a length of 500m.
- iv) For the re-diversion of forest area, consent letter-NOC from the primary user agency has not been furnished in the proposal.

The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to inform the user agency to furnish the consent letter-NOC from the Primary user agency for usage of 500m length and 0.30m width area by the Secondary user agency for laying of underground OFC in the already diverted forest area in favour of Primary User Agency-MEPS.

Sd/- Yogesh Singh, For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, Chennai

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Chennai Division, Chennai for necessary follow up action.

Copy to M/s Jio Digital Fibre Private Ltd., No. 89, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai - 4 (User Agency)

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Senior Draughting Officer.