



**J&K Forest Department**  
**OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER**  
**RAMBAN FOREST DIVISION, RAMBAN**

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**The Chief Conservator of Forest/  
Conservator of Forest,  
Chenab Circle, Doda.**

No. RFD/FCA/2024-25/ 939-47 Dated 16 /05/2024

**Subject:- Proposal for diversion of 0.639 Ha of forest land for laying of OFC from  
Ramsoo Neel in Ramban District (Online Proposal No. FP/JK/OFC/155700/2022)-reg**

Reference:- Nodal Officer, FCA Office letter no. PCCF/FCA/3506-I/10256-57 dated:- 02-02-2024.

**Sir,**

On the subject cited above, it is to submit that the EDS has been raised by the Nodal Officer, FCA vide No. mentioned above. The detail of the reply is as under:-

1	Point 1	The NPV Sheet has been deleted from Part-II.
2	Point 2	Violation has been noticed in the form of land breaking over an area of <b>0.639 ha</b> by laying of OFC by the User Agency "Jio Digital Private Limited" with length 11Km and width 1m and the work was started without forest clearance. The violation was reported after the user agency applied on PARIVESH Portal for forest clearance. The <i>prima-facia</i> forest offence case has been booked against the User Agency i.e., Jio Digital Private Limited and Vendors namely Jameel Bhat and Fayaz Malik for violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 and Indian Forest Act, 1927 and case registered in forest offence registered (Form-30) under Damage Case No.1 of 2023-24 dated 01-07-2023 by Range Officer Banihal and the Range Officer, Banihal requested the SHO Police Station, Banihal to lodge the FIR against the User Agency vide his Office Letter No. 18/Rb dated:- 08-04-2023. As far as the disciplinary action against concerned field officials is concerned, the salary of the concerned Block Officer and Beat Guard has been withheld vide this office letter no. RFD/220 dated:- 07-04-2023 . A summon was issued to the User Agency by the Range Officer Ramban to attend his Office, accordingly, the representative of the User Agency attended his office and tendered the reply along with copy of permission for laying of OFC cable issued by the Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Division Ramban. User agency pleads

	that as per their understanding they secured permission from the Road agency as the laying of cable was done along road side. They further stated that as and when they learnt about the violation, they immediately followed the set procedure for seeking forest clearance. Now, the User Agency is willing to pay the compensation/penalty amount and ready to cooperate with the department.
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Hence submitted for favour of information and n/action.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Hitender Singh Chandel) SFS  
Divisional Forest Officer  
Ramban Forest Division  
Ramban *Kashmir*

**Copy to:-**

1. The **Addl. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer, FCA O/o PCCF (HoFF) J&K**, for kind information and necessary action at his end, please.
2. The **Range Officer, Banihal** for information and necessary action.



J&K FOREST DEPARTMENT  
**OFFICE OF THE RANGE FOREST OFFICER FOREST  
RANGE BANIHAL**

The Divisional Forest Officer,  
Forest Division Ramban.

No:- 103/Rb Dt:- 04/05/2024.

**Subject: Final Report of Violation of Forest Clearance Norms by Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited**

Your office no: - RFD/244 Dated 18-04-2024

R/Sir,

This report summarizes the violation of forest clearance norms by Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited (JDFPL) and the subsequent actions taken by the Forest Department.

**Background:**

- JDFPL started laying cables in Block Chamalwas, Compartments 53, 54, and 55/bnl, without forest clearance during the year 2021.
- Then, Field staff stopped the work and advised JDFPL to obtain clearance.
- JDFPL applied for clearance (Proposal No. FB/JK/OFC/148260/2021 dated 09-10-2021) but did not pursue it.
- Instead, they obtained permission from the Executive Engineer, PWD (R&B) Division, Ramban (Office No. 4926-30. Dated 02-07-2021), Field staff were misled, allowing JDFPL to continue work without forest clearance.

**Actions Taken:**

- A team was constituted by the Worthy DFO Ramban to verify the violation vide No. RFD/10115-18 Dated 18-03-2023, and a report was submitted by the team reporting 0.55 hac Forest area involved in this case.
- As per the directions of the Worthy DFO Ramban, a damage Case No 1/2023-24 dated 01-07-2023 was registered and SHO Police Station Banihal was requested to lodge an FIR against JDFPL for violation of

*of Sajida DA  
for M.R.*

*[Signature]*  
DFO Rbm.



J&K FOREST DEPARTMENT

**OFFICE OF THE RANGE OFFICER FOREST RANGE  
BANIHAL**

**SUMMON**

**The Jio Digital Fiber  
Private Limited  
Veer Towers Marble Market  
Trikuta Nagar Jammu.**

No:- 70-71/B Dt: 27/04/2024.

**Subject: - Investigation of Damage Case No. 1/2023-24, registered in the office of Range office Banihal.**

Whereas the above cited Damage Case is under investigation regarding unauthorized laying of OFC cable along the Neel-Chamalwas road in Co 52,53,& 54/Bnl by your company through Contractors during the year 2021-22.

Whereas the power vested under section 72 of Indian Forest Act 1927 upon me, you are directed to appear before the undersigned along with record/permission pertaining to this case on dated 30-04-2024 at 10 Am at Range office Banihal, failing which the action under law shall be initiated against you.

*of Shajee DA  
for info*

Range Forest officer  
Banihal Range

- Copy Submitted to worthy DFO Ramban for favour of information and n/action please.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD(R&B) DIVISION RAMBAN**  
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No: 4926-30  
Date: 2-7-2021

The JIO Digital Fiber  
Private Limited,  
Veer Towers, Marble Market  
Trikuta Nagar Jammu.

Subject: Restoration of Link road likely to be damaged due to laying of OFC.  
1. Neel Chamalwas road km 5<sup>th</sup> RD 500 to km 26<sup>th</sup> RD 1000 (Length =21.5kms)  
2. Batoo Gogani road km 1<sup>st</sup> RD 0 to km 3<sup>rd</sup> RD 500 (Length =3.500kms)

Ref: 1. Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) Circle Doda's No. SED/R&B/4376 dated: 22.06.2021,  
2. Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Department Jammu's letter No. CEJ/Accts/1877-69 dated: 12.01.2021 & No. CEJ/DB/4495-96 dated: 24.06.2021.


In reference to the subject captioned above, the road cut permission has been granted by the Superintending Engineer PWD(R&B) Circle Doda/Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Department Jammu vide aforesaid references to indenting Department for laying of OFC on below noted roads falling within the jurisdiction of this Division. JIO Digital Fiber Private Limited (erstwhile Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited) is hereby allowed to take of the work in hand at the earliest under close supervision of concern Officers/ officials and complete the same well before the stipulated time period.

State of start of work : July 2021  
Date of completion of work : September 2021

S. No	Name of road/work	Length
1	Neel Chamalwas road km 5 <sup>th</sup> RD 500 to km 26 <sup>th</sup> RD 1000 (Length =21.500kms)	21.500kms
2	Batoo Gogani road km 1 <sup>st</sup> RD 0 to km 3 <sup>rd</sup> RD 500 (Length =3.500kms)	3.500kms

The permission for road cut has been granted on the following conditions:-

1. That the laying of OFC cable is allowed on uphill side of the road by trenching method that too by manually as per Nishandehi of concerned Assistant Executive Engineer as proposed, as per his estimate submitted and also as per conditions laid down by the Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Department Jammu's No. CEJ/Accts/1877-69 dated: 12.01.2021 & No. CEJ/DB/4495-96 dated: 24.06.2021.
2. That the road cut if any for laying OFC Cable shall be filled up immediately and the debris has to be cleared and road surface shall be kept free from all hindrance for smooth playing of the Vehicular Traffic.

  
Executive Engineer  
PWD (R&B) Division

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**PMGSY**  
**(PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA)**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PMGSY DIVISION BANIHAL**

M/S JIO DIGITAL FIBER PVT. LTD

C/O : Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited  
Registered office : 9 floor maker chambers IV  
222, Nariman Point Mumbai -400021

No:- PMGSY/D/B 379-82


DATE:- 23.06.2021

Sub.: ROW permission for laying Optical Fiber Cable on upgradation of PMGSY Road from Hewagan to Bhardhar.

Sir,

In reference to subject cited above, permission is hereby granted for laying of Optical Fiber Cable for above mentioned PMGSY Roads on following terms and conditions:

1. The firm is bound to supply the working schedule in advance.
2. The work shall be executed purely manually and use of machinery for digging shall not be allowed at any cost.
3. The firm shall bound to install cautionary boards on both the side of work indicating name of work.
4. The Agency shall cover the portion dug by it during the day time and no trench shall be kept open after working hours.
5. The Agency shall be personally responsible for any sort of loss to human /cattle and private property during execution.
6. During execution, the road shall be kept open to traffic without any hindrance.
7. All the excavated earth will be disposed off to the suitable point and the road width will be kept neat and clean daily.
8. Any condition are in vogue in PWD shall remain applicable in this case also.

  
Executive Engineer  
PMGSY Division  
Executive Engineer  
PMGSY Division  
Banihal

Copy to the:

1. Superintending Engineer PMGSY Circle Batote for information please.
2. Assistant Executive Engineer PMGSY Sub-Division Ramsod for information.
3. Office record file.

**OFFICE OF THE RANGE OFFICER FOREST RANGE BANIHAL**

TO

The Station House Officer  
Banihal

NDI - 18/23  
DE: - 01/04/2023

Sub:- FIR against user Agency OFC 4G Network.  
R/Sir,

In context to subject cited above kindly register FIR against user Agency Jio Digital fiber Private Ltd. Veer Tower Marble Market Jammu for laid down of OFC for providing 4G Network in Neel-Chamalwas area through Jameel Bhat (cont No. 9596024940) without forest clearance.

As the user agency was repeatedly requested to upload the documents on PARVESH Portal for Forest Clearance but the user Agency didn't go through proper process for acquisition of forest land & laid down OFC without any permission of clearance from higher authorities.

  
Range Officer  
Forest Banihal

Copy to worthy DFO Ramban for favor of information.

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DFO Ramban.