

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
Sri Chiranjiv Choudhary, IFS.,  
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &  
Head of Forest Force,  
Andhra Pradesh,  
Mangalagiri - 522 503.

To  
The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government,  
Environment, Forests, Science  
& Technology Department,  
Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi,  
Guntur District.

**Rc.No.EFS02-15026/5/2019 - FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3,**  
**dated:26/09/2024.**

Sir,

Sub APFD - Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Rules :- 2023 -Diversion of 1.27Ha of forest land in Nellore, Venkatagiri, Udayagiri, Kavali and Atmakur Ranges of Nellore Division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) along the road within the existing Right of Way (RoW) in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., for providing 4G communication in the state of Andhra Pradesh- Submission of report -Reg.

Ref: 1. MoEF & CC, GoI, F.No.APB 200/2023-VIJ/165 dt.19.01.2024.  
- 2. PCCF & HoFF Ref.No.15026/5/2019/FCA SEC PCCF/FCA-3 dt.22.03.2024.  
3. CCF/CF, Guntur Rc. No.558/2019-TO dt.05.09.2024

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Kind attention is invited to the reference cited.

It is to inform that, in the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, the Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests, Guntur has furnished additional information on the project proposal as follows;

**Question No.1**

***Whether any proposal was processed for the works carried out by the previous agency (M/s Vindhya Telelinks Ltd., mentioned in reference), If so the status of it?***

**Reply:** CCF/CF, Guntur has reported that, there is another proposal for "Diversion of 0.52 Ha. of forest land in Kanupuru East RF, Surveypalli RF, Surveypalli Extn RF of Nellore Range of Nellore Division, Puduru & Yellasiri RFs of Venkatagiri Range of Tirupati Division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable by M/s Vindhya Tele Links Ltd, Secunderabad" and processed vide Proposal No. FP/AP/OFC/37050/2018 in PCCF & HoFF , A.P., Mangalagiri Rc. No. 15026/5/2019- FCA SEC/PCCF/FCA-3, dated: 10.02.2020 & 21.08.2023. The MoEF&CC, Government of India, has requested additional information with regard to persons responsible for the violation in this proposal also vide F.No.4- APB 200/2023-Vij/165 dt.19.01.2024 for which a detailed report is being submitted based on the report of the CCF, Guntur Rc.No.2409(i)/2018-TO, dt.05.09.2024.

**Question No.2**

**Whether the instant proposals was examined in view of the recent guidelines with respect to violation provision:**

**Reply:** It has been reported that, the authorized signatory, M/s Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd. has submitted a representation stating that, M/s Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd carried out the OFC work without knowing that the area falls in Reserve Forest. The work was executed during 20<sup>th</sup> to 31st July 2018 as per the permission accorded by the Executive Engineer, R&B, Guduru to lay OFC from KM 14/0 to 29/0 Km vide Lr.No.EE-GUDUR/ APRCRP001619/ GUDURU/D No.001145, dt.05-07-2019.

It was further reported that, the permission was granted by way of accepting Bank Guarantee of Rs.14,62,500/- to lay OFC cable along the Naidupet to Sriharikota (via) Duggarajapatnam road from Km 14/0 to 29/0 on right side in SPSR Nellore district through HDD method. The bank guarantee shall be valid for a period of one year in terms of G.O Ms. No. 12 dt. 28-7-2014 of ITE&CD (Communication wing)".

As per the above letter of EE,R&B, Guduru, the permission was accorded to M/s JIO Digital Fiber Pvt Ltd, for laying OFC along Naidupet to Sriharikota (via) Duggarajapatnam Road in SPSR Nellore on obtaining Bank Guarantee from the said user agency. In the above reach, some of the portion falls in Puduru RF, Chillamur beat of erstwhile Venkatagiri Range now under the jurisdiction of Tirupati division..

Further, the District Forest Officer, Nellore has obtained the name and address of the Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Guduru who has accorded the permission and it was informed that, Sri B.Viveka Nand has worked as Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Guduru had granted the permission and the said officer has retired as Dy. Chief Engineer (R&B). The residential address of the above retired officer is informed as detailed below:

S. No.	Name of the Executive Engineer	Present working place	Residential address, if he retired from service
1	2	3	4
1	B. Vivekanand	Retired from the service as Dy. Chief Engineer (R&B)	D.No.8-247/B, Lawyer pet, Sujatha Nagar, 4 <sup>th</sup> line, Near VIP Road, Ongole-523 002, Prakasam district

Further the CCF/CF, Guntur has reported that, the District Forest officer, SPSR, Nellore on verification of Service registers in the office of the District Forest Officer, Nellore, noticed that, Sri R. Suman, Forest Beat officer, has worked in Chillamur Beat of erstwhile Venkatagiri Range during the period 25-11-2014 to 18-07-2019 and he is the responsible person for the violation as he could not protect the Forest areas under his jurisdiction as he neither objected to the laying of OFC in RF area nor booked any forest cases against the culprits. The Forest Beat Officer did not even reported the facts to higher authorities.

Hence, the said Forest Beat Officer is responsible for the violations and accordingly an Article of Charges was framed against Sri R.Suman, (presently working as FSO, Kavali Range) for the violations during his tenure in Chillamur

Beat.

On the above, the CCF/CF, Guntur has made a conclusion that, on receipt of the defence statement from the said Forest Beat Officer, further disciplinary proceedings will be initiated as per procedure.

In view of the above, Government is requested to apprise the facts to the Government of India, MoEF & CC for obtaining necessary orders on the subject matter for taking further action under the provisions of para no.1.16 (i), Chapter-1 of consolidated guidelines issued by MoEF&CC,Gol,New Delhi dt.29.12.2023 under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980 and Rules 2023.

Encl.:- As above

Yours faithfully  
Chiranjiv Choudhary Ifs  
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests  
Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests, Guntur Circle, Guntur for information.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore for information and necessary action.

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
Sri Y.Srinivasa Reddy, IFS.,  
Chief Conservator of Forests (FAC),  
Guntur Circle, Guntur.

To  
The Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests &  
Head of Forest Force,  
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.

**Rc.no.558/2019-TO, Dt. 5-09-2024.**

Sir,

**Sub:** APFD - F(C) Act, 1980- Diversion of 1.27Ha of forest land in Nellore, Venkatagiri, Udayagiri, Kavali and Atmakur Ranges of Nellore Division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) along the road within the existing Right of way (RoW) in favour of M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., for providing 4G communication in the state of Andhra Pradesh- Additional information called for- Report submission off- Reg.

- Ref:** 1. Proposals No.FP/AP/OFC/ 38865/2019, dt.11.02.2019.  
2. Prl.CCF,AP,Guntur Rc.No.15026/5/2018/FCASEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dt: 27.2.2019 & 07.03.2019.  
3.Prl.CCF,AP, Mangalagiri,Rc.No.EFS02-15026/13/2018-FCASEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dt.21.08.2023.  
4. GoI, MoEF & CC (Sub Office at Viayawada) F.No.4-APB227/2024-Vij/214, dt.19.02.2024.  
5.Prl.CCF,AP, Mangalagiri,Rc.No.EFS02-15026/13/2018-FCASEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dt.22.03.2024.  
6. DFO, Nellore Rc.No.1795/2018/F11, dt.14.08.2024.

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In compliance to the instructions contained in the ref.5<sup>th</sup> cited, it is submitted that in the ref.6<sup>th</sup> cited the District Forest Officer, Nellore has submitted a detailed report on two points which was sought by the GoI vide ref.4<sup>th</sup> cited. The points wise reply submitted by the District Forest Officer Nellore is submitted herewith with for favour of kind Information.

**1) Whether any proposal was processed for the works carried out by the previous agency (M/s Vindhya Telelinks Ltd., mentioned in reference), If so the status of it?**

**Reply:** It is submitted that, there is a proposals of Vindhya tele links Ltd., for "Diversion of 0.52 Ha. of forest land in Kanupuru East RF, Surveypalli RF, Surveypalli Extn RF of Nellore Range of Nellore Division, Puduru & Yellasi RFs of Venkatagiri Range of Tirupati Division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable by M/s Vindhya Tele Links Ltd, Secunderabad". The proposals number in PARIVESH 1.0 is FP/AP/OFC/37050/2018. The diversion proposals were submitted to the Govt. through proper channel. The Govt. of India in MoEF & CC Vijayawada Lr. F.No. 4-APB 200/2023-VIK/165, dt.19-11-2024 communicated through Prl.CCF (HoFF), AP, Guntur Rc.No.EFS02-15026/17/ 2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dt:06-02-2024 has instructed to furnish the name of the persons responsible for violation. A detailed report was submitted to Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, AP, Mangalagiri through CCF, Guntur Rc.No.2409(i)/2018-TO, dt.05.9.2024.

**2) Whether the instant proposals was examined in view of the recent guidelines w.r.t. violation provision:**

**Reply:** It is submitted that, the authorized signatory, M/s Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd. has submitted a representation stating that, M/s Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd carried out the OFC work without knowing that the area falls under Reserve Forest. The work was executed during 20<sup>th</sup> to 31-06-2018. It is submitted that, the Executive Engineer, R&B, Guduru accorded permission to M/s Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd., to lay OFC from KM 14/0 to 29/0 Km vide Lr.No.EE-GUDUR/APRCRP001619/ GUDURU/D No.001145, dt.05-07-2019, in their letter the Executive Engineer has issued the following permission.

"With reference to your online application letter cited, you are requested to furnish a Bank Guarantee of Rs.14,62,500/- to department for according permission to lay OFC cable along the Naidupet to Sriharikota (via) Duggarajupatnam road from Km 14/0 to 29/0 on right side in SPSR Nellore district through HDD method. The bank guarantee shall be valid for a period of one year in terms of GO Ms. No. 12 dt. 28-7-2014 of ITE&CD (Communication wing)".

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As per the above letter of Executive Engineer, R&B Guduru, the permission was accorded to M/s Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd., for laying of OFC along Naidupet to Sriharikota (Via) Duggarajapatnam Road in SPSR Nellore on obtaining Bank guarantee from the said user agency, in the above reach, some of the portion falls in Puduru RF, Chillamur Beat of erstwhile Venkatagiri Range now under the jurisdiction of Tirupathi Division.

Further, the District Forest Officer, Nellore has been requested the Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Guduru to submit the name and address of the Executive Engineer, R&B Guduru who issued the permission for laying of OFC in RF area; accordingly, the Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Guduru has informed that, Sri B.Vivekanand was the Executive Engineer who issued the working order for laying of OFC and informed that, the Executive Engineer is retired from Service and his residential address is not known, in this regard, a letter has been addressed by this to the Engineer-in-chief (Admn), Vijayawada requesting to inform the address of the Retd. Engineer. The Office of Engineer-in-Chief informed that, they said Sri B.Vivekanand was retired a Dy. Chief Engineer (R&B) and the residential address of the above retired officer is informed as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Executive Engineer	Present working place	Residential address, if he retired from service
1	2	3	4
1	B. Vivekanand	Retired from the service as Dy. Chief Engineer (R&B)	D.No.8-247/B, Lawyer pet, Sujatha Nagar, 4 <sup>th</sup> line, Near VIP Road, Ongole-523 002, Prakasam district

As regards the Forest officials who involved in violation, it is submitted that, on verification of Service registers in the O/o District Forest Officer, Nellore, it is noticed that, the following FBO who working in Chillamur Beat of erstwhile Venkatagiri Range is noticed.

Sl. No.	Name of the Executive Engineer	Present working place	Period of working in Chillamur Beat of erstwhile Venkatagiri Range	Present place of working
1	2	3	4	5
1	R. Suman	Forest Officer Beat	25-11-2014 to 18-07-2019	Forest Section Officer, Kavali Range of Nellore Division.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the District Forest Officer, Nellore has reported that, as it is the primary responsibility of the Forest Beat Officer to protect the Forest areas under his jurisdiction, the said Forest Beat officer has neither objected the laying of OFC in RF area nor booked any forest cases against the culprits. He has not reported the facts to higher authorities. Hence, the Chillamur Forest Beat Officer is the responsible for the violations, in this regard, an Article of Charges was framed against Sri R.Suman, FSO, Kavali Range for the violations during his tenure in Chillamur Beat, on receipt of the defense statement from the said Forest Section Officer, further disciplinary proceedings will be initiated as per procedure. A copy of the ref.5<sup>th</sup> cited is enclosed herewith for favour of kind perusal.

This is submitted for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl: Ref. 6<sup>th</sup> cited.

Yours faithfully,

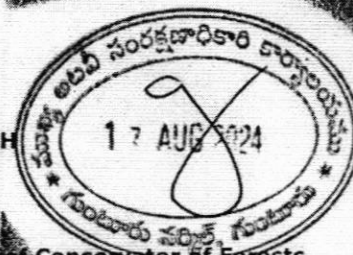
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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT



From  
Sri A. Chandra Sekhar, SFS,  
District Forest Officer  
SPSR Nellore.

To  
The Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Guntur circle, Guntur

**Rc.No. 1795/2018/F11, Dt. 14-08-2024**

Sir,

Sub. APFD Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Ahiniyam 1980 and rules 2023 - Diversion of 1.27 Ha. of forest land in Nellore, Venkatagiri, udayagiri, Kavali and Atmakur Ranges of Nellore Division for laying optical fibre cable along the road within the Right of Way (RoW) in favour of M/s Reliance Jio infocomm. Ltd. For providing 4G communication in State of AP - Additional information submission of - Reg.

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- Ref. 1. MoEF&CC, Sub office Vij. Lr. F.No. APB227/2024-VIJ/214 dt. 19-2-2024 communicated through PCCF, AP, Mangalagiri Rc. No. KEFS02-15026/5/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3 dt. 22-3-2024 and CCF, Guntur Rc.No. 558/2019-20 dt. 2-4-2024.
2. R/o of Authorised signatory, M/s Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd. Lr. No. DFPL/AP/ROW/OFC/NLD/DFO-NELLORE/1.27 Ha./2024-25/061, dt. 6-6-2024 received by this office on 14-8-2024.
3. DFO Nellore Rc. No. 1631/2018F11dt. 6-7-2024 addressed to EE, R&B, Gudur
4. EE, R&B, Gudur Rc. No.903/JTO/Road cutting/2019-20dt. 8-7-2024.
5. DFO Nellore Rc.No. 1631/2018F11dt. 19-7-2024 addressed to ENC (Admn) R&B, Vijayawada
6. DFO Nellore Rc. No. 1631/2024F9 dt. 5-7-2024

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It is submitted that, in the reference cited, the Govt. of India have instructed to submit the information on two points. The information for each point as called for in the reference cited are submitted herewith with for favour of kind information.

**1) Whether any proposal was processed for the works carried out by the previous agency (M/s Vindhya Telelinks Ltd., mentioned in reference), If so the status of it?**

**Reply:** It is submitted that, there is a proposals of Vindhya tele links Ltd., for "Diversion of 0.52 Ha. of forest land in Kanupuru East RF, Surveyepalli RF, Surveyepalli Extn RF of Nellore Range of Nellore Division, Puduru & Yellasiri RFs of Venkatagiri Range of Tirupathi Division for laying of Optical Fiber Cable by M/s Vindhya Tele Links Ltd,Secunderabad". The proposals number in PARIVESH 1.0 is FP/AP/OFC/37050/2018.

It is submitted that, the diversion proposals were submitted to the Govt. through proper channel. The Govt. of India in MoEF & CC Vijayawada Lr. F.No. 4-APB 200/2023-VIJK/165dt. 19-11-2024 communicated through PCCF(HoFF), AP, Gnt. Ref.no.EFS02-15026/17/2018- FCA - SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated: 06-02-2024 has instructed to furnish the name of the persons responsible for violation. A detailed report was submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests, Guntur vide DFO Nellore Rc.No.1631/2018F11 dt. 25-07-2024.

**2) Whether the instant proposals was examined in view of the recent guidelines w.r.t. violation provision:**

**Reply:** It is submitted that, in the ref 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, the authorized signatory, M/s Jio Digital Bibre Pvt. Ltd. has submitted a representation stating that, M/s Jio Digital Bibre Pvt. Ltd carried out the OFC work without knowing that the area falls under Reserve Forest. The work was executed during 20<sup>th</sup> to 31-6-2018. It is submitted that, the Executive Engineer, R&B, Gudur accorded permission to M/s Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd. To lay OFC from KM 14/0 to 29/0 KM vide Lr. No. EE-GUDUR/APRCRP001619/GUDURU/D.No. 001145 dt. 5-7-2019. In the letter dt. 5-7-2019, the Executive Engineer has issued the following permission.

**"with reference to your online application letter cited, you are requested to furnish a Bank Guarantee of Rs. 14,62,500/- to department for according permission to lay OFC cable along the naidupet to Sriharikota (via) Duggarajapatnam road from km 14/0 to 29/0 on right side in SPSR Nellore Nellore district through HDD method. The bank guarantee shall be valid for a period of one year in terms of GO Ms. No. 12 dt. 28-7-2014 of ITE&CD (Communication wing)".**

As per the above letter of Executive Engineer, R&B Gudur, the permission was accorded to M/s Jio Digital Fibre Pvt. Ltd., for laying of OFC along Naidupet to Sriharikota (Via) Duggarajapatnam Road in SPSR Nellore on obtaining Bank guarantee from the said user agency. In the above reach, some of the portion falls in Puduru RF, Chillamur beat of erst while Venkatagiri Range now under the jurisdiction of Tirupathi Division.

It is submitted that, M/s Jio Digital Bire Pvt. Ltd. In their representation further stated that, the date of commencement of work was during 20<sup>th</sup> to 31-6-2018. In the ref 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, the authorized signatory, M/s Jio Digital Bibre Pvt. Ltd. In his representation stated that, M/s Jio Digital Bibre Pvt. Ltd carried out the OFC work without knowing that the area falls under Reserve Forest. Copy of the ref 2<sup>nd</sup> cited and permission letter to EE, R&B dt. 5-7-2019 are enclosed herewith for favour of kind perusal.

It is submitted that, in the ref 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, the Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Gudur has been requested to submit the name and address of the Executive Engineer, R&B Gudur who issued the permission for laying of OFC in RF area. In the ref 4<sup>th</sup> cited, the Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Gudur has informed that, Sri B. Vivekanana was the Executive Engineer who issued the working order for laying of OFC and informed that, the EE is retired from Service and his residential address is not known.

In the ref 5<sup>th</sup> cited, a letter has been addressed by this to the Engineer-in-chief (Admn), Vijayawada requesting to inform the address of the Retd. Engineer. The Office of Engineer-in- Chief informed that, the said Sri B. Vivekanand was retired a Dy. Chief Engineer (R&B) and the residential address of the above retired officer is informed as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Executive Engineer	Present working Place	Residential address if he retired from service.
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1	B.Vivekanand	Retired from the service as Dy. Chief Engineer (R&B)	D.No. 8-247/B, Lawyer pet extension, Sujathanagar, 4 <sup>th</sup> line, Near VIP road, Ongole-523 002, Prakasam District

As regards the Forest officials who involved in violation, it is submitted that, on verification of Service registers in this office, it is noticed that, the following Forest Beat Officer who working in Chillamur beat of erst while Venkatagiri is noticed.

Sl. No.	Name of the Executive Engineer	Designation	Period of working in Chllamur beat of erst while Venkatagiri Range	Present place of working
1	2	3	4	5
1	R. Suman	Forest Beat officer	25-11-2014 to 18-7-2019.	Forest Section officer, Kavali Range.



As it is the primary responsibility of the Forest Beat office to protect the Forest areas under his jurisdiction, the said Forest Beat officer has neither objected the laying of OFC in RF area nor booked any forest cases against the culprits. He has not reported the facts to higher authorities. Hence, he is responsible for the violations.

In this regard, in the ref 6<sup>th</sup> cited an Article of Charges was framed against Sri R. Suman, FSO, Kavali range for the violations during his tenure in Chillamur beat. On receipt of the defense statement from the said Forest Section officer, further disciplinary proceedings will be initiated as per procedure.

This submitted for favour of kind information.

**Encl:** As above.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-A. Chandra Sekhar,  
District Forest Officer,  
SPSR Nellore.

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Technical officer 14/8/24



JOEPL/AP/ROW/OFC/NLD/DFO-NELLORE/1.27 Ha/ 2024-25/061, dated 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024



To  
The District Forest Officer,  
Sri Potti Sri Ramulu Nellore District,  
Nellore, Andhra Pradesh.

Sub: Diversion of 1.27 Ha of forest land in Nellore & Tirupati (Venkatagiri Range) Divisions for laying of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) along the existing road – clarification wrt work carried out prior to Application- Reg.

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Ref.: Online proposal No. FP/AP/OFC/38865/2019

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to the cited proposal seeking forest clearance for 1.27 Ha. of Forest land in Nellore & Tirupati (Venkatagiri Range) Divisions for laying of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) along the existing roads.

In this regard, we wish to inform you that we were laying Optical Fibre Cable between Naidupeta to Sriharikota via Duggarajapatnam road along the existing R&B Road without knowing that the area falls under Reserve Forest during 20<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018. We have stopped the work immediately upon knowing that the land falls under Reserve Forest (where OFC ducts were being laid) and did not blow the OFC in the laid ducts too. Subsequently, we sought for forest clearance vide cited proposal.

Further, we would like to submit that the above work carried out in Puduru RF was purely unintentional and shall pay the penalty if any as per the guidelines, abide by the Forest Act.

In view of the above, we kindly request you to further process our proposal for forest clearance at the earliest.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
For Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited  
Authorised Signatory



**Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited** CIN U64200GJ2018PTC105652

Registered Office: Office - 101, Saffron, Nr. Centre Point, Panchwati S Rasta, Ambawadi, Ahmedabad-380 006, Gujarat, India

Local Office: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, KBR Heights, 40-1-116 & 117, M.G. Road, Vijayawada-520 010, Andhra Pradesh. Tel: 0866-3541190

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ROADS AND BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

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FROM:

SRI B. VIVEKANAND, M.E., M.T.E.  
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B),  
GUDUR.

TO

M/s. JIO DIGITAL FIBRE PVT. LTD.  
40-1-72D, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, K.K. Towers, Opp: HDFC  
Bank, M.G. Road, Vijayawada-520010, Andhra  
Pradesh. Tel: 0866-6793226.

LT.No.EE-GUDURU/APRCRP001619/GUDURU/D.No:001145, DT:05.07.2019  
Gentlemen,

Sub: (R&B) Dept. - GUDURU Division, Road cutting Permission for laying of OFC CABLES along  
and/or across Naidupet to Sriharikota (Via) Duggarajapatnam road from Km. 14/0 to 29/0  
on right side in SPSR Nellore District - Furnishing of Bank Guarantee for according  
Permission for road cutting and restoration by the RELIANCE JIO INFOCOMM - Demand  
Note issued - Regarding.

Ref: 1. User application No. APRCRP001619.  
2. Letter No.DEE/(R&B) Kota/ Road cutting/2019, dt: 24.04.2019 of the Deputy Executive  
Engineer (R&B) Kota.

With reference to your online application letter cited, you are requested to furnish a  
Bank Guarantee of Rs.14,62,500/- to the department for according permission to lay OFC cable  
along the Naidupet to Sriharikota (Via) Duggarajapatnam road from Km.14/0 to 29/0 on right  
side in SPSR Nellore District through HDD method. The bank guarantee shall be valid for a  
period of one year in terms of G.O. Ms. No.12, dt:28.07.2014 of ITE & CD (communication wing).

Sd/-XXXXXX  
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B)  
GUDUR

Copy to the Deputy Executive Engineer (R&B) Kota for information.

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER  
(R&B) DIVISION: GUDUR  
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Rc. No.1631/2024/F9  
Dated: 05-07-2024

O/o District Forest Officer (T)  
SPSR Nellore.

**ARTICLE OF CHARGE**

(G.O.Ms.No.82 (G.A. Services C.O.) Dept., dt: 01.03.1996)

**Sub:-** Public Services – Forest Department – Sri R.Suman, Forest Section Officer, Special duty, Kavali Range earlier worked in Chillamur Beat of Venkatagiri Range – Departmental Proceedings under Rule-20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges issued – Reg.

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**ORDER:**

1. It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri R.Suman, Forest Section Officer, Special duty, Kavali Range of Nellore (T) Division and presently placed under suspension in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule-22 of the A.P., Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.
2. The substance of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witness by whom, the article of Charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-II and III)
3. Sri R.Suman, Forest Section Officer, is directed to submit a written statement within 10 days of the receipt of this order.
4. Sri R.Suman, Forest Section Officer, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of Charges which are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.
5. Sri R.Suman, Forest Section Officer, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para-3 above further action will be processed based on the material available.
6. Attention of Sri R. Suman, Forest Section Officer, is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P., Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri R. Suman, Forest Section Officer is aware of such representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

The receipt of the memorandum may be acknowledged.

Enc:- Annexure-I, II & III.

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To  
Sri R.Suman, Forest Section Officer, Special duty, Kavali Range through the Forest Range Officer, Kavali  
Copy to the Forest Range Officer, Kavali with a request to serve the orders on the Delinquent Officer, obtain his signature with date on the duplicate copy enclosed and re-transmit the served copy with dated acknowledgement to this office at once.

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*Ch. K. Suman*  
Administrative Officer 6/9/2024



**ANNEXURE-I**  
**ARTICLE OF CHARGE**

**STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI R. SUMAN, FOREST SECTION OFFICER SPECIAL DUTY, KAVALI RANGE EARLIER WORKED IN CHILLAMUR BEAT OF VENKATAGIRI RANGE ALONG WITH IMPUTATIONS AND MISCONDUCT.**

Sri R.Suman, Forest Section Officer, Special duty, Kavali Range of Nellore (T) Division. During his tenure in Chillamur beat of Venkatgiri Range from 25-11-2024 to 18-07-2019, he has committed irregularities, for which the following Article of Charge is framed against him as per the evidences adduced in the statement of imputations and misconduct, against each article of Charge:

**ARTICLE-I :** That the said Sri R.Suman, Forest Section Officer has exhibited gross negligence of duty in stopping the work of "laying of OFC by M/s Vindhya Tele Links Ltd, Secunderabad along Naidupet to Sriharikota (Via) Duggarajapatnam Road from 0 Km to 14.00 KM in SPSR Nellore" and also "laying OFC by M/s Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd.in the same RF and location" and not booked a forest case in the Reserve Forest area which is in contravention to the provisions of A.P.Forest Act, 1967, and Forest (Conservation ) Act, 1980 resulting enormous loss to forest wealth.

**Statement of imputations and misconduct :**

The Sri Srinivasulu, M/s Vindha Telelinks and M/s Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd. have submitted separate representations stating that, M/s Vindhya Telelinks and M/s Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd carried out the work as per the permission accorded by Executive Engineer, R&B, Gudur and permission letter of Executive Engineer,R&B, Gudur vide Lr.No.EE-GUDUR/APRCRP000903/GUDUR/D.No.000376 dated.05-06-2018 and EE, R&B, GudeLr. No.903/JTO/Roadcutting/2019-20 dt. 8-7-2024.

As per the above letters of Executive Engineer, R&B, Gudur, the permission was accorded to M/s Vindhya Tele Links Ltd, Secunderabad and also to M/s Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd for laying of OFC along Naidupet to Sriharikota (Via) Duggarajapatnam Road from 0 Km to 14.00 KM in SPSR Nellore. In the above reach, some of the portion falls in Puduru RF, Chillamur beat of erst while Venkatagiri Range.Both the companies laid the OFC in the same place one above the another.

Under Section 4 of A.P. Forest Department Code, the services of Forest Beat Officers are classified under protective staff. Therefore, he is responsible for the above OFC work done in RF areas without prior permission from competent authority. The Forest Beat officer is failed to prevent the laying of OFC in the said Reserved Forest by both the companies.

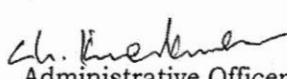

As per circular instructions issued by the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad in Rc.No.23211/995/X3, (Circular No.13/95), dated.12.11.1995, "A Forest Guard shall inspect his beat thoroughly at least once in a week and not more than 10 days". However, vulnerable areas shall be inspected more frequently. If the Forest Beat Officer had followed the circular

instruction, he could have detected and booked the cases on illegal laying of OFC in RF area by both the companies. But, he has violated the circular instructions of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, AP, Hyderabad.

If he had been frequently inspecting the natural forests in his beat jurisdiction and carrying out beat inspections promptly and perfectly, he himself could have detected laying of OFC in RF area by both the companies without prior permission from competent authority, Forest Beat Officer has neither reported the above incidence to his higher officials nor taken any effective steps to prevent the laying of OFC in RF area. Further, the Forest Beat Officer has not booked any Forest case against the said two companies. Thus, he has neglected his legitimate duties and miserably failed to control and protect the valuable forests, Hence, Sri R. Suman, Forest Section Officer is totally responsible for laying of OFC in RF area by both the companies in RF area without prior permission from competent authority

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**ANNEXURE-II**

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST  
SRI R.SUMAN, FOREST SECTION OFFICER, Spl. DUTY.KAVALI RANGE  
ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTINED.**

- 1 Lr.No.EE-GUDUR/APRCRP000903/GUDUR/D.No.000376 dated.05-06-2018
2. EE, R&B, GudeLr. No.903/JTO/Roadcutting/2019-20 dt. 8-7-2024.

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Administrative Officer  
*for*

**ANNEXURE-III**

**LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI R, SUMAN, FOREST SECTION OFFICER, Spl. DUTY.KAVALI RANGE ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTINED.**

1. Sri B. Rajendra Prasad, Forest Range Officer, erstwhile Venkatagiri Range, Tirupathi Division
2. Sri P. Pratap Reddy, Dy. Range Officer, Dakkili(S) Section, Venkatagiri Range, Tirupathi Division

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