Forest Land-Wardha

Diversion of 0.1957 ha. Forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable within existing RoW of NH-347 (Talegaon-Wardud-MP Border Road) in Wardha District.

Government of Maharashtra Revenue and Forest Department Government Order No.: FLD-3223/CR.183/F-10

Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032 Date:- 11.08.2025

Ref.:

- 1. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Nagpur/I.D-401161/127/23-24 Nagpur, Dt.12.04.2023.
- 2. Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government Order No. FLD-3223/C.R.183/F-10, dt.05.07.2023.
- 3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-401161/Nagpur/23-24/1632, dt.28.08.2023. Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-401161/1812/2024-25, dt.11.11.2024.

Order:

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide his letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal to the State Government, which was received from M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Nagpur for diversion of 0.1957 ha. Forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable within existing RoW of NH-347 (Talegaon-Wardud-MP Border Road) in Wardha District.

AND whereas, Government of Maharashtra after due consideration, vide its order under reference No. 2 accorded 'in-principle' approval with certain conditions to above proposal for diversion of 0.1957 ha. Forest land under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letters under reference No.3 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of Maharashtra;

NOW, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred to State Government under general approval given vide MoEF&CC, Government of India's Handbook of Guidelines for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant **Final Approval** for Diversion of 0.1957 ha. Forest Land.

Therefore, the Government of Maharashtra directs that 0.1957 ha. Forest Land consisting of Protected Forests specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No.1 and mentioned in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Nagpur for diversion of 0.1957 ha. Forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable within existing RoW of NH-347 (Talegaon-Wardud-MP Border Road) in Wardha District. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

- 1. The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the Order dated 05.07.2023.
- 2. For ensuring the compliances and for monitoring the duly prescribed activities and also to carry out other statuary duties, user agency shall facilitate unhindered access/entry in the area to the local forest Officer. In case the user agency prohibits the free access or create hindrances, the permission given under this Order for the diversion of forest area for the non-forest use shall be withdrawn.
- 3. The Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests will reconfirm that compliances under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 are not needed for the project.
- 4. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the above mentioned 'in-principle' and in this order of Government of Maharashtra. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Nagpur shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency. CCF will furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
- 5. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Government of Maharashtra's order dated 05.07.2023, in this order and Rules and Guidelines made / issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
- 6. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests shall report through the State Government to Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in the guidelines under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Item	Name of the Village	Tahsil	Compt No.	Gut No.	Length x Width (in Sq.	Area (in Ha)	Remarks
						Mtr)		
1	Diversion of 0.1957 ha. Protected forest	Dhadi	Ashti	38/1	147, 136/12	253.92 x 0.50	0.01270	Protected Forest
2	land for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable along the existing Right of Way of NH-347 on	Dhadi	Ashti	39/2	133/1k, kh, g, 133/9 kh	2130 x 0.50	0.1065	
3	Talegaon-Warud MP Border Road, in Wardha District in the State of Maharashtra.	Malkapur	Ashti	27/1	39, 41	1530 x 0.50	0.0765	
Total Forest Area (in ha.)							0.1957	

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy to:

- 1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
- 2. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
- 3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), M.S., Nagpur
- 4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur
- 5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO (Maha-CAMPA), Nagpur
- 6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur
- 7. Collector, Wardha.
- 8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Wardha.
- 9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
- 10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wardha.
- 11. M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Nagpur
- 12. Select File (F-10)
- i. Collector- Wardha, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Wardha and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wardha are hereby directed to forward the copy of this

- order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.
- ii. M/s. Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd., Nagpur is hereby directed that they should publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No.etc. along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the State Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial), Nagpur & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Wardha.
- iii. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.