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To

The Secretary (Forests)
Government of Assam
Guwahati

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 1.78 ha (revised 2.55ha) of forest land for exploratory drilling of proposed location KSAC under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter No.FRS.51/2010/66 dated 21.02.2011 and No. FG.27./Nodal/Drilling location/ONGC/KSAC dated Guwahati the 6th August 2012 on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with section 2 of the FCA, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to inform that the Central Government hereby conveys its Final approval for diversion of 1.78 ha (revised 2.55ha) of forest land for drilling of proposed location KSAC under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC at Dayang RF under Golaghat Division subject to following conditions:-

- (i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) Compensatory afforestation shall be raised by the State Forest Department over 5.10 ha of degraded forest land identified at Golaghat Range in Golaghat Forest Division of Golaghat district as per the scheme furnished by the State Govt. and fund to be deposited by the user Agency.
- (iii) Permanent demarcation of forest land proposed for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost before handing over the forest land to the User Agency.
- (iv) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
- (v) The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use surrounding forest/forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance.
- (vi) Land so diverted shall revert back to the Forest Department in case it is not needed for the above use after due restoration to its original status (as far as possible and to the satisfaction of state Forest Deptt.).
- (vii) The User Agency shall take all possible precautions & care all the time not to impact adversely the surrounding forests and forest land by their actions/activities.
- (viii) Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department.

- (ix) All other applicable clearances / NOCs under different rules / regulations / local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF, New Delhi guideline No. 11-9/1998-FC(Pt) dated 03.08.2009 shall be complied with.
- (x) Any other conditions as may be found appropriate in future for the betterment of environment & wildlife, may be imposed by CCF (C), North Eastern Regional Office.

Yours faithfully,



(B. S. Kharmawphlang)

I/c Chief Conservator of Forests (C)

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