

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
(ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪಡೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು) ರವರ ಕಚೇರಿ
Office of
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)



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Date -01-2025

To,
The Chief Conservator of Forests
Shivamogga Circle, Shivamogga

Sub: Diversion of 1.1594 hectare 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
Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/144741/2021

- Ref:** 1. This office letter of even number dated 27-01-2023 [*Stage-I proposal*]
2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 12 FLL 2023 (e) dated 16-10-2024 [*Stage-I proposal*] and 21-11-2024 [*communication of the GOI EDS query*]
3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru letter F.No. 4-KRB 1492/2024-BAN dated 18-11-2024 [*GOI EDS query*]

In response to the Stage-I proposal submitted by this office vide Ref (1) to Government of Karnataka and by the State Government vide Ref (2) letter dated 16-10-2024 to the Central Government, the Government of India vide Ref (3) has sought the additional information.

While enclosing the copies of ref (2) and ref (3) you are directed to obtain the required information from the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests, verify and then submit the reply through FC web portal to this office for further action.

Signed by Brijesh Kumar

Date: 17-01-2025 13:44:27

Reason: Approved

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)

1. Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shivamogga Wildlife Division for information and necessary action.
2. Copy to Deputy General Manager, Jio Digital Fiber Private Limited, No.51, RMZ Icon, Palace Cross Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru for information and necessary action.

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎಫ್‌ಇಇ 12 ಎಫ್‌ಎಲ್‌ಎಲ್ 2023 (ಇ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯ
ಬಹುಮಹಡಿಗಳ ಕಟ್ಟಡ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21-11-2024.

ಇವರಿಂದ:

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಪರ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ,
ಅರಣ್ಯ, ಜೀವಿಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಸರ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಬಹುಮಹಡಿಗಳ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560001.

ಇವರಿಗೆ:

✓ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
(ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪಡೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು),
ಅರಣ್ಯ ಭವನ, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560003.

ಮಾನ್ಯರೇ,

ವಿಷಯ: Diversion of 1.1594 hectare 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.
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ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: (1) ತಮ್ಮ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಪತ್ರ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.01.2023.
(2) ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 4-KRB1492/2024-BAN,
ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.11.2024.

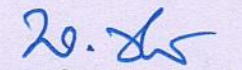
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ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ (1) ರ ತಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಯನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಲಾಗಿ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ(2)ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ (ಪ್ರತಿ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿದೆ) ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸುವಂತೆ ಈ ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಕೋರಲು ನಿರ್ದೇಶಿತನಾಗಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

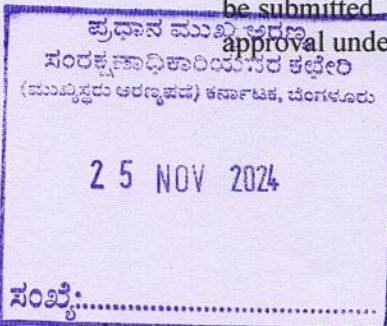
The State Govt. is requested to clarify with relevant documents, whether the proposed OFC is to be laid in the existing RoW of the diverted road or otherwise. It is to be laid along the existing RoW, then the proposal can be processed, as per para 4.2 of comprehensive guidelines issued under VSESA 1980.

- ii. It has been informed that the User Agency has obtained the SBWL clearance. However, the copy of the same has not been submitted.
- iii. 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.
- iv. 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.

ತಮ್ಮ ನಂಬುಗೆಯ,


(ಬಿ.ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್)

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(ಅರಣ್ಯ-ಸಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮನ್ವಯ)



ಪ್ರತಿ: The Deputy General Manager, Jio Digital fibre private Ltd., No.5, RMZ Icon, Palace cross road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru.



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BY SPEED POST

F.No. 4-KRB1492/2024-BAN

Dated the 18th November, 2024

To

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

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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 :-

- i. 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.
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Signed by Praneetha Paul

Date: 18-11-2024 17:25:23

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.