Forest Land- Gadchiroli

Diversion of 1.1968 ha. Forest Land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road in RoW of VR-340, MDR-22, SH- 381,VR-160, VR-15, ODR-22, VR-153, ODR- 21 and VR-146 from Pandewahi (S) to Pirimili in Etapalli and Aheri Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

Government of Maharashtra Revenue and Forest Department Government Order No.: FLD-36A23/C.R.116/F-10 Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032. Date: 10.09.2024

Ref.:

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/Gadchiroli/ID-418933/97/2023-24, dt.11.04.2023.
- 2) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government Order No. FLD-36A23/C.R.116/F-10, dt. 19.05.2023.
- 3) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-418933/Gadchiroli/1094, dt.02.08.2024.

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 Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune for 1.1968 ha. Forest Land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road in RoW of VR-340, MDR-22, SH- 381,VR-160, VR-15, ODR-22, VR-153, ODR- 21 and VR-146 from Pandewahi (S) to Pirimili in Etapalli and Aheri Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.;

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 1.1968 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 [Chapter-4, Para-4.2], Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant **Final Approval** for Diversion of 1.1968 ha. Forest Land.

Therefore, the Government of Maharashtra directs that 1.1968 ha. Forest Land consisting of Reserved Forest & Protected Forest Land more 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 Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road in RoW of VR-340, MDR-22, SH- 381,VR-160, VR-15, ODR-22, VR-153, ODR- 21 and VR-146 from Pandewahi (S) to Pirimili in Etapalli and Aheri Tehsil of Dist. Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra. 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 19.05.2023.
- 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 nonforest 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), Gadchiroli 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 19.05.2023, 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.	Beat	Village Name	New Comp. No.	Survey No. / Gut No.	L. in Mtr.	W. in Mtr	Area in Ha.	Legal status
1	Gurpalli	Pandewahi S.		125	257.7	0.45	0.0116	PF
2	Tumargunda	Tumargunda Kh	656, 1139	27	1947.5	0.45	0.0876	RF
3	Tumargunda	Tumargunda bz	1568	14	740	0.45	0.0333	PF
4	Tumargunda	Tumargunda bz	1134	56	648.5	0.45	0.0292	PF
5	Tumargunda	Aldandi M	1578	8	1830	0.45	0.0824	PF
6	Udera	Udera S	1168, 1185, 661	201	2430	0.45	0.1094	RF
7	Mirkal	Mirkal	1199	150	1148	0.45	0.0517	PF
8	Burgi 2	Burgi S	1451	182	722.2	0.45	0.0325	PF
9	Burgi 2	Burgi S	1453	2	345	0.45	0.0155	PF
10	Burgi 2	Burgi S	1456	238	1370	0.45	0.0617	PF
11	Burgi 2	Fundi M	1585	41	410	0.45	0.0185	PF
12	Kandoli-2	Kandoli S	682	308	1586	0.45	0.0714	RF
13	Yemli	Udera S	1169	2	649	0.45	0.0292	PF
14	Yemli	Udera S	1172, 1174	2	366	0.45	0.0165	PF
15	Yemli	Udera S	1173	2	568	0.45	0.0256	PF
16	Yemli	Yemli	674	382	2310	0.45	0.1040	RF
17	Yemli	Yemli	676	109	1116	0.45	0.0502	RF
18	Yemli	Yemli	677	109	1278	0.45	0.0575	RF
19	Mangutha	Mangutha M	1705	6,	1394	0.45	0.0627	PF
20	Mangutha	Mangutha M	1704	5	948	0.45	0.0427	PF
21	Koreli bz.	Koreli bz.	738, 1435, 1438	14, 42	3078	0.45	0.1385	PF
22	Koreli bz.	Koreli bz.	741	48	547	0.45	0.0246	RF
23	Pirmili	Pirmili	695	23	907.5	0.45	0.0408	RF
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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. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
- 3. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
- 4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
- 5. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur
- 6. APCCF& Chief Executive Officer (Maha-CAMPA), Maharashtra State, Nagpur
- 7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
- 8. Collector, Gadchiroli.
- 9. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Gadchiroli.
- 10. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli.
- 11. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Allapalli Forest Division, Allapalli.
- 12. M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune.
- 13. Select File-F-10
 - I. Collector- Gadchiroli, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Gadchiroli and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Allapalli Forest Division, Allapalli 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 Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune 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), Gadchiroli & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Allapalli Forest Division, Allapalli.

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.