

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From	To
Sri Y. Madhusudhana Reddy, IFS., Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri-522503.	The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi.

**Ref.no.EFS02-15026/5/2019/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:21/08/2023.**

Sir,

Sub: APFD – F(C) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 1.27 ha forest land for laying Optical  
- Fiber Cable along the road within the Right of Way (RoW) passing through  
forest under Nellore Division for providing 4G Communication in the State of  
Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., – Further  
information called for - Submitted – Reg.

Ref:- 1. Online Proposal no. FP/AP/OFC/38865/2019, Dt.11.02.2019.  
2. PCCF's Ref.no.EFS02-15026/5/2019/FCA SEC/PCCF/ FCA-1, Dt.  
27.02.2019.  
3. G.M.no.623/Sec.II/2020, EFFS&T (Sec.II) Department, Dt.22.06.2020  
4. CCF, Guntur, Rc.no.558/2019-TO, dated:11.11.2022 & 07.08.2023.

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It is submitted that, the Chief Conservator of Forests , Guntur in the reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited has submitted a report stating that, the user agency has furnished an under taking to submit RoFR certificate before Stage-II approval as called by the Government in the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited. Further, it is submitted that as per Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022, Central Government can give its final approval and will, thereafter, leave it to the State Government to pass an order for de-reservation or diversion or assignment after ensuring settlement of rights under FRA and fulfillment compliance under other laws. This means, it is not necessary for the collector to oversee the process of Recognition and vesting individual claims of forest rights before the grant of in principle approval by the Central Government.

Further, the District Forest Officer, Tirupathi in Ir. no. 360/2023/TO, dated: 22.06.2023 (copy attached) has stated that, the user agency has carried out the work under presumption that the road is excluded from the Pudur RF as it was excluded in Yellasiri RF by obtaining permission from the concerned R&B authorities. After noticing the work in Pudur RF, the concerned Forest Range Officer has booked the case vide UDOR 32/2019-20, dated: 27.03.2020 U/s 20(i), C(ii)(iii) and (vi) of AP Forest Act, 1967.OFC cable was laid to a length of 2006 meters in a trench 0.5 m. depth and 0.5 m width which works out the quantity of 501.5 cu. . earth work excavation was done and as per offense FSR, it's value was arrived at Rs. 2,64,290/-. Further, the work has been stopped since then and no further work has been carried out by the User agency after submitting proposals for diversion. Action will be taken against the concerned user agency as per the AP Forest Act, 1967. Therefore, no violation was done by the user agency after submitting the proposals for diversion U/s -2 of Forest

(Conservation) Act, 1980.

Further, it is also submitted that as per para 2.5 (i) (b) of Chapter-2 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the Government of India, MoEF &CC, New Delhi in F. No. 5-2/2017, FC, dated: 28.03.2019, degraded forest land for Compensatory Afforestation has been identified to an extent of 2.54 ha in compartment no.174, Yellasiri RF of Chillamuru beat, Naidupet Section, Naidupet Range, Tirupathi Division which is double the extent of RF proposed for diversion (1.27 ha.)

As per para 2.8 (ii) of Chapter -2 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the Government of India, MoEF &CC, New Delhi in F.No. 5-2/2017, FC, dated: 28.03.2019, the District Forest Officer, Tirupathi has prepared CA scheme to an extent of 2.54 ha for raising Compensatory Afforestation with a financial outlay of Rs. 25.47 lakh for a period of 12 years including Advance operations, Maintenance of Nurseries and Raising of Plantations commencement from 2024-25 to 2035-36. CA map, CA scheme, kml file and Suitability certificate of the land for raising CA , has uploaded in the parivesh portal.

This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action as deemed fit in the matter.

Y Madhusudhana Reddy Ifs  
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &  
Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests , Guntur and Tirupathi for information.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore and Tirupathi for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Authorized Signatory M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Visakhapatnam for information and necessary action.

