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Ref: RJIL/ SCO/ EDS/2023/04

Date: 08/07/2023

To,
The Divisional Forest Officer
Kalimpong Forest Division
Kalimpong, West Bengal

Subject: Clarification on the EDS raised against Proposal for installation of Mobile Tower at Mongpong 10 Compartment under Kalimpong Division

Proposal ID: FP/WB/Others/145926/2021

Sir,

In respect to the query raised by DFO Kalimpong dated 7th July 2023 related to installation of Mobile Tower at Mongpong 10 Compartment against our reply made on 17th June 23 quoting the reference of the circular issued by MoEFCC vide reference no : FC-11/118/2021-FC dated 13th June 2023 which has not been accepted on the pretext that this project was submitted prior to issue of this circular on date 13th June 23.

Further to inform you that, we have received In-principal(Stage-I) approval against similar proposal no FP/WB/OTHERS/418192/2023 for installation of tower at Kankibong Block, Compartment-1 under Darjeeling Division vide IRO Kolkata letter no FP/WB/Others/418192/2022/226 dated 26th June 2023 with the conditions as mentioned in Condition 2 that " The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintain the compensatory afforestation (100 tree plantation and maintenance for 10 years) at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal".

That proposal also submitted in Parivesh Portal prior to the introduction of mentioned circular dated 13th June 23.

The Nodal Officer (FCA), WB vide letter no 3198/L</2M-94/2023 dated 5th July 23 also endorsed & issue directive to DFO Darjeeling for providing Demand Note on the basis of "Payment of Net Present Value(NPV). Cost of raising & maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation (100 trees plantation and maintenance for 10 years and compliance of conditions as directed of the instant approval" copy of which is attached herewith.

So, it is not understood why this proposal will not be considered as per the MoEF Circular dated 13th June 23. So we are requesting you to accept the reply of the EDS on the light of the MoEF Circular.

Thanks & Regards.

For Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited

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Ref: RJIL/SCO/2023/CA/01

Date: 17th June 2023

To,
The Nodal Officer
Forest Conservation ACT &
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
Aranya Bhavan, Salt Lake City,
Kolkata

Subject: EDS raised by IRO Kolkata for setting up of e-Node(Mobile Tower) at Mongpong 10 forest Compartment under Kalimpong Forest Division

Ref: IRO Ref No IRO/KOL/WB/Others/145926/2021/164 dated 2nd May 2023 & Nodal Office Ref No 2259/L</2M-83/2022 dated 9th June 23

Madam,

In reply to the query as raised by IRO Kolkata against the reference no mentioned above, this is to bring your kind notice that MOEFCC circular no **FC-11/118/2021-FC** dated 13th June 2023 on clarification on the provisions of raising compensatory afforestation, it is mentioned in the Para V.(b) that cost of plantation shall be minimum of 100 trees or ten times the number of tree likely to be felled can be levied from user Agency in cases of “**Diversions of forest land up to one hectare**”.

Our proposal for diversion of forest land is only for 0.0144 Ha, so in this case requirement of providing non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation does not arise. User Agency only need to pay the cost of plantation as per the circular.

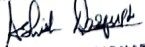
In reply to the query regarding Employment Generation, we have mentioned 90 Man days will be generated during the Project Work which is mentioned the respective section of Form-A in Parivesh Portal.

Hope this will satisfy the queries towards issuance of Stage-I Clearance.

Thanks & Regards.

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