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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
M.S.Building, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bangalore – 560 001.

Sub:- Diversion of 1.1594 ha of forest land in 12 villages in Shivamogga District (Shivamogga Wildlife Division) for laying of Underground OFC Cable within the existing RoW from Biligalluru to Nagavalli in favour of DGM, Jio Digital Fiber Private Limited, Bengaluru.

Madam/Sir

I am directed to refer to State Government's letter No. FEE 12 FLL 2023 (e) dated 16.10.2024 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980, with reference to the above-mentioned proposal. The analysis of the proposal reveals the following shortcomings :-

- The State Govt. is requested to clarify with relevant documents, whether the proposed OFC is to be laid in the existing RoW of the diverted road or otherwise. If it is to be laid along the existing RoW, then the proposal can be processed, as per para 4.2 of comprehensive guidelines issued under VSESA 1980.
- It has been informed that the User Agency has obtained the SBWL clearance. However, the copy of the same has not been submitted.
- The KML files of the identified Degraded Forest Land for Compensatory Afforestation purpose, shows that the canopy density of the said land is very high. In this regard the possibility of carrying out plantation activity needs to be reviewed. Also, the CA Scheme, CA suitability and Toposheet map of the CA land has not been submitted along the proposal.
- Information regarding the location of towers, if any, within the forest area or otherwise may be submitted. If the towers are proposed within the forest area, then clarification regarding approval under VSESA 1980 may be provided.

Yours faithfully,

(Praneetha Paul)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ Division), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (VSESA) /Nodal Officer (VSESA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
4. The User Agency-The Deputy General Managere, Jio Digital fibre private Ltd., No. 51, RMZ Icon, Palace cross road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru.
5. Guard file.