

Forest Land-Gondia

Re-Diversion of 0.5304 ha. of Forest land in favour of M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable Within RoW of the Existing Road of Gondia-Dawwa-Sadak Arjuni in District Gondia in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD-35A24/CR.170/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.
Date: 11.08.2024**

Ref.:

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/Nagpur-OFC/PID-483979/785/2024-25, Dt.01.07.2024.
- 2) Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government Order No. FLD-35A24/C.R.170/F-10, dt.26.07.2024.
- 3) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17 / NODAL / PID-483979 / Nagpur /1360 / 2024-25, dt.06.09.2024.

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 0.5304 ha. Forest Land under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable Within RoW of the Existing Road of Gondia-Dawwa-Sadak Arjuni in District Gondia 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 0.5304 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 0.5304 ha. Forest Land.

Therefore, the Government of Maharashtra directs that 0.5304 ha. Forest Land consisting of Zudpi Jungle, Protected Forest, Unclassified 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 underground Optical Fiber Cable Within RoW of the Existing Road of Gondia-Dawwa-Sadak Arjuni in District Gondia 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. DCF, Gondia shall ensure compliance of the condition no. 6 and 18 in 'in-principle' order dated 26.07.2024, 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 26.07.2024.
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 26.07.2024, 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

Sr. No.	Item	Name of the Village	Taluka	District	Gut No. / Survey No.	Compt. No.	L x W (in Mtr)	Area (in Ha)	Legal Status
1	Laying under-ground Optical Fiber Cable	Hirdamali	Goregaon	Gondia	797	-	64 x 0.5	0.0032	Zudpi Jungle
2		Goregaon	Goregaon	Gondia	476	-	90 x 0.5	0.0045	Zudpi Jungle
3					568	-	108 x 0.5	0.0054	Zudpi Jungle
4		Ghoti	Goregaon	Gondia	164	-	50 x 0.5	0.0025	Zudpi Jungle
5					166	-	260 x 0.5	0.0130	Zudpi Jungle
6					167	-	452 x 0.5	0.226	Zudpi Jungle
7					Bhadanga	Goregaon	Gondia	673	-
8		674	-	102 x 0.5				0.0051	PF
9		708	-	18 x 0.5				0.0009	PF
10		Mundipar	Goregaon	Gondia	22	-	60 x 0.5	0.0030	Zudpi Jungle (FD)
11					127	-	140 x 0.5	0.0070	PF
12		Palewada	Goregaon	Gondia	118	2287	506 x 0.5	0.0253	PF
13					117	2289	324 x 0.5	0.0162	RF
14					51	419	538 x 0.5	0.0269	RF
15					-	419	1264 x 0.5	0.0632	RF
16					47	419	584 x 0.5	0.0292	RF
17					Murdoli	Sadak Arjuni	Gondia	139	422
18		137	421	184 x 0.5				0.0092	Zudpi Jungle (FD)
19		138	421	198 x 0.5				0.0099	RF
20		135	421	176 x 0.5				0.0088	RF
21	-	2302	464 x 0.5	0.0232				PF	
22	Patekurra	Sadak Arjuni	Gondia	-	2304 A	190 x 0.5	0.0095	PF	
23				-	1493	112 x 0.5	0.0056	PF	
24	Dawwa	Sadak Arjuni	Gondia	1234	-	78 x 0.5	0.0039	Zudpi Jungle (FD)	
25	Khajari	Sadak Arjuni	Gondia	-	1517	458 x 0.5	0.0229	Unclassified Forest	
26				-	1511	386 x 0.5	0.0193	Unclassified Forest	
27				-	1517	1152 x 0.5	0.0576	Unclassified Forest	
28				-	1515	38 x 0.5	0.0019	Unclassified Forest	
29				-	1514	784 x 0.5	0.0392	Unclassified Forest	
Total Forest Area (in ha.)								0.5304	

This Government Order is available on Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference no. 202508111758074119. 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. 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, Gondia.
9. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Gondia.
10. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Nagpur.
11. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gondia Division, Gondia.
12. M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd., Pune .
13. Select File-F-10

- I. Collector- Gondia, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Gondia and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gondia 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), Nagpur & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gondia Forest Division, Gondia.

- 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.