

Government of West Bengal
Department of Forests,
Aranya Bhavan, Block-LA-10A, Sector-III, Salt Lake City
Kolkata-700 106

No. 678-For/O/L/10T-34/2022

Kolkata, the 27th April, 2023

From: Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

To: The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (C)
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Integrated Regional Office
IB-198, Broadway Road, Sector-III, Salt Lake City,
Kolkata-700 106

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 0.0144 ha of forest land in favour of Reliance Jio Infocom for setting up of e-Node (Mobile Tower) at Mongpong 10 forest compartment, under Kalimpong Forest Division

Sir,

With reference to your letter no. IRO/KOL/WB/Others/145926/2021/13 dt. 17/1/2023 on the subject noted above, I am directed to send herewith copy of reply against queries raised by Ministry for your kind perusal and taking necessary action.

Yours faithfully,


Deputy Secretary

No. 678/1(1)-For/O/L/10T-34/2022

Kolkata, the 27th April, 2023

Copy forwarded for information to:

The Addl. PCCF & Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980


Deputy Secretary



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Memo No. 731/19-17

Dated, Kalimpong, 22/02/2023

To,
The Chief Conservator of Forest,
Forest Conservator Act,
West Bengal.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 0.0144 ha, of forest land in favour of Reliance Jio Infocom Ltd. for setting up of e-Node (Mobile Tower) at Mongpong 10 forest compartment under Kalimpong Forest Division –reg.

Ref : 1. Your office letter no 11962/L & LT/2M-83/2022 dt 20/02/2023.

2. Letter from the Office of Deputy Secretary, Department of Forest West Bengal vide letter No.226-For/O/L/10T-34/2022. dt 10/02/2023.

3. Govt. of India, MoEF& CC, Integrated Regional Office, Kolkata letter No. IRO/KOL/WB/Others/145926/2021/13. dt 17.01.2023.

4. Letter from the ROW LEAD, JIO Digital Fibre Private Limited, vide letter no. RJIL/Forest/Mongpong10/02, dt 06/02/23.


Sir,

With reference to the above, kindly find herewith the point wise information/documents mentioned in the said letter against the queries raised by Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in this regard the point wise reply are as follow.

| SL. no | Observation | Compliance |
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| 1 | It is not clear whether 100 plants can be accommodated in proposed 0.0288 ha degraded forest land. No. of plants to be planted in proposed CA land should be clearly mentioned. Compensatory a forestation of minimum 100 plants need to be submitted as per para 2.6 of Handbook of Forest (Conservation)Act, 1980. | 100 plants cannot be planted in the CA site. 0.04ha of degraded land is hereby proposed for CA. Kml and the estimates will be uploaded in parivesh portal as soon as possible. |
| 2 | Details of the employment generation due the | Submitted by User Agency (enclosed |

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| | project are not explored. It may be uploaded. | Annexure I) |
| 3 | It needs to be clarified whether existing Simal tree proposed for felling or not. | No tree felling is required in the execution of this project. |

This is for your kind information and taking necessary action.



Divisional Forest Officer
Kalimpong Forest Division.

Memo No: 731/9-17

Dated, Kalimpong, 22/02/2023

Copy forwarded for kind information to :

1. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, West Bengal.
2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, North Bengal, West Bengal.
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Hill Circle, West Bengal.
4. The ROW LEAD, JIO Digital Fibre Private Limited. Sec-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata, 700091.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Kalimpong Forest Division.



Reliance Jio
Infocomm Limited

Ref: RJIL/Forest/Mongpong10/02

Date: 06/02/2023

To
The Divisional Forest Officer
Kalimpong Forest Division
Kalimpong

Sub: Reply of Queries regarding Employment Generation during Project Phase

Ref No: FP/WB/Others/145926/2021 & Query Raised by IRO Kolkata on 17 Jan 2023

Sir,

This is to inform you that there may be generation of 120 Nos of Man Days in course of Execution of Construction Work of Tower at Mongpong 10 Compartment.

We are expecting construction work will be completed within 30 days from the date commencement of work.

Thanks & Regards,

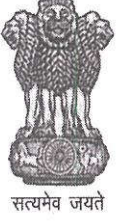
For Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited

RELIANCE JIO INFOCOMM.LTD


AUTHORISED SIGNATORY

Copy Forwarded to

1. The Nodal Officer, FCA, West Bengal.
2. The CCF, Hills Circle, Darjeeling.



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No. IRO/KOL/WB/Others/145926/2021/13

Date: 16th January 2023
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To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary,
Department of Forests,
Government of West Bengal,
Aranya Bhawan, Block-LA, 10-A, Sector – III,
Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700106.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of West Bengal letter No.10-For/O/L/10T-34/2022 dated 3.1.2023 on the above-mentioned subject, seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The proposal has been examined by this office in accordance with Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the following information/ documents are still required to upload in Parivesh portal for further processing of the project.

- It is not clear whether 100 plant can be accommodated in proposed 0.0288 ha degraded forest land. No. of plants to be planted in proposed CA land should be clearly mentioned. Compensatory afforestation of minimum 100 plants need to be submitted as per para 2.6 of Handbook of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- Details of the employment generation due the project are not explored. It may be uploaded.
- It needs to be clarified whether existing Simal tree proposed for felling or not.

Therefore, it is requested that kindly upload the above mentioned information/ documents in the PARIVESH portal for further consideration of the proposal.

Yours Sincerely,

(Dr. S. Hare Krishna Murti)
Assistant Inspector General of Forest(c)

Copy to:-

- The PCCF-cum-Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal, Aranya Bhawan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata, 700098.
- The Divisional Forest Officer, Kalimpong Forest Division, West Bengal.
- The ROW LEAD, JIO Digital Fibre Private Limited, Tower-II, 18th Floor, Goodrej Water Side Building, Sec-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700091.
- Guard File.

Assistant Inspector General of Forest(C)