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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
 Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
 M.S.Building, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi,
 Bangalore – 560 001.

Sub:- Diversion of 0.448442 ha of forest land in Sy No. 155, of Atthigere Village, and Sy No. 104, of Taruve village, Banakal Hobli, and Sy No. 157,756 and 155of Baluru Village, and Baluru Hobli and Sy No. 105 of Hoysalu Village, Gonibeedu Hobli and Mudigere Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District for laying of Jio Optical Fiber Cable along the road from Attigere-Gonibeedu-Chiirniga Mudigere Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District in favour of Deputy General Manager (DGM), Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited. No.51. RMZ Icon, Palace Cross Road,Vasanth Nagara, Bengaluru (Online proposal no. FP/KA/OFC/146650/2021)-Reg

Sir

I am directed to refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 237 FLL 2024 (e) dated 01.03.2025 seeking approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adihiniyam 1980 . The following clarifications are requested for further processing of the proposal:

- The State Govt. is requested to clarify whether the proposed OFCs is being laid in the existing RoW of the diverted road or otherwise. If it is being laid along the existing RoW of the road which has already been allowed for non forestry use, then proposal can be processed as per as per para 4.2 of comprehensive guidelines issued under VSESA 1980.
- Location of tower where the proposed OFC is being connected is within the forest area or otherwise. If the tower is within the forest area, then whether approval under VSESA 1980 has been obtained or otherwise.
- In point no. 8 (ii) of Form A part-II, the DCF has mentioned that the area proposed for diversion is part of the Protected Area, while the nodal officer vide letter dt 12.08.2024 has informed that the area proposed for diversion is located within ESZ of Kudremukh National Park. In this regard State Government may be requested to offer its comments.
- If the OFC is being laid through the RoW of the road which has already been

allowed for non-forestry use to another department, then the NoC from the concerned department is also required.

Further, it is to inform that if the OFC is being laid along the existing RoW of the road which has already been allowed for non forestry use, then proposal need to processed as per as per para 4.2 of comprehensive guidelines issued under VSESA 1980.

Yours faithfully,

(Praneetha Paul)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) /Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
3. The Deputy General Manager, Jio Digital fibre private Ltd., No. 51, RMZ Icon, Palace cross road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560052.
4. Guard file.