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**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From Sri.R.M.Dobriyal, IFS., Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force Telangana State, "Aranya Bhavan", Saifabad, Hyderabad.	To The Special Chief Secretary to Government, Forest Department, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat, Telangana State, Hyderabad.
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Madam,

Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/100/2022-FCA Section, Dated:09/07/2023

Sub:TSFD – Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of forest land to an extent of **0.1714 ha** passing through various RFs of Jagitial forest division of Jagitial District for Laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW for execution of project in favour of M/s.Bharti Airtel Limited (*earlier known as M/s.Telesonic Networks Limited, Hyderabad*) - **In-principle (Stage-I) accorded - Submission of compliance report for according necessary approval** – Regarding.

- Ref:
1. GoI, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, Lr. F.NO. 5-2/2017-FC, Dt. 28.03.2019 and subsequent amendments issued therein.
 2. Letter from M/s. Telesonic Network Limited, Hyd. Lr.No.TNL/HYD/001/031120, Dt.03.11.2020
 3. PCCF's Rc. No. 15039/2020/FCA-3, Dt.30.01.2021
 4. M/s. Telesonic Network Limited, Hyd. Ref.No.TNL/HYD-288/03-21, Dt.15.03.2021.
 5. PCCF's Rc.No.4365/2021/FCA-3, Dt.18.05.2021.
 6. CF, Karimnagar, Rc.No.177/2022/M2, Dt.29.01.2022.
 7. PCCF's Rc.No.4365/2021/FCA-3, Dt.23.03.2022.
 8. Forest (Conservation)Rules,2022 published vide MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi Gazette Number GSR 480 (E), Dt.28.06.2022, communicated vide F.No.FC-11/118/2021-FC, Dt.29.06.2022.
 9. GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi F.No.FC-11/118/2021-FC, Dt.18.07.2022.
 - 10.G.O.Rt.No.127, EFS&T (FoR.I) Dept., Dt.13.09.2022.
 - 11.PCCF(HoFF), TS, Hyd., Rc.No.PCCF-FC3/FC15/100/2022-FCA Section, Dt.27.09.2022.
 - 12.From M/s.Bharti Airtel Limited, Ref.No.BAL/ROW/Forest/01, Dt.01.02.2023.
 - 13.CCF, Basara Circle, HQ Nirmal, Rc.No.177/2022/M2, Dt.15.06.2023.

Kind attention is invited to the references cited.

It is submitted that M/s.Telesonic Networks Limited, which is now merged to M/s.Bharti Airtel Limited (**User Agency**); where the User Agency vide reference 12th cited (**copy enclosed**) while enclosing the order copy of the National Company Law Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench, **No.NCLT/Reg./FO/2023/1992, Dt.25.01.2023**, has informed that the Telesonics Network Limited is now merged with "Bharti Airtel Limited."

It is submitted that the Government vide reference 10th cited have **accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval** for "diversion of forest land to an extent of **0.1714 ha** passing

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through various RFs of Jagitial forest division of Jagitial District for Laying of Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing RoW for execution of project in favour of M/s.Bharti Airtel Limited (earlier known as M/s.Telesonic Networks Limited, Hyderabad.)” The above orders have been communicated to all the concerned officers vide reference 11th cited with instructions to submit condition-wise compliance report as per the conditions stipulated therein.

Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Basra circle has obtained condition-wise compliance report from the User Agency and the District Forest Officer, Jagitial and submitted together with its enclosures vide reference 13th cited. The copies of reference 13th cited together with its enclosures **in duplicate** are enclosed herewith. **The condition-wise compliance report is reproduced with remarks as follows:**

S. No.	Description of Condition	Compliance									
i.	The legal Status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.									
ii.	Demarcation of the forest land diverted: The State Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency and cost for which shall be deposited by the User Agency with the Forest Department as assessed by the concerned District Forest Officer/ Forest Divisional Officer;	<p>The User Agency has deposited an amount ₹8,26,000/- towards construction of boundary pillars and demarcation charges on 08.02.2023 through online vide UTR.No. HDFCR52023020881406127 in to the CA-PD Account of the District Forest Officer, Jagitial bearing A/c No. 025810100294226, IFSC Code: UBIN0802581 of Union Bank of India, Jagitial. The breakup details of the deposited amount is listed below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S.No</th> <th>Description of Item</th> <th>Amount (in Rupees)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td> <td>Construction of big pillars of 1.2 m base of 4' height at entry and exit points of each RF, each change in alignment, on outer edge of the road, on one side 50 Nos pillars @ 11,500/- per pillar.</td> <td>5,75,000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.</td> <td>Small intermediate 6"x6" of 4' height prefabricated RCC pillars at 20 m interval 164 Nos</td> <td>2,46,000/-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	S.No	Description of Item	Amount (in Rupees)	1.	Construction of big pillars of 1.2 m base of 4' height at entry and exit points of each RF, each change in alignment, on outer edge of the road, on one side 50 Nos pillars @ 11,500/- per pillar.	5,75,000/-	2.	Small intermediate 6"x6" of 4' height prefabricated RCC pillars at 20 m interval 164 Nos	2,46,000/-
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		@₹1,500/- per pillar.	
		Demarcation charges	5,000/-
		Total:	8,26,000/-
	A copy of the payment is enclosed.		
iii.	Net Present Value: The project is exempted from payment of NPV as per para 3.5 of ref 1 st cited as the area proposed for diversion is outside of Protected Area and no tree felling is involved;	The Net Present Value is not applicable for this project.	
iv.	Compensatory Afforestation: No compensatory afforestation stipulated as the project doesn't involve tree felling;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.	
v.	No tree felling and branch cutting shall be carried out by the User Agency;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.	
vi.	User Agency shall fulfill the conditions stipulated in Part II, III and Part IV and also covering letters, inspections notes of the proposals;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.	
vii.	The depth of the trench shall not be more than 2m and width shall not be more than 0.4 m and after laying down of optical fiber cable the ground shall be leveled. The cable line should be laid at least 1.5 meter below the ground;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.	
viii.	Disturbance should be kept minimum by creating labor camps outside the forest areas and it will be responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers and staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora and	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.	

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	fauna. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;	
ix.	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
x.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
xi.	The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at the designated sites and in no case the muck / debris will be disposed off in the forest area by the User Agency'	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
xii.	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
xiii.	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of competent authority;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
xiv.	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India as well as State Forest Department/PCCF(HoFF) may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and competent development of forests & wildlife, shall be complied by the User Agency;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
xv.	The total forest area utilized for the	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the

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	project shall not exceed 0.1714 ha and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;	condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
xvi.	The User Agency to make good the land after use/ maintenance;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
xvii.	The User Agency to make good any loss to forests / environment;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
xviii.	The User Agency should take permission for carrying out any maintenance;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
xix.	Work should be carried out during day time only;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
xx.	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project;	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.
xxi.	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (http://parivesh.nic.in/).	The compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval has been uploaded in the ministry portal.
xxii.	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF & CC, Guidelines F.no.11-42/2017-FC, Dt.29.01.2018 and as per F.No.5-2/2017, Dt.28.03.2019.	The User Agency has agreed to comply with the condition and submitted an undertaking, which is enclosed herewith.

Further, it is submitted that the stage-I clearance has been published by the User Agency in daily newspapers in English and Telugu languages on **16.02.2023 (copy enclosed)**.

In view of the above, the Government are requested to take necessary action for

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according final (Stage-II) approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and communicate the orders in the matter at an early date.

Encl: As above.

(Rakesh Mohan Dobriyal)
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Basara circle, HQ, Nirmal for information.

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Copy to the M/s. Bharti Airtel Limited, #1-8-437, 438, 364 & 445, Splendid Towers, Opp: Begumpet Police Station, Huda road, Begumpet, Hyderabad-500016 for information.

Copy to the Stock file and Spare Copy.