

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

To

Subrat Mohapatra, I.F.S.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force)
Forest Head Quarters Building,
Guindy-Velachery Main Road,
Guindy, Chennai-32.

The Additional Chief Secretary to
Government,
Environment, Climate Change and
Forest Department,
Secretariat, Chennai 9.

C. No. TS3/19762/2022 Dated: 28.07.2023.

Madam,

Sub: Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 0.03132 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Royandapuram to Melsiruvallur road section via Perungolathur in Thandarampattu-Sankarapuram ODR road across Pavunjpattu RF in Kallakuruchi District in favour of the M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai - Forwarding of - Reg.

- Ref: 1. Online application uploaded by the User Agency - M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai - 4 Proposal No. FP/TN/Others/38123/2019, dated 10.01.2019 and resubmission of proposal on 26.06.2022
2. Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Villupuram Division on 11.11.2022
3. Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Circle on 02.12.2022 and resubmission of proposal on 18.02.2023
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No., TS3/19762/2022, dated 01.03.2023
5. Government letter No. 1357/FR.10/2023-1, dated 06.04.2023

With reference to the Government letter cited above, I am to state the following.

1) In the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests reference 4th cited, for the proposed diversion of 0.03132 ha of forest land in Villupuram Forest Division for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along road side of Royandapuram to Melsiruvallur road section via Perungolathur in Thandarampattu-Sankarapuram ODR road across Pavunjpattu RF in Kallakuruchi District in favour of the M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai, compensatory afforestation scheme for Rs. 5,70,302/-

for planting of 100 no of seedlings in the Thagarai degraded forest area with maintenance of plantation over a period of 10 years proposed by the District Forest Officer, Villupuram Division has been recommended to the Government.

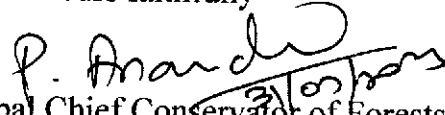
Now the District Forest Officer, Villupuram Division has withdrawn the CA scheme proposed for the project proposal based on the guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in letter No. FC-11/118/2021-FC, dated 13.06.2023, since the diversion of forest area is less than one ha.,

2) As per the guidelines issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in File No. 11-43/2013-FC, dated 26.02.2019, the compliance under FRA is not required for consideration of in-principle approval and this has to be furnished for consideration of the proposal by the Ministry for final approval (Stage-II).

Hence the user agency is being informed to furnish the original certificate of District Collector with his full name and authenticated office seal as per the format prescribed in Form-I for linear projects prescribed by the Government of India and this may be imposed as one of the conditions for compliance while issuing Stage-I approval.

3) I request that, the proposal may be considered and forwarded to the Government of India for approval.

Yours faithfully


For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

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21/07/2023