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No: LND: CR – 17/FC/Bio Digital/2022-23
Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/143050/2021

Dated : 18-11-2023.

To,

Conservator of Forests,
Mangaluru Circle,
Mangaluru.

Sir,

Sub : Diversion of 0.385ha. of forest land in Mundaje Road Chibidre, Charmady and Neriya Road villages in the Dakshina Kannada District for laying Jio-Digital Optical Fiber Cable along the Right of way in NH PWD Road from Ujire-Neriya in Belthangady Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District in favour of Jio-Digital Fiber Private Limited, Bengaluru.- **Proposal No. FP/KA/OFC/143050/2021.**

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1. Government of Karnataka letter No FEE 54 FLL 2023, Dated: 13-07-2023.
 2. Principa chief Conservator of Forests (FC) and Nodal Officer (FCA) Bengaluru letter No. E-pffice file No. KFD/HOFF/ A5(2)/ GFL/29/2021/FC, dated:31-07/19-08-2023.
 3. Jio Digital Fiber Private Limited, No. 51, RMZ Icon, Palace Cross Road, Vasanthanagar, Bangalore letter No. JDFPL/ OFC/RoW/ Forest/Mangalore/001, Dated: 28-08-2023.
 4. Range Forest Officer, Belthangady Range letter No. C1/CR-75/ Jio/FC/2022-23, Dated:15-09-2023 & 07-11-2023
 5. Assistant Conservator of Forests, & TA to Dy. Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru letter No. ACF:GL:1111/Jio FC/2023-24, Dated:15-11-2023


With reference to the letter cited in (1) & (2), the Jio-Digital Fiber Private Limited, Bengaluru has furnished the informations sought by EDS, for the proposal of Diversion of

0.385 ha. laying Jio-Digital Optical Fiber Cable along the Right of way in NH PWD Road from Ujire-Neriya in Belthangady Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District. The compliance submitted by the user agency (EDS) & Unit officers is furnished here below along with my remarks; for your kind perusal and further needful action.

Sl. No.	Comments in Government of Karnataka Letter	Reply / Comments of User Agency	Remarks & Comments
1.	Raised about alternative technology to OFC Cable installation and the requirement of the said project.	We would like to inform you that currently, there is no other alternative technology available to replace fibre. The fibre technology is the latest and most advanced transmission method, capable of carrying high - speed signals, especially for 5G technology. Therefore, the continued use of fibre is essential for efficient and reliable communication for this project.	Justification given by User Agency may be considered.
2.	Which inquired about whether the approved work is to be carried out on NH-PWD road side and whether the said land is under NH-PWD or Forest Department.	We would like to clarify that the proposed land belongs to the National Highway (NH) and not to the PWD or Forest department.	<p>22 yards on either side measured from the center of the road has mentioned public right of way in the notification of the Reserved Forest. Which Jio optical fiber cable passes.</p> <p>No document on ownership of this right of way is available.</p> <p>It appears that it has been kept valid for road development and can be considered as reserved only for road development work.</p>

			<p>Therefore, apart from road development, there is no proposal in the notification about using it for other development works, so the user agency has submitted a suitable proposal according to the Forest Conservation Act 1980 for installation of Jio Optical Fiber Cable on the road side of National Highway 73 - 0.385 ha.</p>
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Your's faithfully,


 Deputy Conservator of Forests,
 Mangaluru Division, Mangaluru

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