

PART-IV

(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of 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 concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon).

Proposal No:- FP/AS/MIN/154403/2022

As per reports of Circle Incharge, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat and Divisional Forest Officer, Digboi Division the plinth areas measuring 0.8Ha. each, has already been drilled earlier and has thin vegetation in the close vicinity. The road connecting to these wells is already present and is also used for patrolling by the forest department. The plinth areas have been without any drilling interference for past few decades and therefore it is an active area for wildlife especially elephant herds. The recommendation is therefore subject to "strict and non-negotiable" condition that necessary biodiversity related scientific management interventions as directed by the forest department will be strictly implemented so as to cause minimal disturbance to the wildlife and mitigate man animal conflict, since there is a forest village in the close vicinity, and to conserve biodiversity around the proposed area.

Therefore, the forest diversion proposal of 3.92 Ha. forest land for development drilling wells and testing of Hydrocarbons in Dwarmara Block in Upper Dehing Reserved Forest (East Block) under Digboi Division by Oil Max Energy Pvt. Ltd. is hereby recommended with a condition that the User Agency (Oil Max Energy Pvt. Ltd.) to deposit 2% of the total project cost for HEC mitigation and wildlife conservation purposes, as the area is frequented by movement of wild elephants.

Date:- 23/6/2022

Place:- Gzby



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