

SITE INSPECTION REPORT

A proposal (FP/AS/MIN/46794/2020) has been received for diversion of 3.7574 hectare land in Longai Reserved Forest for non-forestry purpose under F.C Act 1980. A site inspection was done on **06.07.2023** along with members of the user agency. The area is being diverted for exploratory drilling of Well LGM by ONGC, AFB, Exploratory Asset. Silchar, Cachar. The said area is a important various Flora & Fauna.

The diversion may be allowed without causing major damage to the forest. Also, exploratory drilling of Well LGM may be done with minimum disturbance to the environment. Effective steps are to be funded by the user agency for Conservation of the area which may arise due to the project. Also any hazardous incident such as Oil leak, Gas leak etc. shall be covered under principle of absolute liability as evolved in MC Mehta V/s Union of India, 1986 Case in Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

A 2% fund of the project cost needs to be allocated for wildlife conservation as the Reserve forest contains schedule species like Wild Boar, Honuman Langur, Slow Loris, Rhesus Macaque, Python, Green Viper, Migratory Birds etc.

Therefore, the permission for diversion of 3.7574 Ha. forest land is recommended for the aforesaid purpose.



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