

TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From
Thiru. D. Venkatesh, I.F.S.,
Conservator of Forests & Field Director ,
Mudumalai Tiger Reserve,
Udhagamandalam.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of
Forests (Head of Forest Force),
Forest Head Quarters, Guindy,
Chennai – 600 032.

Ref. No.5402/2022/D1, dated 21.04.2023

Sir,

Sub: Forests – Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 –Nilgiris Forest Division – Proposal for diversion of 0.03 ha. of forest land in Pakkasuranmalai area in Nilgiris Forest Division for erection of telecommunication tower in Pakkasuranmalai area in the Nilgiris District by M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai – Certain shortcomings communicated – Rectification report submitted - Regarding.

- Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by the user agency M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, No.89, Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai-4 Proposal No.FP/TN/Others/33940/2018, dated 30.05.2018 and resubmission of proposal on 15.02.2019 and 08.02.2021
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai. C. No. TS3/7248/2021, dated 26.05.2022 and 12.09.2022.
3. Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Nilgiris Forest Division, Udhagamandalam on 09.07.2022
4. Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Udhagamandalam on 05.09.2022
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai. Ref. No. WL5/38262/2022, dated 01.03.2023.
6. The District Forest Officer, Nilgiris Forest Division, Udhagamandalam. Ref.No.2544/2021/D1, dated 19.04.2023.

I submit that certain shortcomings has been noticed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer in the reference 2nd cited dated 12.09.2022 above regarding the above proposal and requested the rectified proposal in full shape. The District Forest Officer, Nilgiris Forest Division has now submitted the hard copies of the rectified proposal in triplicate vide reference 6th cited above. On perusal of the

documents the District Forest Officer has uploaded the relevant documents pertaining to the shortcomings noticed in SI.No.i, ii and iv. In regard to the shortcomings noticed in SI.No.iii regarding Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation Plan the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests has approved the Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation Plan prepared by the District Forest Officer and communicated vide reference 5th cited. The copy of the approved Mitigation Plan is uploaded along with this reply for kind perusal. Further, the EDS raised by the Nodal Officer is suitably replied in the web portal.

I therefore request that the proposal may kindly be forwarded to the Government for approval.

Encl.: As stated

Yours faithfully,
Sd/ D. Venkatesh,
Conservator of Forests and Field Director,
Mudumalai Tiger Reserve,
Udhagamandalam.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Nilgiris Forest Division.
Copy to M/s. Jio Digital Fiber Limited (Formerly known as Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited),
Chennai.

/ t. c. b. o./


Junior Engineer.

BYRPAD

Ref. No. WL5/38262/2022

O/o. the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Forest Head Quarters Building,
Guindy-Velachery Main Road, Near
Kanikapuram Check Post, Chennai - 32.
Dated: 01-03-2023

Sub: Forest - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Nilgiris Forest Division - Proposal for diversion of 0.03 Ha of forest land in Pakkasuranmalai area in Nilgiris Forest Division for erection of telecommunication tower in Pakkasuranmalai area in the Nilgiris District by M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai - Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation Plan - Approval requested - Regarding.

Ref: Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Udthagamandalam Ref. No. 5402/2022/D1 dated 24-02-2023

Attention of the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, is invited to the reference cited. It is informed that the Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation Plan for diversion of 0.03 Ha of Forest land in Pakkasuranmalai area in Nilgiris for erection of telecommunication tower by M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai is hereby approved. The abstract of mitigation measures are as follows:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)				
Sl. No.	Name of work	Physical Quantity	Unit cost	Amount
1	Erection of Awareness boards	5 Nos.	0.10	0.50
2	Improvement and maintenance of watch tower for monitoring protection activities	1 No.	12.00	12.00
Total				12.50

The following conditions should be strictly adhered

- Implementation of the conservation plan has to be done as proposed without any deviation and the Conservator of Forests and Field Director has to submit progress report to this office monthly.
- Disturbance to the movement of wildlife in the proposed area should be avoided.

- All safety measures should be taken to avoid accidents and structural failures.
- The works should be carried out without disturbing or damaging flora, fauna, or habitat of the area.
- The user agency i.e., M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm should give an undertaking to the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve to that effect that the amount of Rs. 12.50 Lakhs will not be claimed in future in any case.

2) This mitigation plan is only for obtaining Forests / Environmental Clearance from the Competent Authority.

Sd/- Srinivas R. Reddy
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
and Chief Wildlife Warden

To
The Conservator of Forests and Field Director,
Mudumalai Tiger Reserve,
Udhagamandalam.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Nilgiris Division, Nilgiris for information.

Copy to the M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm, No. 89, Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapure,
Chennai - 600 004.

/True Copy / by Order/

Superintendent
2/3/2023
02/03/23