C.No.TS3/7005/2020

Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department), Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet, Chennai-15.

Dated: 21.02.2022.

- Sub Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Proposal for diversion of 0.792 ha of forest land in Dharmapuri Forest Division and Wildlife Division, Hosur for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along Dharmapuri to Anchetty road of Hogenakkal stretch in Dharmapuri District and Krishnagiri Districts M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai Proposal forwarded to the Divisions-Regarding.
- Ref 1 Revised Online application uploaded by the User Agency M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, No. 89, Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai 4 Proposal No.FP/TN/Others/ 30206/2017, dated 12.08.2020
  - 2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ref. No. TS3/7005/2020, dated 16.12.2020.
  - 3 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the Wildlife Warden, Hosur Division on 04.01.2021
  - 4 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division on 05.03.2021
  - 5 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle on 05.01.2022
  - 6 Hard copy of the proposal submitted by the Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle in C. No. 2311/2020/D, dated 02.11.2021

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Attention of the Conservator of Forests is invited to the references cited.

Following shortcomings noticed on the proposal may be rectified and furnish the report early through online.

i) In the Hand book of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest Conservation Rules 2003 (Guidelines and Clarification) communicated in Government of India letter F. No. 5-2/2017-FC, dated 28.03.2019, Chapter 2 of Compensatory Afforestation under rule 2.5 of Special provisions for CA for certain categories of projects, it has been mentioned that CA shall be raised and maintained at the cost of user agency on degraded forest land twice in extent of the forest area

diverted for the purpose of laying transmission lines, laying telephone/optical fibre lines etc.,

As per the above rules, the concerned forest officers may impose compensatory afforestation scheme in double the extent of forest area proposed for diversion for the work of laying optical fibre cable projects.

As per the Forest Conservation Act guidelines, CA scheme shall be raised and maintenance of plantation may be carried out to seven to ten year period. In general, maintenance of plantation have been proposed for a period of 10 years period. Hence the District Forest Officer may be informed to revise the CA scheme for maintenance of plantation for 10 years period.

ii) Compensatory Afforestation plantation has been proposed in the degraded forest area under the control of Forest Department and separate protection mazdoor for protection of plantation of 1.52 ha area at a cost of Rs. 25.223 lakhs for seven year period has been proposed.

In this regard option of chain link fencing may be tried if the area has wildlife or grazing threat.

iii) In the Part-II of Form-A uploaded in the web portal, site inspection report of the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division has not been uploaded. Instructions may be issued to upload the same in the web portal and furnish signed hard copy of Part-II of Form-A in triplicate copy.

Hard copies of the proposal furnished by the Conservator of Forests is returned herewith for furnishing the updated proposal in triplicate copy early.

> Sd/- V. Naganathan, For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Department)

To

The Conservator of Forests, Dharmapuri Circle, Dharmapuri.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Dharmapuri Division and Wildlife Warden, Hosur Division for necessary action.

Copy to the M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, No. 89, Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai – 4 (User agency)

/ True copy / By order / Senior Draughting Officer.