

C.No.TS3/7248/2021

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

Dated: 12.09.2022.

Sub Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Proposal for diversion of 0.03 ha of forest land in Durg Reserved Forests in Nilgiris Forest Division for erection of telecommunication tower in Pakkasuranmalai area in the Nilgiris District – Proposal forwarded - Regarding.

- Ref 1 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/33940/2018, dated 30.05.2018 and resubmission of proposal on 15.02.2019 and 08.02.2021
- 2 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests C. No. TS3/7248/2021, Dated 26.05.2022
- 3 Part-II of Form-A uploaded by the District Forest Officer, Nilgiris Forest Division, Udagamandalam on 09.07.2022
- 4 Part-III of Form-A uploaded by the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Udagamandalam on 05.09.2022

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Attention of the Conservator of Forests and Field Director is invited to the references cited.

Forest clearance proposal uploaded by M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Chennai under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.03 ha of forest land in Durg Reserved Forests in Nilgiris Forest Division for erection of telecommunication tower in Pakkasuranmalai area in the Nilgiris District has been forwarded through web portal on 05.09.2022.

In the proposal forwarded by the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, following shortcoming have been noticed.

For the diversion of 0.03 ha of forest land for erection of telecommunication tower in Pakkasuranmalai area in Drook Reserved Forests in Coonoor Range, where the forest area is under lease with TANTEA, compensatory afforestation has been proposed in 1.00 ha degraded forest area in Coonoor Peak RF of Coonoor Range in the Nilgiris District at an financial out lay of Rs. 14.365 lakhs including chain link fencing around the plantation for Rs. 9.85 lakhs.

i) In the one ha degraded forest area, planting of 100 seedlings has been proposed with maintenance of plantation for 10 year period. Replacement of casualties has been proposed at 20%, 15%, 10%, 5% for first, second, third and fourth year



maintenance works and watering the planted saplings has been proposed up to 6<sup>th</sup> year maintenance period.

Generally as followed in Department schemes implementation, replacement of casualties is allowed for 10% at the first year maintenance only. As already instructed, cultural operation only be carried out from 4<sup>th</sup> year maintenance works. Hence estimate for CA scheme has to be revised.

ii) Further, for providing chain link fencing around the plantation area of one ha (periphery of 405 Rm) an amount of Rs. 9.85 lakhs has been provided. However, the cost estimate for the chain link fencing has not been furnished. This item of work needs justification with cost estimate.

iii) The District Forest Officer has reported that movement of wild animals like Indian Guar, Sambar deer, Wild boar, Porcupine, Barking deer, and Black naped hare is recorded in the proposed area. User agency shall submit human wildlife conflict mitigation plan.

Further, the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve has reported that flagship species like tiger is available in these Reserved Forests hence appropriate human-wildlife conflict mitigation plan is to be implemented at the cost of user agency

Preparation and implementation of human-wildlife conflict mitigation plan has to be prepared by the District Forest Officer and should be got approved from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden and implemented with the fund to be provided by the user agency.

Hence instructions may be issued for preparation of human-wildlife conflict mitigation plan by the District Forest Officer and to furnish undertaking from the user agency to provide fund towards this.

iv) Under additional information details section of Part-II of Form-A, duplicate documents uploaded has to be deleted.

Above shortcomings may be rectified and the proposal may be furnished in complete shape early. Further hard copy of the proposal in complete shape has to be furnished in triplicate copy to this office for furnishing to the Government.

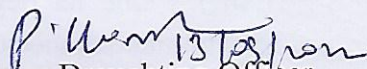
Sd/- V. Karunapriya,  
For Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)

To  
The Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve,  
Udagamandalam.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Nilgiris Forest Division, Udagamandalam for necessary action.

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

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Senior Draughting Officer.