

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. Magala
2/11/2023

for Special Secretary (Forest)

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