

**Government of West Bengal**  
**Department of Forests,**  
**Aranya Bhavan, Block-LA-10A, Sector-III, Salt Lake City**  
**Kolkata-700 106**

No. 1591-For/O/L/10T-29/2022

Kolkata, the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

From: Deputy Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

To: The Inspector General of Forests (C)  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change  
Integrated Regional Office  
IB-198, Broadway Road, Sector-III, Salt Lake City,  
Kolkata-700 106

**Sub:** Proposal for diversion of 12.5492 ha of forest land in favour of Essar Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Ltd. for laying of pipeline and access road to well site for their CBM Gas Project under Burdwan and Durgapur Forest Division

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a proposal, in prescribed Form-A along with relevant documents, maps etc. duly recommended by this Department for diversion of 12. 5492 ha of Forest land as per proviso laid down u/s 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for according In-Principle/Stage-1 Approval in favour of Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Ltd. for laying of pipeline and access road to well site for their CBM Gas Project.

Encl.: one set of proposal

Yours faithfully,

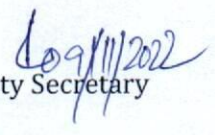
  
Deputy Secretary

No. 1591/1(2)-For

Kolkata, the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:-

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, West Bengal
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, FCA, 1980, West Bengal

  
Deputy Secretary

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## PART - IV

(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of the Forest Department)

17. Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.

(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by the concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

Project No. FP/WB/Others/154900/2022

*This is a Proposal for diversion of 12.5492 hectares of Forest Land under Burdwan and Durgapur Forest Division in favour of the Essar Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Limited for laying of pipeline and access road to well site for their CBM Gas Project*

*The proposal has been recommended by the Divisional Forest Officer, Burdwan and Durgapur Forest Division and the Chief Conservator of Forest, South-East Circle, West Bengal.*

*The original forest land requested for diversion had been 17.6962 ha. (13.6575 ha. under Burdwan Forest Division + 4.0387 ha. under Durgapur Forest Division). Following Site Inspection and discussions, in order to avoid felling of excessive trees, on recommendation of CCF, South-East Circle, the User Agency agreed to reduce proposed diversion of forest land to 12.5492 ha. (10.3750 ha. under Burdwan Division + 2.1742 ha. under Durgapur Division). The trees proposed to be felled have now reduced to 4987 in Burdwan Division and to 601 in Durgapur Division. The project is recommended subject to submission of valid FRA Certificate from the District Magistrate, Paschim Bardhaman District against forest land proposed for diversion under Burdwan Division and Durgapur Division.*

*Therefore, the proposal for diversion of 12.5492 hectares in favour of the Essar Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Limited is recommended for 25 years subject to Soil Moisture Conservation Plan and Wildlife Conservation Plan to be formulated by Concerned DFO. CA has been proposed on non-forest land in Bankura District which is within the same biogeographical zone.*

Date: 2 / 11 / 2022.

Place: Aranya Bhawan, Kolkata

*Y. L.* 2/11/2022  
Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
&  
Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation Act, 1980

## PART - V

(To be filled in by the Secretary In-Charge of Forest Department or by any other authorized officer of the State Government not below the rank of an Under Secretary)

18. Recommendation of the State Government:

(Adverse comments made by any officer or authority in Part-B or Part-C or Part-D above should be specifically commented upon)

Date: 7/11/2022  
Place: Kolkata

*Y. L.*  
Signature  
Name & Designation  
(Official Seal)