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*Suphayam - 1*

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The Secretary to the Govt of Assam  
Forest Department  
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Sub : Proposal for diversion of 1.69 ha forest land for oil  
drilling location *Suphayam - 1* by ONGC.

Ref : Your No FRM-217/96/31 dated the 21st May 1997.

Sir,

The proposal in question has been examined by the Central Government under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in details. After careful examination of the proposal, the Central Government conveys its approval for diversion of 1.69 ha forest land for exploratory drilling for locating oil reserves in location *Suphayam - 1* in *Dayang R.F. Golaghat Forest Divn Assam*, on the following conditions.

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. User agency shall pay the cost of compensatory afforestation to the State Government in Forest Department.
3. Compensatory afforestation in degraded forest land over double the area diverted, subject to submission of a certificate regarding non-availability of non-forest land duly signed by the Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam. Unless this certificate is sent to this office and kept in files at all levels, the forest land so diverted shall not be handed over.
4. Exploration shall commence and complete under the overall supervision of the Divisional Forest Officer of the area.
5. The forest area so used shall be reclaimed by restoring it to its original condition with suitable afforestation. A reclamation plan of restoration and afforestation shall be prepared by the Divisional Forest Officer in consultation with the user agency and a copy shall be submitted to this office.

The State Government shall only handover the land to user agency after complying with the conditions No. 1, 2 & 3 above.

Yours faithfully,

(M.K. Sharma)

Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)

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2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Assam, Guwahati.
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