GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Memo.No.623/Section-II/2020/1113681

Dated 05.03.2024

Sub: Diversion of 1.27 ha. of forest land in Nellore, Venkatagiri, Udayagiri, Kavali and Atmakur ranges of Nellore Division for laying Optical Fiber Cable along the road within Right of Way (RoW) in favor of M/s. Reliance JIO Infocomm Ltd., Visakhapatnam for providing 4G communication in the State of Andhra Pradesh - Forest Clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Additional information called for - Reg.

Ref: 1)From the PCCF(HoFF), A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/5/2019/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, dt.10.02.2020.

2)Govt.Memo.No.623/Sec.II/2020/1113681, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Dept., dated 22.06.2020.

3)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/5/2019/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-3, dated 21.08.2023.

4)State Govt.Lr.No.623/Sec.II/2020/1113681, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Dept., dated 05.12.2023.

5)From the AIGF(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office, Vijayawada, Lr.F.No.4-APB227/2024-VIJ/214, dated 19.02.2024.

The attention of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri, is invited to the reference 5th cited (copy enclosed), wherein it has been informed that the proposed area inspected on 02.02.2024 for diversion of 1.27 ha mentioned in the subject and observed violation in Pudur Reserve Forest both by Vindhya Tele links and Reliance Jio as reported by the then DFO of Nellore and also reiterated by the DFO, Tirupati of the violation occurred. In light of the above, it was directed by the Ministry vide letter dated 19.01.2024, to take action against the violators under Section 3A/3B of the Van (Sanrkshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. It may be known

- i. Whether any proposal was processed for the works carried out by the previous agency (M/s. Vindhya Telelinks Ltd mentioned in letter dated 19.01.2024), if so the status of it?
- ii. Whether the instant proposal was examined in view of the recent guideline w.r.t. violation provision.
- 2. He is, therefore, requested to take necessary action on the above and furnish a detailed report to Government immediately, so as to forward the same to the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office, Vijayawada for necessary action.

S.SRI SARAVANAN SPECIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri (w.e.)

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER