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Date 20-12-2023

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government  
Forests, Ecology & Environment Department  
M.S. Building, Bengaluru-560 001

Sir

**Sub:** Diversion of 0.385 ha of forest land in Mundage road, C. BidareCharmadiand Neriya Road villages in Dakshinakannada 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[FORM A]**

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number dated 31-05-2023 [seeking Stage-I approval] and 08-08-2023 [communication of GOK EDS query to Field Officers]
  2. Government of Karnataka letter No FEE 54 FLL 2023 dated 13-07-2023 [EDS query]
  3. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Division letter No. LAND/CR:17/FC/Jio Digital/2022-23 dated 18-11-2023 [reply to GOK EDS query]
  4. Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Circle letter No. A3/CR-11/DCF/Ujire-Neriya(FC)/2022-23 dated 20-11-2023 [reply to GOK EDS query]

With reference to the above subject, this office vide Ref (1) letter dated 31-05-2023 has submitted the proposal to the Government of Karnataka for seeking 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In response, the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) has sought certain information. The same was communicated by this office vide Ref (1) letter dated 08-08-2023 to User Agency and Field officers for further action.

In response, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Division vide Ref (3) has submitted the information to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Circle who, after verification, vide Ref (4) has submitted it to this office.

Based on the reports obtained from the User Agency and Field officers, the following information is furnished.

GOK Query dated 13-07-2023

Reply



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1	About other technology available as alternatives to OFC cable installation and about the project requirement?	There is no other alternative technology available to replace fiber. The fiber technology is the latest and most advanced transmission method capable of carrying high – speed signals, especially for 5G technology. Therefore, the continued use of fiber is essential for efficient and reliable communication for this project.
2	As the proposed work is to be carried out on the NH PWD road side, whether the land falls under NH-PWD or Forest Department?	<p>22 yards on either side measured from the center of the road has been mentioned as public right of way in the notification of the Reserved Forest through which Jio optical Fiber cable passes.</p> <p>No document no 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 laying of jio optical fiber cable on the roadside of National Highway 73 – to the extent of 0.385 ha.</p>

This is for your kind information the relevant documents in 3 sets are submitted here with for kind perusal and further action.

Yours Faithfully



(Vijay Sharma IFS)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Circle, Mangaluru for information.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Division, Mangaluru for information.

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Copy to M/s Jio Digital Fiber Private Limited, No. 51, RMZ Icon, Palace Cross Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 052 for information.