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Date: 28.02.2022

To,

Shri Suman Sourav Mohanty, IAS
Officer on Special Duty
Government of West Bengal

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 0.58 ha of forest land in favour of Reliance Jio Infocom for laying of Optical Fiber Cable from Jaldhaka Bridge to Kumani along with Chapramari Railway Station-Kumani more under Kalimpong and Jalpaiguri Forest Division-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the Government of West Bengal letter No.1421-For/O/L/10T-13/2021 dated 27.12.2021 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 are required for further processing of the project.

- 1) On perusal of the .kml file of proposed location on PARIVESH portal, it has been observed that vegetation is present in the area, whereas in PART-II pt.4 details of vegetation available is given NIL by DFO Jalpaiguri and Kalimpong Forest Division.
- 2) In PART-II pt. 8(i), DFO stated that wild animals viz., barking deer, jackal, elephant and leopard are present and further DFOs of both the Divisions stated that rare/endangered/unique species of flora and fauna are found in the proposed area. In connection to these observations, comments of CWLW on the presence of endangered animals in two divisions and Bio-diversity Management Plans duly signed by competent authority are required.
- 3) SoI toposheet of proposed CA land is not uploaded on PARIVESH portal.
- 4) Location map of proposed site indicating longitude and latitude is not signed by concerned DFOs.

- 5) FRA certificate for both the districts are not submitted.
- 6) Site inspection report submitted by DFO Kalimpong stated that ***"It has been found that the user agency has violated (Conservation), Act and 1980 provisions. Details report as per para 1.9 of Chapter 1, Para C of Hand Book of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 attached"*** but no such report is submitted with the proposal. A detailed report along with photographs is required.
- 7) Revised NPV must be submitted vide File No.5-3/2011-FC (vol-I) of Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change needs to be submitted.
- 8) DFO mentioned that proper soil and moisture conservation measures have to be taken up while using forest land for these purposes but no SMC plan is submitted along with the CA plan, therefore SMC plan is required.

In this regard, I am directed to request you to submit and upload the above information in the PARIVESH portal for further consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. S. Hare Krishna Murti)

Assistant Inspector General of Forest

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1. The Principle Chief Conservator of Forest & HoFF, Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal, Aranya Bhawan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata, 700098.
2. The APCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Department of Forest, Department of Forests, Government of West Bengal, Aranya Bhawan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata, 700098.
3. Sh. Ashish Dasgupta, ROW Lead, Jio Digital Fibre Private Limited, Tower-II, 18th Floor, Godrej Water Side Building, Sec-V, Saltlake, Kolkata-700091.
4. Guard file

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