

Forest Land-Bhandara

Diversion of 0.3094 ha. of Forest land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Private Ltd., Nagpur for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the existing RoW from Pathari-Deosarra, in Tumsar Taluka, Bhandara District in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD-3524/C.R.119/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032
Date:- 11.08.2025**

Reference:-

1. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/OFC/PID-470197/191/2024-25/Nagpur, Dated- 29/04/2024.
2. Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government Order No FLD-3524/C.R.119/F-10, dt.14.06.2024.
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal /Nagpur/PID-470197/2045/24-25, dt.12.12.2024.

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 Infocomm Private Ltd, Nagpur for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the existing RoW from Pathari – Deosarra in Taluka Tumsar Dist. Bhandara

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 0.3094 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 0.3094 ha. Forest Land.

Therefore, the Government of Maharashtra directs that 0.3094 ha. Forest Land consisting of Zudpi Jungle, Bade Jhar ka Jungel, Reserved Forest, Protected Forest 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 Infocomm Private Ltd, Nagpur for Diversion of 0.3094 ha Forest Land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the existing RoW from Pathari – Deosarra in Taluka Tumsar Dist. Bhandara.

This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. DCF, Bhandara shall ensure compliance of the condition no. 15 in 'in-principle' order dated 14.06.2024, before handover actual possession to the User Agency
2. The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the Order dated 14.06.2024.
3. For ensuring the compliances and for monitoring the duly prescribed activities and also to carry out other statutory 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Government of Maharashtra's order dated 14.06.2024, 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.
7. 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

Name of Work/ Purpose	Village	Taluka	Sur/ Gut No.	Comp / No.	Length in mtr.	Width Sq Mtrs	Area in Sq Mtrs	Area in Ha	Legal Status
Laying undergrou nd OFC	Pathari	Tumsar	239	-	874.00	0.5	437.00	0.0437	Zudpi Jungle (RD)
			271	-	170.00	0.5	85.00	0.0085	Zudpi Jungle (RD)
			354	-	160.00	0.5	80.00	0.0080	Zudpi Jungle (RD)
			387	-	506.00	0.5	253.00	0.0253	Zudpi Jungle (RD)
			454	-	134.00	0.5	67.00	0.0067	Zudpi Jungle (RD)
	Chikahle	Tumsar	588	-	204.00	0.5	102.00	0.0102	Bade Jhar ka Jungel (RD)
	Hirpur Hamesha	Tumsar	236	361/A	1010.0 0	0.5	505.00	0.0505	RF
	Hirpur		242	5	206.00	0.5	103.00	0.0103	PF

	Hamesha									
	Mohgaon Khurd	Tumsar	229	-	206.00	0.5	103.00	0.0103	RF (Zudpi Jungle notified under IFA, 1927.	
	Mohgaon Khurd		139	-	204.00	0.5	102.00	0.0102	Zudpi Jungle (RD)	
	Kawalewada	Tumsar	431	-	270.00	0.5	135.00	0.0135	Zudpi Jungle (RD)	
	Sakkarda	Tumsar	338	9	580.00	0.5	290.00	0.0290	PF	
	Sakkarda	Tumsar	376		40.00	0.5	20.020	0.0020	PF	
	Sakkarda	Tumsar	413		60.00	0.5	30.00	0.0030	PF	
	Sakkarda	Tumsar	47		150.00	0.5	75.00	0.0075	PF	
	Sondya	Tumsar	101	10	126.00	0.5	63.00	0.0063	PF	
	Sondya	Tumsar	23		240.00	0.5	120.00	0.0120	PF	
	Sondya	Tumsar	322		80.00	0.5	40.00	0.0040	PF	
	Sondya	Tumsar	250		220.00	0.5	110.00	0.0110	PF	
	Warpind kepar	Tumsar	247	-	420.00	0.5	210.00	0.0210	RF (Zudpi Jungle notified under IFA, 1927.	
	Mahalhaon	Tumsar	-	-	0.00	0.5	0.00	0.0000	-	
	Bramhantola	Tumsar	277	-	52.00	0.5	26.00	0.0026	Zudpi Jungle (RD)	
			28/1	-	48.00	0.5	24.00	0.0024	RF (Zudpi Jungle notified under IFA, 1927.	
			28/2	-	72.00	0.5	36.00	0.0036	Zudpi Jungle (RD)	
	Bapara	Tumsar	546	-	156.00	0.5	78.00	0.0078	Zudpi Jungle (RD)	
		Total				6188.00	0.5	3094.00	0.3094	

This Government Order is available on Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference no. 202508111800002419. This order has been signed digitally.

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 Forest (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO (Maha-CAMPA), M.S., Nagpur
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
7. Collector, Bhandara.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Bhandara.
9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara.
11. M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Private Ltd., Nagpur
12. Select File (F-10)

- I. Collector- Bhandara, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Bhandara and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhandara 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 Private 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, Bhandara.
- 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.